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[JOHN HANCOCK LOGO] the future is yours(R) Declaration Variable Annuity Prospectus Patriot Variable Annuity Prospectus Revolution Access Variable Annuity Prospectus** Revolution Extra Variable Annuity Prospectus** Revolution Value Variable Annuity Prospectus PREVIOUSLY ISSUED CONTRACTS [GRAPHIC OMITTED]

May 2, 2011

This Prospectus describes interests in the deferred Purchase Payment Variable Annuity Contracts listed above that were previously issued by JOHN HANCOCK VARIABLE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY ("JHVLICO") and subsequently assumed by JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (U.S.A.) ("JOHN HANCOCK USA"). These Contracts are no longer offered for sale, however, you may make Additional Purchase Payments as permitted under your Contract. In this Prospectus, "we," "us," "our," or "the Company" refers to John Hancock USA. You, the Contract Owner, should refer to the first page of your Contract, to determine which of the above Contracts you purchased.

This Prospectus describes the variable portion of the Contracts to which you may allocate Additional Purchase Payments, to the extent permitted by your Contract. If you do, your Contract Value (other than value allocated to a Fixed Investment Option) and Variable Annuity payments will vary according to the investment performance of the applicable Subaccounts of the JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (U.S.A.) SEPARATE ACCOUNT T (the "Separate Account"). Each Subaccount invests in one of the following Portfolios of John Hancock Variable Insurance Trust that corresponds to a Variable Investment Option that we make available on the date of this Prospectus. Certain Variable Investment Options may not be available under a Contract.

JOHN HANCOCK VARIABLE INSURANCE TRUST 500 Index Trust B Active Bond Trust Blue Chip Growth Trust(1) Capital Appreciation Trust(1) Equity-Income Trust(1) Financial Services Trust Global Bond Trust(1) Health Sciences Trust(2) High Yield Trust(1) International Equity Index Trust B(1) International Value Trust Lifestyle Balanced Trust Mid Cap Index Trust (2) Mid Cap Stock Trust (2) Mid Value Trust(1) Money Market Trust B Optimized All Cap Trust Real Estate Securities Trust(1) Short Term Government Income Trust Small Cap Growth Trust Small Cap Index Trust(2) Small Cap Value Trust(2) Total Bond Market Trust B

Total Return Trust(2) Total Stock Market Index Trust(2)

- Available on Revolution Access, Revolution Extra, Revolution Value Variable Annuities and Patriot Variable Annuity Contracts only
- (2) Available on Revolution Access, Revolution Extra, Revolution Value Variable Annuity Contracts only

CONTRACTS ARE NOT DEPOSITS OR OBLIGATIONS OF, OR INSURED, GUARANTEED OR ENDORSED BY ANY BANK, THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION, THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD, OR ANY OTHER AGENCY. PLEASE READ THIS PROSPECTUS CAREFULLY AND KEEP IT FOR FUTURE REFERENCE. IT CONTAINS INFORMATION ABOUT THE SEPARATE ACCOUNT AND THE VARIABLE PORTION OF THE CONTRACT THAT YOU SHOULD KNOW BEFORE INVESTING. THE CONTRACTS HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION ("SEC"). NEITHER THE SEC NOR ANY STATE HAS DETERMINED WHETHER THIS PROSPECTUS IS TRUTHFUL OR COMPLETE. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

** If you purchased a Revolution Extra Contract, we will add an "Extra Credit" of at least 3.5% of each Purchase Payment that you make under that Contract. Because of this feature, the withdrawal charge applicable to certain withdrawals of Contract Value may be higher than those imposed under Contracts without an "Extra Credit" or "bonus" feature. The amount of the Extra Credit may be more than offset by the withdrawal charge if you prematurely "surrender" or otherwise withdraw money in excess of the free withdrawal amounts while this charge is in effect.

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I. Glossary

The following terms as used in this Prospectus have the indicated meanings. We also define other terms in specific sections of this Prospectus.

1940 ACT: The Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

ACCUMULATION PERIOD: The period between the issue date of the Contract and its Maturity Date.

ADDITIONAL PURCHASE PAYMENT: Any Purchase Payment made after the initial Purchase Payment.

ANNUITANT: Any natural person or persons to whom annuity payments are made and whose life is used to determine the duration of annuity payments involving life contingencies. If the Contract Owner names more than one person as an Annuitant, the second person named is referred to as "co-Annuitant." The Annuitant and co-Annuitant are referred to collectively as "Annuitant." The Annuitant is as designated on the Contract specification page or in the application.

ANNUITIES SERVICE CENTER: The mailing address of our service office is listed on the first page of this Prospectus. You can send overnight mail to us at the street address of the service office, 164 Corporate Drive, Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801-6815.

ANNUITY OPTION: The method selected by the Contract Owner (or as specified in the Contract if no selection is made) for annuity payments made by us.

ANNUITY PERIOD: The period when we make annuity payments to you following the Maturity Date.

ANNUITY UNIT: A unit of measure that is used after the election of an Annuity Option to calculate Variable Annuity payments.

BENEFICIARY: The person, persons or entity entitled to the death benefit under the Contract upon the death of a Contract Owner. The Beneficiary is as specified in the application, unless changed.

BUSINESS DAY: Any day on which the New York Stock Exchange is open for business. The end of a Business Day is the close of daytime trading of the New York Stock Exchange, which generally is 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

CODE: The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

COMPANY: John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.).

CONTRACT: The Variable Annuity contract described by this Prospectus.

CONTRACT ANNIVERSARY: The day in each calendar year after the Contract Date that is the same month and day as the Contract Date.

CONTRACT DATE: The date of issue of the Contract.

CONTRACT VALUE: The total of the Investment Account values attributable to the Contract.

CONTRACT YEAR: A period of twelve consecutive months beginning on the date as of which the Contract is issued, or any anniversary of that date.

FIXED ANNUITY: An Annuity Option with payments for a set dollar amount that we guarantee.

FIXED INVESTMENT OPTION: An Investment Option in which a Company guarantees the principal value and the rate of interest credited to the Investment Account for the term of any guarantee period.

GENERAL ACCOUNT: All of the Company's assets other than assets in its Separate Account or any other separate account that it may maintain.

GOOD ORDER: The standard that we apply when we determine whether an instruction is satisfactory. An instruction will be considered in Good Order if it is received at our Annuities Service Center: (a) in a manner that is satisfactory to us such that it is sufficiently complete and clear that we do not need to exercise any discretion to follow such instruction and it complies with all relevant laws and regulations and Company requirements; (b) on specific forms, or by other means we then permit (such as via telephone or electronic submission); and/or (c) with any signatures and dates we may require. We will notify you if an instruction is not in Good Order.

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INVESTMENT ACCOUNT: An account we establish for you which represents your interests in an Investment Option during the Accumulation Period.

INVESTMENT OPTIONS: The investment choices available to Contract Owners. We refer to the Variable Investment Options and the Fixed Investment Option together as Investment Options.

JHVLICO: John Hancock Variable Life Insurance Company.

JOHN HANCOCK USA: John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.).

MATURITY DATE: The date on which we begin to make annuity payments to the Annuitant. The Maturity Date is the date specified on the Contract specifications page, unless changed with our consent.

NONQUALIFIED CONTRACT: A Contract which is not issued under a Qualified Plan.

OWNER OR CONTRACT OWNER ("YOU"): The person, persons, co-Owners or entity entitled to all of the ownership rights under the Contract. The Owner has the legal right to make all changes in contractual designations where specifically permitted by the Contract. The Owner is as specified in the application, unless changed. We may refer to the Owner in this prospectus as "you."

PORTFOLIO: A series of a registered open-end management investment company which corresponds to a Variable Investment Option.

PROSPECTUS: This prospectus that describes interests in a Contract.

PURCHASE PAYMENT: An amount you pay to us for the benefits provided by the Contract.

QUALIFIED CONTRACT: A Contract issued under a Qualified Plan.

QUALIFIED PLAN: A retirement plan that receives favorable tax treatment under section 401, 403, 408 (IRAs), 408A (Roth IRAs) or 457 of the Code.

RIDER: An optional benefit that you may have elected for an additional charge.

SEPARATE ACCOUNT: John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) Separate Account T. A separate account is a segregated asset account of a Company that is not commingled with the general assets and obligations of the Company.

SUBACCOUNT: A separate division of the Separate Account.

SURRENDER VALUE: The total value of a Contract, after any market value adjustment, minus the annual Contract fee, any applicable premium tax, and any applicable Rider charges, and any withdrawal charges (if applicable). We will determine the amount surrendered or withdrawn as of the date we receive your request in proper form at the Annuities Service Center.

UNPAID LOAN: The unpaid amount (including any accrued interest) of loans a Qualified Contract Owner may have taken from us, using certain Contract Value as collateral.

VARIABLE ANNUITY: An Annuity Option with payments which: (1) are not predetermined or guaranteed as to dollar amount; and (2) vary in relation to the investment experience of one or more specified Subaccounts.

VARIABLE INVESTMENT OPTION: An Investment Option corresponding to a Subaccount of the Separate Account that invests in shares of a specific Portfolio.

WITHDRAWAL AMOUNT: The total amount taken from your Contract Value, including any applicable withdrawal charge, tax, proportional share of administrative fee and market value adjustment, to process a withdrawal.

