



This rider provides for an accelerated death benefit payment to the Owner of the policy during the lifetime of the Insured subject to eligibility requirements. An accelerated death benefit payment, hereafter referred to as an ADB, will reduce the policy's death benefit proceeds otherwise payable and limit the availability of any policy cash surrender value and/or any available loan value. This rider is not intended or designed to provide health, nursing home, or long-term care. There are no restrictions on the use of an ADB.

The policy owner should seek assistance from a tax advisor regarding the tax status of any ADB payment.

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In this Benefit Rider, Banner Life Insurance Company will be referred to as "we", "our" or "us" or "company". The "policy" is the policy to which this rider is attached. Coverage pursuant to this rider begins on the same date as the coverage for the policy. This rider is subject to all terms and conditions of the policy, except as provided in this rider. The rider is made part of the policy on the policy issue date. For purposes of this rider, the insured is as defined in the policy.

BENEFIT

We will make an accelerated death payment subject to the provisions of this rider. An ADB payment will require:

1. The Owner's written request, sent to our home office, for an ADB payment.
2. Proof that is acceptable to us that the Owner is eligible for receipt of an ADB payment.
3. A signed acknowledgement of concurrence for payment from all irrevocable beneficiaries and any assignee on the policy. If the company paying the ADB is itself the assignee under the policy, no signed acknowledgement is required.
4. A full release of any collateral assignment of the policy with the exception of collateral assignment to the company.
5. That, if the policy is a term insurance, it cannot have less than twelve months remaining until the maturity date on the date that payment is to be made.
6. That the policy has not been voided and is not being contested.

The ADB will be paid to the Owner or Owner's estate while the insured is living, unless the benefit has been otherwise assigned or designated by the Owner. The payment of the accelerated death benefit is due immediately upon receipt of the due written proof sufficient by the company to confirm eligibility for the ADB.

We will not make an ADB if the policy is being continued as extended term insurance or reduced paid-up insurance on the date payment is to be made.

BENEFIT LIMITS

The maximum accelerated death benefit is the lesser of:

1. 75% of the policy's primary death benefit as determined on the date that the company approves payment of the ADB; and
2. \$500,000.

This amount is further reduced by any outstanding policy loan, with accrued interest, on the date of payment of the ADB.

ADB ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for an ADB payment the Owner must provide to us:

1. evidence acceptable to us that the Insured is living and has a medical condition that is reasonably expected to result in a life expectancy of twelve months or less; this evidence must include, but is not limited to, certification by a physician that we approve who is licensed to practice medicine in the United States or Canada and is acting within the scope of that license.



2. evidence that election of this benefit is voluntary and without coercion on the part of any third party, including any creditor or government agency.
3. evidence that only one of the Insureds is living, if the policy is a last survivor policy.

Additionally, the company has the right to require a second or third medical opinion to confirm benefit eligibility. Such second and third opinions are at the company's expense. The second medical opinion may include a physical examination by a physician designated by the company. In the case of conflicting opinions, eligibility for benefits shall be determined by a third medical opinion that is provided by a physician that is mutually acceptable to the Owner and the Company.

EFFECT OF THE ACCELERATED DEATH BENEFIT

The ADB will be treated as a lien against the policy's death benefit. Such lien will limit the availability of any surrender benefit and any future policy loans, policy withdrawals or policy surrenders.

Prior to, and concurrent with, the election to receive an ADB, the owner and irrevocable beneficiary will be given a statement demonstrating the effect of an ADB on the policy's cash surrender values, death benefit, and policy loans.

The lien amount will at any time equal:

1. the amount of the ADB payment to the owner; plus
2. the administrative fee; plus
3. the amount of any premium required to remove the policy from the grace period; plus
4. any unpaid required premiums added to the lien as described below; plus
5. accrued lien interest charges as described below.

For the amount of the lien equal to the policy's cash surrender value at the time the lien is in effect, interest will be charged at the policy loan interest rate stated in the policy. For the amount of the lien in excess of such cash surrender value, interest will be charged at a rate that is no greater than the greater of:

1. the current yield on a 90-day treasury bill on the date of the ADB payment; and
2. the current maximum adjustable policy loan interest rate allowed by law on the date of payment subject to the Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Commission standards.

After the company makes an ADB payment, the Owner will be liable for premium payments required to keep the policy, and applicable riders, in force through the date of death of the Insured. Any such premium payments, if not paid to the company, will be added to the lien. Cost of insurance charges, if applicable, will continue to be charged against the policy (unless being waived because of a waiver of monthly deduction benefit that is in effect). Waiver of premium benefits, if in effect following payment of an ADB, will continue to apply.

Subsequent to payment of an ADB, upon the death of the insured the proceeds payable will equal the death benefit proceeds, as defined in the policy, less the total lien in effect at the date death.

If the policy has an accidental death benefit provision, that provision shall not be affected by the payment of the accelerated death benefit.

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

There is no premium or cost of insurance charge for this rider. However, an administrative fee that will not exceed \$250 will apply at the time the ADB is paid and it will be added to the lien.

The policy's primary death benefit is the death benefit provided by the policy. It does not include any accidental death benefits, the death benefit provided by any riders, or death benefits payable due to the death of anyone other than the Insured. If the policy does not provide for policy loans, the loan value is defined as zero. If the policy does not provide cash surrender values, the cash surrender value is defined as zero.

INCONTESTABILITY

The policy's incontestability provision will apply to this rider.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

The ADB will be payable to the Owner as a lump sum payment.

If the policy has a cash surrender value, the available ADB will be at least 75% of any such cash surrender value, where such cash surrender value reflects the deduction of any outstanding policy indebtedness.

If the insured dies after the owner elects to receive an ADB, but before the Owner receives such benefits, the election is cancelled and the death benefit is paid pursuant to the policy.

REINSTATEMENT

The policy's reinstatement provision will apply to this rider.

TERMINATION

This rider will terminate on the earliest of:

1. the date of maturity or termination of the policy;
2. when a nonforfeiture option has become effective under the policy; or
3. at the date the Owner's written request for termination is signed; this request must be received in our home office.

If at any time the total lien amount equals or exceeds the policy's death benefit proceeds as defined in the policy, the policy will terminate. Termination will occur 31 days after the company has mailed a notice of termination to the last known address of the Owner, unless all or part of the lien amount is repaid with 31 days after the noticed is mailed. We will accept a partial repayment only if the death benefit proceeds of the policy would exceed the lien amount after the partial repayment is applied.

Termination shall not prejudice the payment of benefits if the insured became eligible for an ADB while the policy was in force.

This rider is subject to the conditions of this policy. Where a conflict between the rider and the policy exists, the conditions of the rider will control.

The issue date of this benefit is the policy date, or a later date if shown here.

Signed for us at our home office in Frederick, Maryland.

Bryan R. Neunombe
Secretary

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Senior Vice President,
Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer