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II. Overview

This overview tells you some key points you should know about the Contract. Because this is an overview, it does not contain all the information that may be important to you. You should read carefully this entire Prospectus, including its Appendices and the Statement of Additional Information ("SAI") for more detailed information.

We disclose all material features and benefits of the Contracts in this Prospectus. Insurance laws and regulations apply to us in every state in which

our Contracts are sold. As a result, some terms and conditions of your Contract may vary from the terms and conditions described in this Prospectus, depending upon where you purchase a Contract. These variations will be reflected in your Contract or in a Rider attached to your Contract. We disclose all material variations in this Prospectus.

The Contracts described in this Prospectus are no longer offered for sale; however, you may make Additional Purchase Payments as permitted under your Contract. This Prospectus contains information that you should know before you exercise any of your rights under the Contract.

Prospectuses for Contracts often undergo certain changes in their terms from year to year to reflect changes in the Contracts. The changes include such things as the liberalization of benefits, the exercise of rights reserved under a Contract, the alteration of administrative procedures and changes in the Investment Options available. Any such change may or may not apply to Contracts issued prior to the effective date of the change. This Prospectus reflects the status of the product as of the date of this Prospectus. This Prospectus contains information about other products. Therefore, this Prospectus may contain information that is inapplicable to your Contract. You should consult your Contract to verify whether any particular provision applies to you and whether you may elect any particular Investment Option.

The Variable Investment Options shown on the first page of this Prospectus are those available under the Contracts described in this Prospectus as of the date of this Prospectus. There may be Variable Investment Options that are not available to you. We may add, modify or delete Variable Investment Options in the future.

When you select one or more of these Variable Investment Options, we invest your money in NAV shares of a corresponding Portfolio of the John Hancock Variable Insurance Trust (the "Trust"). The Trust is a so-called "series" type mutual fund registered with the SEC. The investment results of each Variable Investment Option you select will depend on those of the corresponding Portfolios of the Trust. Each of the Portfolios is separately managed and has its own investment objective and strategies. The Trust prospectus contains detailed information about each available Portfolio. Be sure to read that prospectus before selecting any of the Variable Investment Options.

For amounts you don't wish to invest in a Variable Investment Option, you may be able to invest these amounts in a currently offered Fixed Investment Option if permitted by your local jurisdiction. We invest the assets allocated to a Fixed Investment Option in our General Account and they earn interest at a fixed rate, declared by us, subject to a minimum rate stated in your Contract. If you remove money from any Fixed Investment Option prior to its expiration, however, we may increase or decrease your Contract's value to compensate for changes in interest rates that may have occurred subsequent to the beginning of that Fixed Investment Option. This is known as a "market value adjustment."

In addition to the transfer restrictions that we impose, the John Hancock Variable Insurance Trust also has adopted policies under Rule 22c-2 of the 1940 Act to detect and deter abusive short term trading. Accordingly, a Portfolio may require us to impose trading restrictions if it discovers violations of its frequent short-term trading policy. We will provide tax identification numbers and other Contract Owner transaction information to John Hancock Variable Insurance Trust upon request, which it may use to identify any pattern or frequency of activity that violates its short-term trading policy.

We refer to the Variable Investment Options and any available Fixed Investment Option together as Investment Options.

The annuity described in this Prospectus may be sold on a group basis. If you

purchase the annuity under a group contract, you will be issued a group certificate. If that is the case, the word "Contract" as used in this Prospectus should be interpreted as meaning the certificate issued to you under the group contract.

SECTION 403(b) QUALIFIED PLANS. We currently are not offering this Contract for use in a retirement plan intended to qualify as a section 403(b) Qualified Plan (a "Section 403(b) Qualified Plan" or the "Plan"). If you had purchased this Contract for use in a Section 403(b) Qualified Plan, your employer, the Plan's administrator, or the Plan's sponsor may request that we enter into an agreement with your Section 403(b) Qualified Plan concerning the sharing of information related to your Contract (an "Information Sharing Agreement"). Unless contained in an Information Sharing Agreement, we may receive a written determination by your employer, the Plan administrator or the Plan sponsor of your Section 403(b) Qualified Plan that the plan qualifies under section 403(b) of the Code and complies with applicable Treasury regulations (a "Certificate of Compliance") (Information Sharing Agreement and Certificate of Compliance, together the "Required Documentation").

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We may accept, reject or modify any of the terms of a proposed Information Sharing Agreement presented to us, and make no representation that we will enter into an Information Sharing Agreement with your Section 403(b) Qualified Plan.

For more information regarding Section 403(b) Qualified Plans, please see Appendix E: "Qualified Plan Types," or you may request a copy of the SAI from the Annuities Service Center.

The Contracts were not available in all states. Certain features of the Contracts, including optional benefit Riders, may not have been available or may have been modified for Contracts issued in various states. YOU SHOULD REVIEW YOUR CONTRACT, OR CONTACT THE ANNUITIES SERVICE CENTER, FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. You should disregard all references in the Prospectus to benefits that are NOT available in your state.

This Prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, securities in any state to any person to whom it is unlawful to make or solicit an offer in that state.

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III. Fee Tables

THE FOLLOWING TABLES DESCRIBE THE FEES AND EXPENSES APPLICABLE TO BUYING, OWNING AND SURRENDERING A CONTRACT. THE FIRST TABLE DESCRIBES THE FEES AND EXPENSES THAT YOU PAID AT THE TIME THAT YOU BOUGHT THE CONTRACT AS WELL AS THE FEES AND EXPENSES YOU WILL PAY WHEN YOU MAKE ADDITIONAL PURCHASES UNDER THE CONTRACT, SURRENDER THE CONTRACT, OR TRANSFER ACCOUNT VALUE BETWEEN INVESTMENT OPTIONS. STATE PREMIUM TAXES MAY ALSO BE DEDUCTED.

CONTRACT OWNER TRANSACTION	DECLARATION	PATRIOT	REVOLUTION ACCESS	REVOLUT
EXPENSES(1)	VARIABLE ANNUITY	VARIABLE ANNUITY	VARIABLE ANNUITY	VARIABL
Withdrawal Charge (as % of amount of the Purchase Payment that we	6% for the 2nd year	6% for the 1st year 6% for the 2nd year 5% for the 3rd year		7% for t 7% for t 7% for t

consider to have been	5% for the 4th year	5% for the 4th year	None	7% for t
withdrawn) (2)	4% for the 5th year	4% for the 5th year		6% for t
	3% for the 6th year	3% for the 6th year		5% for t
	2% for the 7th year	2% for the 7th year		4% for t
	0% thereafter	0% thereafter		0% there
Maximum transfer charge(3)	\$25	N/A	\$25	

- (1) State premium taxes may also apply to your Contract, which currently range from 0.04% to 4.00% of each Purchase Payment.
- (2) This charge is taken upon withdrawal or surrender within the specified period of years measured from the date of Purchase Payment.
- (3) This charge is not currently imposed, but we reserve the right to do so in the Contract. If we do, it will be taken upon each transfer into or out of any Investment Option beyond an annual limit of not less than 12.

THE NEXT TABLE DESCRIBES THE FEES AND EXPENSES THAT YOU WILL PAY PERIODICALLY DURING THE TIME YOU OWN THE CONTRACT. THIS TABLE DOES NOT INCLUDE FEES AND EXPENSES PAID AT THE PORTFOLIO LEVEL.

	VARIABL	ARATION E ANNUITY	VARIABLI	RIOT E ANNUITY	VARIABLE		REVO VARI
Maximum Annual Contract Fee(4)	\$	50		50	•	50	\$
Current Annual Contract Fee(5)	\$	30	\$	30	\$	30	\$
SEPARATE ACCOUNT ANNUAL EXPENSES (Contracts with initial Purchase	•			ACCOUNT VA	LUE) (6)		
Asset-Based Charge (7)	-			1.25%		1.25%	
(Contracts with initial Purchase	Payment g	reater thar	\$250,000	0)			
Asset-Based Charge (7)		1.00%		1.00%		1.25%	
OPTIONAL BENEFIT RIDER CHARGES(8) Accidental Death Benefit Rider Accumulated Value Enhancement ("CARESolutions Plus") Rider(9) (as a percentage of your initial Purchase Payment) Earnings Enhancement	Not	0.10%	Not	0.10% Offered	Not O Maximum: Current:	ffered 1.00%	No Maxi
("Beneficiary Tax Relief") Death Benefit Rider Enhanced "Stepped Up" Death Benefit Rider Enhanced Death Benefit Rider(10)	Not		Not	Offered		0.25%	No
Guaranteed Retirement Income Benefit Rider(11)						0.30%	
Nursing Home Waiver(11) Waiver of Withdrawal Charge ("CARESolutions") Rider(12)					Not O Not O	ffered ffered	No

- (4) This charge is not currently imposed and would only apply to Declaration and Patriot Contracts of less than \$10,000; and Revolution Access, Revolution Extra, and Revolution Value Contracts of less than \$50,000.
- (5) This charge applies only to Declaration and Patriot Contracts of less than \$10,000; and Revolution Access, Revolution Extra, and Revolution Value

Variable Annuities Contracts of less than \$50,000. It is taken at the end of each Contract Year but, if you surrender a Contract before then, it will be taken at the time of surrender.

- (6) This charge only applies to that portion of account value held in the Variable Investment Options. The charge does not apply to amounts in the Fixed Investment Options. For Revolution Access, Revolution Extra and Revolution Value Variable Annuities Contracts, the charge does not apply to the guarantee rate account under our dollar-cost averaging value program.
- (7) This charge is assessed on all active Contracts, including Contracts continued by a Beneficiary upon the death of the Contract Owner.

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- (8) Charges for optional benefit Riders are assessed monthly. The monthly charge is 1/12 of the annual charge shown in this table.
- (9) This Rider is available only if you purchased the Waiver of Withdrawal Charge Rider as well. We do not currently impose the maximum charge shown, but reserve the right to do so on a uniform basis for all Accumulated Value Enhancement Riders issued in the same state.
- (10) In certain states (and for Riders issued prior to May 1, 2002), the rate for Enhanced Death Benefit Rider may be lower than the amount shown.
- (11) This Rider is not available for Contracts issued after April 30, 2004.
- (12) This charge is imposed as a percentage of that portion of your Contract's total value attributable to Purchase Payments that are still subject to withdrawal charges

THE NEXT TABLE DESCRIBES THE MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES CHARGED BY THE PORTFOLIOS THAT YOU MAY PAY PERIODICALLY DURING THE TIME THAT YOU OWN THE CONTRACT. MORE DETAIL CONCERNING EACH PORTFOLIO'S FEES AND EXPENSES IS CONTAINED IN THE PORTFOLIO'S PROSPECTUS.

TOTAL ANNUAL PORTFOLIO OPERATING EXPENSES	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Range of expenses that are deducted from Portfolio assets, including		
management fees, and other expenses	0.25%	1.29%

EXAMPLES

The following two examples are intended to help you compare the cost of investing in Contracts with the cost of investing in other variable annuity contracts. These costs include Contract Owner transaction expenses, Contract fees, Separate Account annual expenses and Portfolio fees and expenses.

EXAMPLE 1

The first example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in a Contract with all the optional benefit Riders that may have been available. The first example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and assumes the maximum annual Contract fee and the maximum fees and expenses of any of the Portfolios. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions,

your costs would be:

MAXIMUM PORTFOLIO LEVEL TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES

	1 YEAR	3 YEAR
DECLARATION VARIABLE ANNUITY WITH: Enhanced "stepped-up" Death Benefit Rider; Accidental Death Benefit Rider; and Nursing Home Waiver Rider If you surrender the Contract at the end of the applicable time period: If you annuitize, or do not surrender the Contract at the end of the applicable time period:	\$ 813 \$ 273	\$ 1,28 \$ 83
	1 YEAR	
PATRIOT VARIABLE ANNUITY WITH: Enhanced "stepped-up" Death Benefit Rider; Accidental Death Benefit Rider; and Nursing Home Waiver Rider If you surrender the Contract at the end of the applicable time period: If you annuitize, or do not surrender the Contract at the end of the	\$ 811 \$ 271	\$ 1,28 \$ 83
applicable time period:	¥ 2/1	Υ UU
	1 YEAR	3 YEAR
REVOLUTION ACCESS VARIABLE ANNUITY WITH: Enhanced Death Benefit Rider Earnings Enhancement Death Benefit Rider Accumulated Value Enhancement Rider; and Guaranteed Retirement Income Benefit Rider If you surrender the Contract at the end of the applicable time period: If you annuitize, or do not surrender the Contract at the end of the applicable time period:		\$ 1,32 \$ 1,32
	1 YEAR	3 YEAR
REVOLUTION EXTRA VARIABLE ANNUITY WITH: Waiver of Withdrawal Charge Rider; Enhanced Death Benefit Rider; Earnings Enhancement Death Benefit Rider; Accumulated Value Enhancement Rider; and Guaranteed Retirement Income Benefit Rider If you surrender the Contract at the end of the applicable time period: If you annuitize, or do not surrender the Contract at the end of the applicable time period:	\$ 1,079 \$ 449	

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MAXIMUM PORTFOLIO LEVEL TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES

	1	YEAR	3	YEAR
REVOLUTION VALUE VARIABLE ANNUITY WITH:				
Waiver of Withdrawal Charge Rider;				
Enhanced Death Benefit Rider;				
Earnings Enhancement Death Benefit Rider;				
Accumulated Value Enhancement Rider; and				
Guaranteed Retirement Income Benefit Rider				
If you surrender the Contract at the end of the applicable time period:	\$	1,078	\$	1,79
IF YOU ANNUITIZE, OR DO NOT SURRENDER THE CONTRACT AT THE END OF THE	\$	448	\$	1,34
APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD:				-

EXAMPLE 2

The next example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in a Contract with no optional benefit riders for the time periods indicated. This example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and assumes the average annual Contract fee we expect to receive for the Contracts and the minimum fees and expenses of any of the Portfolios.

Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, your costs would be:

MINIMUM PORTFOLIO LEVEL TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES

	1	YEAR	3	YEAR
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DECLARATION VARIABLE ANNUITY				
If you surrender the Contract at the end of the applicable time period:	\$	695	\$	92
If you annuitize, or do not surrender the Contract at the end of the applicable	\$	155	\$	48
time period:				

	1	YEAR	3	YEAR
	_			
PATRIOT VARIABLE ANNUITY If you surrender the Contract at the end of the applicable time period:	\$	695	\$	92
If you annuitize, or do not surrender the Contract at the end of the applicable time period:	\$	155	\$	48

1 YEAR 3 YEAR

REVOLUTION ACCESS VARIABLE ANNUITY If you surrender the Contract at the end of the applicable time period: \$ 155 \$ 48 If you annuitize, or do not surrender the Contract at the end of the applicable \$ 155 \$ 48 time period:

REVOLUTION EXTRA VARIABLE ANNUITY		
If you surrender the Contract at the end of the applicable time period:	\$ 785	\$ 1,10
If you annuitize, or do not surrender the Contract at the end of the applicable	\$ 155	\$ 48
time period:		

REVOLUTION VALUE VARIABLE ANNUITY		
If you surrender the Contract at the end of the applicable time period:	\$ 784	\$ 92
If you annuitize, or do not surrender the Contract at the end of the applicable	\$ 154	\$ 47
time period:		

The following table describes the operating expenses for each Portfolio, as a percentage of the Portfolio's average net assets for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010. More detail concerning each Portfolio's fees and expenses is contained in the Portfolio's prospectus and in the notes following the table.

AS NOTED IN THE FOOTNOTES TO THE TABLE, FOR CERTAIN PORTFOLIOS JOHN HANCOCK INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. (THE "ADVISER") HAS AGREED TO WAIVE A PORTION OF ITS FEES OR REIMBURSE THE PORTFOLIO FOR EXPENSES WHEN, AND TO THE EXTENT THAT, THE NET OPERATING EXPENSES EXCEED AN AGREED UPON EXPENSE LIMITATION. THE ADVISOR MAY RECAPTURE OPERATING EXPENSES REIMBURSED OR FEES WAIVED UNDER PREVIOUS EXPENSE LIMITATION OR WAIVER ARRANGEMENTS FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS FOLLOWING THE BEGINNING OF THE MONTH IN WHICH SUCH REIMBURSEMENT OR WAIVER OCCURRED.

PORTFOLIO ANNUAL EXPENSES (as a percentage of Portfolio average net assets for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, except as stated in the Notes that follow this table, rounded to two decimal places).

All of the Portfolios shown in the table are NAV class shares that are not subject to Rule 12b-1 fees. These NAV class shares commenced operations on April 29, 2005. These NAV class shares of a Portfolio are based upon the expense ratios of the Portfolio's Series I shares for the year ended December 31, 2010 (adjusted to reflect the absence of any Rule 12b-1 fee applicable to the NAV shares).

PORTFOLIO/SERIES	FEE	(12B-1) FEES	EXPENSES	EXPENSES(1)	EXPENSES	REI
	MANAGEMENT	AND SERVICE	OTHER	FEES AND	OPERATING	
		DISTRIBUTION		PORTFOLIO	ANNUAL	CO
				ACQUIRED	TOTAL	

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Series NAV ACTIVE BOND	0.47%	0.00%	0.02%	 0.49%
Series NAV	0.60%	0.00%	0.04%	 0.64%
Blue Chip Growth		0.000	0.000	0.010
Series NAV	0.78%(3)	0.00%	0.03%	 0.81%

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PORTFOLIO/SERIES	MANAGEMENT FEE	DISTRIBUTION AND SERVICE (12B-1) FEES	OTHER EXPENSES	EXPENSES(1)	ANNUAL OPERATING	CC REI
CAPITAL APPRECIATION						
Series NAV	0 719	0.00%	0 038		0 718	
EQUITY-INCOME	0.71%	0.00%	0.05%		0.74%	
Series NAV	0.78%(3)	0.00%	0 038	0.01%	0.82%	
FINANCIAL SERVICES	0.708(3)	0.008	0.058	0.010	0.020	
Series NAV	0.82%	0.00%	0.06%		0.88%	
GLOBAL BOND	0.028	0.008	0.008		0.008	
SERIES NAV	0.70%	0.00%	0.08%		0.78%	
HEALTH SCIENCES	0.708	0.008	0.008		0.708	
Series NAV	1.05%	0.00%	0.07%		1.12%	
HIGH YIELD	1.000	0.000	0.070		1.120	
Series NAV	0.66%	0.00%	0.04%		0.70%	
INTERNATIONAL EQUITY INDEX B	0.000	0.000	0.010		0.700	
Series NAV	0.54%	0.00%	0.03%		0.57%	
INTERNATIONAL VALUE	0.010	0.000	0.000		0.070	
Series NAV	0.80%3	0.00%	0.13%		0.93%	
LIFESTYLE BALANCED	0.0000	0.000	0.100		0.900	
Series NAV	0.04%	0.00%	0.028	0.70%	0.76%	
MID CAP INDEX	0.010	0.000	0.020	0.700		
Series NAV	0.47%	0.00%	0.02%	0.02%	0.51%	
MID CAP STOCK						
Series NAV	0.84%	0.00%	0.04%		0.88%	
MID VALUE						
Series NAV	0.95%	0.00%	0.05%	0.02%	1.02%	
MONEY MARKET B						
Series NAV	0.49%	0.00%	0.04%		0.53%	
OPTIMIZED ALL CAP						
Series NAV	0.68%	0.00%	0.03%		0.71%	
REAL ESTATE SECURITIES						
Series NAV	0.70%	0.00%	0.03%		0.73%	
SHORT TERM GOVERNMENT INCOME						
Series NAV	0.56%	0.00%	0.07%		0.63%	
SMALL CAP GROWTH						
Series NAV	1.06%	0.00%	0.04%		1.10%	
SMALL CAP INDEX						
Series NAV	0.48%	0.00%	0.02%	0.08%	0.58%	
SMALL CAP VALUE						
Series NAV	1.06%	0.00%	0.04%	0.19%	1.29%	
TOTAL BOND MARKET B						
Series NAV	0.47%	0.00%	0.05%		0.52%	
TOTAL RETURN						
Series NAV	0.68%	0.00%	0.04%		0.72%	
TOTAL STOCK MARKET INDEX						
Series NAV	0.49%	0.00%	0.03%		0.52%	

- (1) "Acquired Portfolio Fees and Expenses" are based on the indirect net expenses associated with the Portfolio's investment in underlying portfolios and are included in "Total Annual Operating Expenses." The Total Annual Operating Expenses shown may not correlate to the Portfolio's ratio of expenses to average net assets shown in the "Financial Highlights" section of the Portfolio prospectus, which does not include Acquired Portfolio Fees and Expenses.
- JHVIT sells shares of these Portfolios only to certain variable life (2)insurance and variable annuity separate accounts of John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) and its affiliates. As reflected in the table, each Portfolio is subject to an expense cap pursuant to an agreement between JHVIT and the Adviser as follows: the Adviser has agreed to waive its advisory fee (or, if necessary, reimburse expenses of the Portfolio) in an amount so that the Portfolio's annual operating expenses do not exceed its "Net Operating Expenses" as shown in the table above. A Portfolio's "Total Operating Expenses" includes all of its operating expenses including advisory and Rule 12b-1 fees, but excludes taxes, brokerage commissions, interest, short dividends, Acquired Portfolio Fees and Expenses, litigation and indemnification expenses and extraordinary expenses of the Portfolio not incurred in the ordinary course of the Portfolio's business. Under the agreement, the Adviser's obligation to provide the expense cap will remain in effect until April 30, 2012 and will terminate after that date only if JHVIT, without the prior written consent of the Adviser, sells shares of the Portfolio to (or has shares of the Portfolio held by) any person other than the separate accounts and other persons specified in the agreement.
- (3) The Management Fee has been restated to reflect contractual changes to the Advisory Agreement.

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(4) The Adviser has contractually agreed to waive its advisory fees so that the amount retained by the Adviser after payment of the subadvisory fees for the Portfolio does not exceed 0.45% of the Portfolio's average net assets. The current expense limitation agreement expires on April 30, 2013 unless renewed by mutual agreement of the Portfolio and the Adviser based upon a determination that this is appropriate under the circumstances at that time.

A Table of Accumulation Unit Values relating to the Contract is included in Appendix U to this Prospectus.

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IV. Basic Information

WHAT IS THE CONTRACT?

Each of the five (5) Contracts listed on the first page of this Prospectus are deferred purchase payment variable annuity contracts. An "annuity contract" provides a person (known as the "Annuitant" or "payee") with a series of periodic payments. Because this Contract is also a "deferred payment" contract, the annuity payments will begin on a future date, called the Contract's Maturity Date. Under a "variable annuity" contract, the amount you have invested can increase or decrease in value daily based upon the value of the Variable Investment Options chosen. If your annuity is provided under a master group

contract, the term "Contract" as used in this Prospectus refers to the certificate you will be issued and not to the master group contract.

WHO OWNS THE CONTRACT?

Unless the Contract provides otherwise, the Owner of the Contract is the person who can exercise the rights under the Contract, such as the right to choose the Investment Options or the right to surrender the Contract. In many cases, the person who bought the Contract is the Owner. However, you are free to name another person or entity (such as a trust) as Owner. In writing this Prospectus, we've assumed that you, the reader, are the person or persons entitled to exercise the rights and obligations under discussion. If a Contract has joint Owners, both must join in any written notice or request.

IS THE OWNER ALSO THE ANNUITANT?

In many cases, the same person is both the Annuitant and the Owner of a Contract. The Annuitant is the person whose lifetime is used to measure the period of time when we make various forms of annuity payments. Also, the Annuitant receives payments from us under any Annuity Option that commences during the Annuitant's lifetime. We may permit you to name another person as Annuitant or joint Annuitant if that person meets our underwriting standards. We may also permit you to name as joint Annuitants two persons other than yourself if those persons meet our underwriting standards.

HOW CAN I INVEST MONEY IN A CONTRACT?

Purchase Payments

We call the investments you make in your Contract Payments or Purchase Payments. The Contracts described in this Prospectus are no longer available for sale; however, the minimum initial Purchase Payment requirements for the Contracts are outlined in the table below, along with the minimum Purchase Payment for each Additional Purchase Payment into the Contracts. If you purchased your Contract through the automatic investment plan, different minimums may apply. If your Contract's total value ever falls to zero, we may terminate it. Therefore, you may need to pay more Additional Purchase Payments to keep the Contract in force.

CONTRACT	MINIMUM INITIAL PURCHASE PAYMENT	MINIMUM ADDITIONAL PURCHASE PAYMENT	MINIMUM DIRECT DEPOSIT ADDITIONAL PURCHASE PAYMENT
Declaration Patriot Revolution Access Revolution Extra Revolution Value	\$ 1,000 \$ 1,000 \$ 25,000 \$ 10,000 \$ 5,000	\$ 500 \$ 500 \$ 200 \$ 200 \$ 200	\$ 100 \$ 100 \$ 100 \$ 100 \$ 100 \$ 100

Currently, we do not enforce these minimum Additional Purchase Payment amounts, but may do so in the future.

Initial Purchase Payment

When we received your initial Purchase Payment and all necessary information, we issued your Contract and invested your initial Purchase Payment. If the information was not in Good Order, we contacted you to get the necessary

information. If for some reason, we were unable to complete this process within 5 Business Days, we either sent back your money or received your permission to keep it until we received all of the necessary information.

In certain situations, we may have issued a Contract upon receiving the order of your broker-dealer or financial institution but delayed the effectiveness of the Contract until we received your signed application. In those situations, if we did not receive your signed application within our required time period, we deemed the Contract void from the beginning and returned your Purchase Payment. We may not have issued a Contract if any proposed Owner or Annuitant was older than age 84. We may also have limited your ability to purchase multiple Contracts on the same Annuitants or Owners. We may, however, have waived either of these underwriting limits.

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Issue Date and Contract Year

We measure the years and anniversaries of your Contract from its date of issue. We use the term Contract Year to refer to each period of time between anniversaries of your Contract's date of issue. We did not issue a Contract if the proposed Annuitant was older than age 84.

Limits on Purchase Payments

You can make Purchase Payments of up to \$1,000,000 in any one Contract Year. The total of all new Purchase Payments and transfers that you may allocate to any one Variable Investment Option or Fixed Investment Option, in any one Contract Year may not exceed \$1,000,000. While the Annuitant is alive and the Contract is in force, you can make Purchase Payments at any time before the Maturity Date until the age limit shown below:

	YOU MAY NOT MAKE ANY PURCHASE
IF YOUR CONTRACT IS USED	TO PAYMENTS AFTER THE
FUND	ANNUITANT REACHES AGE
A Qualified Plan	70 1/2 (1)

A Qualified Plan A Nonqualified plan

(1) except for a Roth IRA, which has an age limit of 85

(2) 84 1/2 for Declaration Variable Annuity

We may waive any of these limits on Purchase Payments.

WAYS TO MAKE ADDITIONAL PURCHASE PAYMENTS. Additional Purchase Payments made by check or money order must be:

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- drawn on a U.S. bank;
- drawn in U.S. dollars; and
- made payable to "John Hancock" and sent to the Annuities Service Center.

We credit any Additional Purchase Payments to your Contract received by mail or

wire transfer at the close of the Business Day in which we receive them in Good Order at the Annuities Service Center. Each Business Day ends at the close of daytime trading for the day on the New York Stock Exchange (usually 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time). If we receive an Additional Purchase Payment after the close of a Business Day, we will credit it to your Contract on the next Business Day.

We will not accept credit card checks. Nor will we accept starter or third party checks that fail to meet our administrative requirements. Additional Purchase Payments should be sent to the Annuities Service Center at the address shown on the first page of this Prospectus. You can find information about other methods of making Purchase Payments by contacting us.

ADDITIONAL PURCHASE PAYMENTS BY WIRE. You may transmit Additional Purchase Payments by wire through your bank to our bank, as long as you provide appropriate instructions with the transmittal to identify your Contract, and the selected Investment Options (unless you have provided us with standing allocation instructions). Information about our bank, our account number, and the ABA routing number may be obtained from the Annuities Service Center. Banks may charge a fee for wire services.

If your wire order is complete, we will invest the Additional Purchase Payment in your selected Investment Options as of the day we received the wire order. If the wire order is incomplete for an identified Contract, we will immediately return it.

HOW WILL THE VALUE OF MY INVESTMENT IN THE CONTRACT CHANGE OVER TIME?

Variable Investment Options

You may invest in any of the Variable Investment Options. Each Variable Investment Option is a Subaccount of a Separate Account that invests in a corresponding Portfolio. The Portfolio prospectus contains a full description of a Portfolio. The amount you've invested in any Variable Investment Option will increase or decrease based upon the investment performance of the corresponding Portfolio (reduced by certain charges we deduct - see "III. Fee Tables"). Your Contract Value during the Accumulation Period and the amounts of annuity payments will depend upon the investment performance of the underlying Portfolio of the Variable Investment Option you select and/or upon the interest we credit on each Fixed Investment Option you select.

You bear the investment risk that your Contract Value will increase or decrease to reflect the investment results of the Contract's investment Portfolios. Although a Portfolio may invest in other underlying portfolios, you will not have the ability to make those investment decisions. You (and your financial advisor) should carefully consider the features of other variable annuity contracts offered by us or by other life insurance companies, before submitting an Additional Purchase Payment if you would prefer a broader range of investment options.

Fixed Investment Options

The amount you've invested in a Fixed Investment Option will earn interest at the rate we have set for that Fixed Investment Option. The interest rate depends upon the length of the guarantee period of the Fixed Investment Option you select. In states where approved,

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We currently make available various Fixed Investment Options with durations of up to five years, and we may make one or more additional Fixed Investment Options available for Contracts issued before September 30, 2002. As long as you

keep your money in a Fixed Investment Option until its expiration date, we bear all the investment risk on that money.

However, if you prematurely transfer, "surrender" or otherwise withdraw money from a Fixed Investment Option we will increase or reduce the remaining value in your Contract by an amount that approximates the impact that any changes in interest rates would have had on the market value of a debt instrument with terms comparable to that Fixed Investment Option. This "market value adjustment" (or "MVA") imposes investment risks on you. We describe how the market value adjustments work in "Calculation of Market Value Adjustment ("MVA")".

Extra Credit Feature

(Available only on the Revolution Extra Variable Annuity Contracts)

Each time you make a Purchase Payment, we will credit an extra amount to the total value of your Contract in addition to the amount of the Purchase Payment. If your Purchase Payment is greater than \$10,000 and less than \$2.5 million, the extra amount will be equal to 3.5% of the Purchase Payment. If your Purchase Payment is \$2.5 million or more, the extra amount will be equal to 5.0% of the Purchase Payment. These extra amounts are referred to as extra credits. Each extra credit will be credited to your Contract at the same time the Purchase Payment is credited and will be allocated among the Variable Investment Options and the Fixed Investment Options in the same way that the Purchase Payment is allocated (see "Allocation of Purchase Payments"). However, each extra credit will be treated as "earnings" under your Contract, not as a Purchase Payment for determining withdrawal charges. Amounts attributable to extra credits will be considered "earnings" under a Contract for federal tax purposes and "earnings" with respect to our determination of certain benefits under your Contract and any optional benefit Riders that you may have purchased.

We expect to make a profit from the Contracts and anticipate that a portion of the withdrawal charge, and any profits derived from other Contract fees and charges will be used to help recover our cost of providing the Extra Credit feature. (For a description of these fees and charges, see the response to the question "What fees and charges will be deducted from my Contract?") Under certain circumstances (such as a withdrawal of money that is in excess of the Free Withdrawal amounts, while a withdrawal charge is in effect) the cost associated with the Extra Credit feature may exceed the Extra Credit amount and any related earnings. You should consider this possibility before remitting any Additional Purchase Payments for a Revolution Extra Contract.

WHAT ANNUITY BENEFITS DOES THE CONTRACT PROVIDE?

If your Contract is still in effect on its Maturity Date, it enters what is called the Annuity Period. During the Annuity Period, we make a series of fixed or variable payments to you as provided under one of our several Annuity Options. The form in which we will make the annuity payments, and the proportion of such payments that will be on a fixed basis and on a variable basis, depend on the elections that you have in effect on the Maturity Date. Therefore, you should exercise care in selecting your Maturity Date and your choices that are in effect on that date.

You should carefully review the discussion under "VIII. The Annuity Period" for information about all of these choices you can make.

TO WHAT EXTENT CAN JOHN HANCOCK USA VARY THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACTS?

State Law Insurance Requirements

Insurance laws and regulations apply to us in every state in which our Contracts

are sold. As a result, a Contract purchased in one state may have terms and conditions that vary from the terms and conditions of a Contract purchased in a different jurisdiction. We disclose all material features and benefits of the Contracts in this Prospectus.

Variations in Charges or Rates

We may vary the charges, durations of Fixed Investment Options, rates and other terms of our Contracts where special circumstances result in sales or administrative expenses, mortality risks or other risks that are different from those normally associated with the Contracts. These include the types of variations discussed under the "Variations in Charges or Rates for Eligible Classes" section of this Prospectus.

WHAT ARE THE TAX CONSEQUENCES OF OWNING A CONTRACT?

IN MOST CASES, NO INCOME tax will have to be paid on amounts you earn under a Contract until these earnings are paid out. All or part of the following distributions from a Contract may constitute a taxable payout of earnings:

- withdrawals (including surrenders and systematic withdrawals);
- payment of any death benefit proceeds;
- periodic payments under one of our annuity payment options;
- certain ownership changes; and
- any loan, assignment or pledge of the Contract as collateral.

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How much you will be taxed on a distribution is based upon complex tax rules and depends on matters such as:

- the type of the distribution;
- when the distribution is made;
- the nature of any Qualified Plan for which the Contract is being used; and
- the circumstances under which the payments are made.

If your Contract is issued in connection with a Qualified Plan, all or part of your Purchase Payments may be tax deductible or excludible from income.

A 10% penalty tax applies in many cases to the taxable portion of any distributions taken from a Contract before you reach age 59 1/2. Also, most Qualified Plans require that minimum distributions from a Contract commence and/or be completed within a certain period of time. This effectively limits the period of time during which you can continue to derive tax-deferral benefits from any tax-deductible or tax-deferred Purchase Payments you paid or on any earnings under the Contract.

CONTRACTS PURCHASED AS AN INVESTMENT VEHICLE FOR A QUALIFIED PLAN, INCLUDING AN IRA, DO NOT PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL TAX-DEFERRAL BENEFITS BEYOND THE TREATMENT PROVIDED BY THE QUALIFIED PLAN. THE FAVORABLE TAX-DEFERRAL BENEFITS AVAILABLE FOR QUALIFIED PLANS THAT INVEST IN ANNUITY CONTRACTS ARE ALSO GENERALLY AVAILABLE IF THE QUALIFIED PLANS PURCHASE OTHER TYPES OF INVESTMENTS, SUCH AS MUTUAL FUNDS, EQUITIES AND DEBT INSTRUMENTS. HOWEVER, THE CONTRACT OFFERS

FEATURES AND BENEFITS THAT OTHER INVESTMENTS MAY NOT OFFER. YOU AND YOUR FINANCIAL PROFESSIONAL SHOULD CAREFULLY CONSIDER WHETHER THE FEATURES AND BENEFITS, INCLUDING THE INVESTMENT OPTIONS, ANNUITY LIFETIME INCOME OPTIONS, DEATH BENEFITS AND OTHER BENEFITS PROVIDED UNDER AN ANNUITY CONTRACT ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH A QUALIFIED PLAN ARE SUITABLE FOR YOUR NEEDS AND OBJECTIVES AND ARE APPROPRIATE IN LIGHT OF THE EXPENSE.

We provide additional information on taxes in the Federal Tax Matters section of this Prospectus. We make no attempt to provide more than general information about use of the Contract with the various types of retirement plans. Purchasers of Contracts for use with any retirement plan should consult their legal counsel and a qualified tax advisor regarding the suitability of the Contract.

HOW CAN I CHANGE MY CONTRACT'S INVESTMENT OPTIONS?

Allocation of Purchase Payments

When you applied for your Contract, you specified the Variable Investment Options and Fixed Investment Options (together, your Investment Options) to which your Purchase Payments will be allocated. You may change this investment allocation for future Purchase Payments at any time. Any change in allocation will be effective as of the receipt of your request at the Annuities Service Center.

We do not impose a limit on the number of Investment Options to which you may allocate Purchase Payments at any one time during the accumulation period. For limits imposed during the annuity period, please see "Choosing Fixed or Variable Annuity Payments" in "VIII. The Annuity Period."

Transfers among Investment Options

During the Accumulation Period, you may transfer amounts among the Investment Options, subject to the restrictions set forth below. To make a transfer, you must tell us how much to transfer, either as a whole number percentage or as a specific dollar amount. A confirmation of each transfer will be sent to you.

You may make a transfer by providing written notice to us, by telephone or by other electronic means that we may provide through the Internet (see "Telephone and Electronic Transactions," below). We will cancel accumulation units from the Investment Account from which you transfer amounts and we will credit to the Investment Account to which you transfer amounts. Your Contract Value on the date of the transfer will not be affected by a transfer. Although your Contract may impose restrictions on the maximum dollar amount that may be transferred among Variable Investment Options, we currently do not enforce these restrictions.

Currently, we do not impose a charge for transfer requests. The first twelve transfers in a Contract Year are free of any transfer charge. For each additional transfer in a Contract Year, except for the Patriot variable annuity which has no transfer charge, we do not currently assess a charge but reserve the right (to the extent permitted by your Contract) to impose a charge OF UP TO \$25 FOR ANY TRANSFER Beyond the annual limit (transfers out of a Fixed Investment Option may, however, incur a market value adjustment - either positive or negative).

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We have adopted a policy and procedures to restrict frequent transfers of Contract Value among Variable Investment Options.

Variable investment options in variable annuity and variable life insurance

products can be a target for abusive transfer activity because these products value their variable investment options on a daily basis and allow transfers among investment options without immediate tax consequences. As a result, some investors may seek to frequently transfer into and out of variable investment options in reaction to market news or to exploit some perceived pricing inefficiency. Whatever the reason, frequent transfer activity can harm long-term investors in a variable investment option since such activity may expose the variable investment option's underlying portfolio to increased portfolio transaction costs and/or disrupt the portfolio manager's ability to effectively manage a portfolio in accordance with its investment objective and policies, both of which may result in dilution with respect to interests held for long-term investment.

To discourage disruptive frequent trading activity, we have adopted a policy for the Separate Account to restrict transfers you make to two per calendar month per Contract, with certain exceptions, and have established procedures to count the number of transfers made under a Contract. Under the current procedures of the Separate Accounts, we count all transfers made during each Business Day as a SINGLE transfer. We do NOT count: (A) scheduled transfers made pursuant to any of our dollar cost averaging programs (ONLY THE REVOLUTION VALUE VARIABLE ANNUITY HAS MORE THAN ONE DOLLAR COST AVERAGING PROGRam or our Strategic Rebalancing Program, (B) transfers from a Fixed Investment Option at the end of its fixed investment period, (C) transfers made within a prescribed period before and after a substitution of underlying portfolios and (D) transfers made during the Annuity Period (these transfers are subject to a 30-day notice requirement, however, as described below). Under the Separate Account's policy and procedures, a Contract Owner may transfer to the Money Market Investment Option even if the Contract Owner reaches the two-transfer-per-month limit, as long as 100% of the Contract Value in all Variable Investment Options is transferred to the Money Market Investment Option. If such a transfer to the Money Market Investment Option is made, for a 30-calendar day period after such transfer a Contract Owner may not make any subsequent transfers from the Money Market Investment Option to another Variable Investment Option. We apply the Separate Account's policy and procedures uniformly to all Contract Owners.

We reserve the right to take other actions to restrict trading, including, but not limited to:

- restricting the number of transfers made during a defined period;
- restricting the dollar amount of transfers;
- restricting the method used to submit transfers (e.g., requiring transfer requests to be submitted in writing via U.S. mail); and
- restricting transfers into and out of certain Subaccount(S).

In addition, we reserve the right to defer a transfer at any time we are unable to purchase or redeem shares of the Portfolios. We also reserve the right to modify or terminate the transfer privilege at any time (to the extent permitted by applicable law), and to prohibit a transfer less than 30 days prior to the Contract's Maturity Date, and to reimpose the annual limit of 12 transfers as stated in your Contract.

In addition to the transfer restrictions that we impose, the John Hancock Variable Insurance Trust also has adopted policies under Rule 22c-2 of the 1940 Act to detect and deter abusive short-term trading. Accordingly, a Portfolio may require us to impose trading restrictions if it discovers violations of its frequent short-term trading policy. We will provide tax identification numbers and other Contract Owner transaction information to John Hancock Variable Insurance Trust upon request, which it may use to identify any pattern or frequency of activity that violates its short-term trading policy.

DURING THE ANNUITY PERIOD, YOU MAY NOT MAKE ANY TRANSFER THAT WOULD RESULT IN MORE THAN FOUR INVESTMENT OPTIONS BEING USED AT ONCE. You must submit your transfer request to our Annuities Service Center at least 30 DAYS BEFORE the due date of the first annuity payment to which your transfer will apply.

While we seek to identify and prevent disruptive frequent trading activity, it is not always possible to do so. Therefore, we cannot provide assurance that the restrictions we impose will be successful in restricting disruptive frequent trading activity and avoiding harm to long-term investors.

Procedure for Transfers among Investment Options

You may request a transfer in writing or, if you have authorized telephone transfers, by telephone or fax. All transfer requests should be directed to the Annuities Service Center. Your request should include:

- your name;
- daytime telephone number;
- Contract number;
- the names of the Investment Options to and from which assets are being transferred; and
- the amount of each transfer.

Your request becomes effective at the close of the Business Day in which we receive it, in proper form at the Annuities Service Center. Each Business Day ends at the close of daytime trading for the day on the New York Stock Exchange (usually 4:00 p.m.

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Eastern Time). If we receive a transfer request, in proper form, after the close of a Business Day, it will become effective at the end of the next Business Day.

Telephone and Electronic Transactions

If you complete a special authorization form, we will permit you to request transfers and withdrawals by telephone. We also encourage you to access information about your Contract, request transfers and perform some transactions (other than withdrawals) electronically through the Internet. Please contact the John Hancock Annuities Service Center at the applicable telephone number or Internet address shown on the first page of this Prospectus for more information on electronic transactions.

To access information and perform electronic transactions through our website, we require you to create an account with a username and password, and to maintain a valid e-mail address. You may also authorize other people to make certain transaction requests by telephone or electronically through the Internet by sending us instructions in a form acceptable to us. If you register for electronic delivery, we keep your personal information confidential and secure, and we do not share this information with outside marketing agencies.

We will not be liable for following instructions communicated by telephone or electronically that we reasonably believe to be genuine. We will employ reasonable procedures to confirm that instructions we receive are genuine. Our procedures require you to provide information to verify your identity when you call us and we will record all conversations with you. When someone contacts us

by telephone and follows our procedures, we will assume that you are authorizing us to act upon those instructions. For electronic transactions through the Internet, you will need to provide your username and password. You are responsible for keeping your password confidential and must notify us of:

- any loss or theft of your password; or
- any unauthorized use of your password.

We may be liable for any losses due to unauthorized or fraudulent instructions only where we fail to employ our procedures properly.

All transaction instructions we receive by telephone or electronically will be followed by either a hardcopy or electronic delivery of a transaction confirmation. Transaction instructions we receive by telephone or electronically before the close of any Business Day will usually be effective at the end of that day. Your ability to access or transact business electronically may be limited due to circumstances beyond our control, such as system outages, or during periods when our telephone lines or our website may be busy. We may, for example, experience unusual volume during periods of substantial market change.

We may suspend, modify or terminate our telephone or electronic transaction procedures at any time. We may, for example, impose limits on the maximum Withdrawal Amount available to you through a telephone transaction. Also, as stated earlier in this Prospectus, we have imposed restrictions on transfers and reserve the right to take other actions to restrict trading, including the right to restrict the method used to submit transfers (e.g., by requiring transfer requests to be submitted in writing via U.S. mail). We also reserve the right to suspend or terminate the transfer privilege altogether with respect to anyone who we feel is abusing the privilege to the detriment of others.

Dollar-Cost Averaging Programs

Under our STANDARD DOLLAR-COST AVERAGING PROGRAM, you may elect, at no cost, to automatically transfer assets from any Variable Investment Option to one or more other Variable Investment Options on a monthly, quarterly, semiannual, or annual basis. The following conditions apply to the standard dollar cost averaging program:

- you may change your variable investment allocation instructions at any time in writing or, if you have authorized telephone transfers, by telephone;
- you may discontinue the program at any time;
- the program automatically terminates when the Variable Investment
 Option from which we are taking the transfers has been exhausted;
- automatic transfers to or from Fixed Investment Options are not permitted under this program.

We reserve the right to suspend or terminate the program at any time.

(Available only on the Revolution Value Variable Annuity.) Under our DOLLAR-COST AVERAGING VALUE PROGRAM, you may elect to deposit any new Purchase Payment of \$5,000 or more in a guarantee rate account that we call the "DCA rate account." For Contracts issued after April 30, 2004, your deposits under this program will be depleted over a 6 month period. For Contracts issued prior to May 1, 2004, the assets in this account attributable to a new Purchase Payment will be transferred automatically to one or more Variable Investment Options over a period that is equal in length (i.e., either 6 months or 12 months) to the period you initially selected. A new period will begin on the date each new

purchase payment is deposited in the DCA rate account program with respect to that purchase payment. AT the time of each deposit into this program, you must tell us in writing:

- that your deposit should be allocated to this program; and
- the Variable Investment Options to which assets will be transferred; and
- the percentage amount to be transferred to each such Variable Investment Option.

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Transfers to Fixed Investment Options are not permitted under this program, and transfers of your account value from a Variable Investment Option are not currently permitted to initiate the program. (You may, however, change your variable investment allocation instructions at any time in writing or, if you have authorized telephone transfers, by telephone).

Your participation in the dollar-cost averaging value program will end if you request a withdrawal from the DCA rate account, or if you request a transfer from the DCA rate account that is in addition to the automatic transfers.

You may not use the standard dollar-cost averaging program and the dollar-cost averaging value program at the same time.

The dollar-cost averaging programs allow investments to be made in equal installments over time in an effort to reduce the risk posed by market fluctuations. Therefore, you may achieve a lower purchase price over the long-term by purchasing more accumulation units of a particular Subaccount when the unit value is low, and less when the unit value is high. However, the dollar-cost averaging programs do not guarantee profits or prevent losses in a declining market and require regular investment regardless of fluctuating price levels. In addition, the dollar-cost averaging programs do not protect you from market fluctuations in the Variable Investment Option from which we are taking the transfers. If you are interested in either dollar-cost averaging program, you may elect to participate in that program on the appropriate application or you may obtain a separate authorization form and full information concerning the program and its restrictions from your registered representative or our Annuities Service Center. You may elect out of the dollar-cost averaging programs at any time.

You should consult with your financial professional to assist you in determining whether the dollar-cost averaging programs and the Variable Investment Option from which we are taking the transfers are suited for your financial needs and investment risk tolerance.

Strategic Rebalancing Program

This program automatically resets the percentage of your account value allocated to the Variable Investment Options. Over time, the variations in the investment results for each Variable Investment Option you've selected for this program will shift the percentage allocations among them. The strategic rebalancing program will periodically transfer your account value among these Variable Investment Options to reestablish the preset percentages you have chosen. (You may, however, change your variable investment allocation instructions at any time in writing or, if you have authorized telephone transfers, by telephone). Strategic rebalancing would usually result in transferring amounts from a Variable Investment Option with relatively higher investment performance since the last rebalancing to one with relatively lower investment performance.

However, rebalancing can also result in transferring amounts from a Variable Investment Option with relatively lower current investment performance to one with relatively higher current investment performance.

This program can be elected by sending the appropriate form to the Annuities Service Center. You must specify the frequency for rebalancing (monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually), the preset percentage for each Variable Investment Option, and a future beginning date. Once elected, strategic rebalancing will continue until we receive notice of cancellation of the option or notice of the death of the insured person.

The Fixed Investment Options do not participate in and are not affected by strategic rebalancing. There is no charge for the strategic rebalancing program. Also, fund transfers under this program do not trigger transfer fees (where applicable) nor do they count towards any applicable transfer limits. We reserve the right to modify, terminate or suspend the strategic rebalancing program at any time.

WHAT FEES AND CHARGES WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM MY CONTRACT?

We assess charges and deductions under the Contract against Purchase Payments, Contract VALUES OR withdrawals. Currently, there are no deductions made from Purchase Payments. In addition, there are deductions from and expenses paid out of the assets of the Portfolios that are described in the Portfolios' prospectuses.

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Asset-Based Charges

We deduct asset-based charges daily, as a percentage of average account value, to compensate us primarily for our administrative expenses and for the mortality and expense risks that we assume under the Contracts, as follows:

SEPARATE ACCOUNT ANNUAL EXPENSES (AS A PERCENTAGE OF AVERAGE ACCOUNT VALUE)

	DECLARATION VARIABLE ANNUITY	PATRIOT VARIABLE ANNUITY	REVOLUTION ACCESS VARIABLE ANNUITY	REVOLUTION EXTRA VARIABLE ANNUITY	REVO
(Contracts with initial Purchase Payment less than \$250,000) Asset-Based Charge (Contracts with initial Purchase	1.25%	1.25%	1.25%	1.25%	
Payment greater than \$250,000) Asset-Based Charge	1.00%	1.00%	1.25%	1.25%	

This charge does not apply to assets you have in our Fixed Investment Options. We take the deduction proportionally from each Variable Investment Option you are then using.

In return for the mortality risk charge, we assume the risk that Annuitants as a class will live longer than expected, requiring us to pay a greater number of annuity payments. In return for the expense risk charge, we assume the risk that our expenses relating to the Contracts may be higher than we expected when we set the level of the Contracts' other fees and charges, or that our revenues from such other sources will be less than expected. The rate of the mortality

and expense risks charge cannot be increased. The charge is assessed on all active Contracts, including Contracts continued by a Beneficiary upon the death of the Contract Owner or continued under any annuity option payable on a variable basis. If the charge is insufficient to cover the actual cost of the mortality and expense risks assumed, we will bear the loss. Conversely, if the charge proves more than sufficient, the excess will be profit to us and will be available for any proper corporate purpose including, among other things, payment of distribution expenses. In cases where no death proceeds are payable (e.g., for Contracts continued by a Beneficiary upon the death of the Owner), or under the Period Certain Only Annuity Option, if you elect benefits payable on a variable basis, we continue to assess the Contractual mortality and expense risks charge, although we bear only the expense risk and not any mortality risk.

Annual Contract Fee

We currently deduct a \$30 annual Contract fee at the end of each Contract Year for a DECLARATION OR PATRIOT CONTRACT WITH A TOTAL VALUE OF LESS THAN \$10,000 and also for a REVOLUTION ACCESS, REVOLUTION EXTRA OR REVOLUTION VALUE CONTRACT WITH A TOTAL VALUE OF LESS THAN \$50,000. We also deduct the annual fee before then if you surrender your Contract, unless your Contract's total value, at the time of surrender, is above either \$10,000 FOR DECLARATION and PATRIOT CONTRACTS, or \$50,000 FOR REVOLUTION ACCESS, REVOLUTION EXTRA, AND REVOLUTION VALUE CONTRACTS.

We take the deduction proportionally from each Variable Investment Option and each Fixed Investment Option you are then using. We reserve the right to increase the annual Contract fee up to \$50.

Premium Taxes

We make deductions for any applicable premium or similar taxes based on the amount of a Purchase Payment. Currently, certain local jurisdictions assess a tax of up to 4% of each Purchase Payment.

In most cases, and subject to applicable state law, we deduct a charge in the amount of the tax from the total value of the Contract only at the time of annuitization, death, surrender, or withdrawal. WE RESERVE THE RIGHT, HOWEVER, TO DEDUCT THE CHARGe from each Purchase Payment at the time it is made. We compute the amount of the charge by multiplying the applicable premium tax percentage times the amount you are withdrawing, surrendering, annuitizing or applying to a death benefit.

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STATE OR TERRITORY	PREMIUM QUALIFIED CONTRACTS	TAX RATE(1) NONQUALIFIED CONTRACTS
CA	0.50%	2.35%
GUAM	4.00%	4.00%
ME(2)	0.00%	2.00%
NV	0.00%	3.50%
PR	1.00%	1.00%
SD(2)	0.00%	1.25%(3)
TX(4)	0.04%	0.04%
WV	1.00%	1.00%
WY	0.00%	1.00%

- (1) Based on the state of residence at the time the tax is assessed.
- (2) We pay premium tax upon receipt of Purchase Payment.
- (3) 0.80% on Purchase Payments in excess of \$500,000.
- (4) Referred to as a "maintenance fee."

Withdrawal Charge (Not applicable to the Revolution Access Variable Annuity)

If you withdraw some of your Purchase Payments from your Contract prior to the Maturity Date or if you surrender (turn in) your Contract, in its entirety, for cash prior to the Maturity Date, we may assess a withdrawal charge. Some people refer to this charge as a "contingent deferred withdrawal load." The amount of this charge will depend on the type of Contract you purchased and the number of years that have passed since we received your Purchase Payments, as shown below:

	DECLARATION	PATRIOT	REVOLUTION ACCESS	REVOLUT
	VARIABLE ANNUITY	VARIABLE ANNUITY	VARIABLE ANNUITY	VARIABL
Withdrawal Charge (as % of amount withdrawn or surrendered) (1)	6% for the 1st year 6% for the 2nd year 5% for the 3rd year 5% for the 4th year 4% for the 5th year 3% for the 6th year 2% for the 7th year 0% thereafter	6% for the 1st year 6% for the 2nd year 5% for the 3rd year 5% for the 4th year 4% for the 5th year 3% for the 6th year 2% for the 7th year 0% thereafter	None	7% for t 7% for t 7% for t 7% for t 6% for t 5% for t 4% for t 0% there

(1) This charge is taken upon withdrawal or surrender within the specified period of years measured from the date of Purchase Payment.

Withdrawal charges help to compensate us for the cost of selling the Contracts, including expenses relating to the Extra Credit feature under Revolution Extra Variable Annuity Contracts. The amount of the charges in any Contract Year does not specifically correspond to sales expenses for that year. We expect to recover our total sales expenses over the life of the Contracts. To the extent that the withdrawal charges do not cover total sales expenses, the sales expenses may be recovered from other sources, including gains from the asset-based risk charge and other gains with respect to the Contracts or from our general assets. Similarly, administrative expenses not fully recovered by the administration fee may also be recovered from such other sources.

FREE WITHDRAWAL AMOUNTS (APPLICABLE TO REVOLUTION EXTRA AND REVOLUTION VALUE CONTRACTS). If you purchased a Revolution Extra or Revolution Value Contract and have any profit in your Contract, you can always withdraw that profit without any withdrawal charge. By "profit," we mean the amount by which your Contract's total value exceeds the Purchase Payments you have paid and have not (as discussed below) already withdrawn. For Revolution Extra Contracts, "profit" also includes any amounts attributable to an Extra Credit. If your Contract doesn't have any profit (or you have withdrawn it all) you can still make charge free withdrawals, unless and until all of your withdrawals during the same Contract Year exceed 10% of all of the Purchase Payments you have paid to date.

FREE WITHDRAWAL AMOUNTS (APPLICABLE TO PATRIOT AND DECLARATION CONTRACTS). If you purchased a Patriot or Declaration Contract, you can make withdrawals

without any withdrawal charge, unless and until all of your withdrawals during the same Contract Year exceed 10% of all of the Purchase Payments you have paid to date.

HOW WE DETERMINE AND DEDUCT THE CHARGE: If the amount you withdraw or surrender totals more than the free withdrawal amount during the Contract Year, we will assess a withdrawal charge shown in the Fee Tables on any amount of the excess that we attribute to Purchase Payments you made within a withdrawal charge period. Solely for purposes of determining the amount of the withdrawal charge, we assume that the amount of each withdrawal that exceeds the free withdrawal amount (together with any associated withdrawal charge) is a withdrawal first from the earliest Purchase Payment, and then from the next earliest Purchase Payment, and so

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forth until all payments have been exhausted. Once a Purchase Payment has been considered to have been "withdrawn" under these procedures, that Purchase Payment will not enter into any future withdrawal charge calculations.

We deduct the withdrawal charge proportionally from each Variable Investment Option and each Fixed Investment Option being reduced by the surrender or withdrawal. For example, if 60% of the withdrawal amount comes from Investment Option "A" and 40% from Investment Option "B," then we will deduct 60% of the withdrawal charge from Investment Option "A" and 40% from Investment Option "B." If any such option has insufficient remaining value to cover the charge, we will deduct any shortfall from all of your other Investment Options, pro rata based on the value in each. If your Contract as a whole has insufficient surrender value to pay the entire charge, we will pay you no more than the surrender value.

You will find examples of how we compute the withdrawal charge in Appendix B to this Prospectus.

WHEN WITHDRAWAL CHARGES DON'T APPLY: We don't assess a withdrawal charge in the following situations:

- on amounts applied to an Annuity Option at the Contract's Maturity Date or to pay a death benefit;
- on certain withdrawals if you have elected the Rider that waives the withdrawal charge (nursing home Rider for Declaration and Patriot Variable Annuities); or
- on amounts withdrawn to satisfy the minimum distribution requirements for tax qualified plans, with respect to this Contract. (Amounts above the minimum distribution requirements are subject to any applicable withdrawal charge, however.)

HOW AN MVA AFFECTS THE WITHDRAWAL CHARGE. If you make a withdrawal from a Fixed Investment Option at a time when the related MVA results in an upward adjustment in your remaining value, we will calculate the withdrawal charge as if you had withdrawn that much more. Similarly, if the MVA results in a downward adjustment, we will compute any withdrawal charge as if you had withdrawn that much less.

Other Charges

If you purchased an optional benefit Rider, we will deduct the applicable charges for that benefit proportionally from each of your Investment Options, including the Fixed Investment Options, based on your value in each. We list

these charges below:

OPTIONAL BENEFIT RIDER CHARGES(1) (AS A PERCENTAGE OF YOUR CONTRACT'S TOTAL VALUE UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)

	DECLARATION VARIABLE ANNUITY		REVOLUTION ACCESS VARIABLE ANNUITY	RE VA
Accidental Death Benefit Rider	0.10%	0.10%	Not Offered	
Accumulated Value Enhancement ("CARESolutions Plus") Rider(2) (as a percentage of your initial Purchase Payment)	Not Offered	Not Offered	Maximum: 1.00% Current: 0.40%	Μ
Earnings Enhancement ("Beneficiary Tax Relief") Death Benefit Rider	Not Offered	Not Offered	0.25%	
Enhanced "Stepped Up" Death Benefit Rider	0.15%	0.15%	Not Offered	
Enhanced Death Benefit Rider(3)	Not Offered	Not Offered	0.25%	
Guaranteed Retirement Income Benefit Rider (4)	Not Offered	Not Offered	0.30%	
Nursing Home Waiver (4)	0.05%	0.05%	Not Offered	
Waiver of Withdrawal Charge ("CARESolutions") Rider(5)	Not Offered	Not Offered	Not Offered	

- (1) Charges for optional benefit Riders are assessed monthly. The monthly charge is 1/12 of the annual charge shown in this table.
- (2) This Rider is available only if you purchased the Waiver of Withdrawal Charge Rider as well. We do not currently impose the maximum charge shown, but reserve the right to do so on a uniform basis for all Accumulated Value Enhancement Riders issued in the same state.
- (3) In certain states (and for Riders issued prior to May 1, 2002), the rate for Enhanced Death Benefit Rider may be lower than the amount shown.
- (4) This Rider was not available for Contracts issued after April 30, 2004.
- (5) The charge shown is a percentage of that portion of your Contract's total value attributable to Purchase Payments that are still subject to withdrawal charges.

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HOW CAN I WITHDRAW MONEY FROM MY CONTRACT?

Surrenders and Withdrawals

Prior to your Contract's Maturity Date, if the Annuitant is living, you may:

- surrender your Contract for a cash payment of its "Surrender Value"; or
- make a withdrawal of a portion of your Surrender Value.

The Surrender Value of a Contract is the Contract Value, minus the annual Contract fee and any applicable premium tax. We will determine the amount surrendered or withdrawn as of the date we receive your request in Good Order at the Annuities Service Center.

Certain surrenders and withdrawals may result in taxable income to you or other tax consequences as described under "IX. Federal Tax Matters." Among other things, if you make a full surrender or withdrawal from your Contract before you reach age 59 1/2, a 10% penalty tax generally applies to any taxable portion of the withdrawal.

We will deduct any withdrawal proportionally from each of your Investment Options based on the value in each, unless you direct otherwise. When you take a withdrawal, we deduct any applicable withdrawal charge as a percentage of the total amount withdrawn. We take any applicable withdrawal charge from the amount remaining in a Contract after we process the amount you request.

We reserve the right to terminate your Contract if the value of your Contract becomes zero. You generally may not make any surrenders or withdrawals once we begin making payments under an Annuity Option. FOR DECLARATION AND PATRIOT VARIABLE ANNUITIES ONLY: if your "free withdrawal value" at any time is less than \$100, you must withdraw that amount in full, in a single sum, before you make any other withdrawals.

Your request to surrender your Contract or to make a withdrawal becomes effective at the close of the Business Day in which we receive it, in Good Order at the Annuities Service Center. Each Business Day ends at the close of daytime trading for the day on the New York Stock Exchange (usually 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time). If we receive a request, in Good Order, after the close of a Business Day, it will become effective at the end of the next Business Day.

We do not permit you to apply any amount less than your entire Contract Value to the Annuity Options available under your Contract. If you want to use a part of your Contract Value to purchase an immediate annuity contract, you must make a withdrawal request, which will be subject to any applicable withdrawal charge.

We will pay the amount of any withdrawal from the Variable Investment Options promptly, and in any event within seven days of receipt of the request, complete with all necessary information, at our Annuities Service Center. We reserve the right to defer the right of withdrawal or postpone payments for any period when:

- the New York Stock Exchange is closed (other than customary weekend and holiday closings);
- trading on the New York Stock Exchange is restricted;
- an emergency exists as determined by the SEC, as a result of which disposal of securities held in the Separate Account is not reasonably practicable or it is not reasonably practicable to determine the value of the Separate Account's net assets;
- pursuant to SEC rules, the Money Market Subaccount suspends payment of redemption proceeds in connection with a liquidation of the underlying Portfolio; or
- the SEC, by order, so permits for the protection of security

holders.

Applicable rules and regulations of the SEC shall govern as to whether trading is restricted or an emergency exists.

IMPACT OF DIVORCE. In the event that you and your spouse become divorced after you purchase a Contract, we will treat any request to reduce or divide benefits under a Contract as a request for a withdrawal of Contract Value. The transaction may be subject to taxes and any applicable withdrawal charges. If you determine to continue the remaining Contract, we will reduce the benefit under any existing optional benefit Rider to the Contract in accordance with its terms.

TAX CONSIDERATIONS. Withdrawals from the Contract may be subject to income tax and a 10% penalty tax (see "IX. Federal Tax Matters"). Withdrawals are permitted from Contracts issued in connection with Section 403(b) Qualified Plans only under limited circumstances (see "IX. Federal Tax Matters" and the section titled "Qualified Plan Types" in the SAI).

Signature Guarantee Requirements for Surrenders and Withdrawals (Not applicable to Contracts issued in New Jersey)

We may require that you provide a signature guarantee on a surrender or withdrawal request in the following circumstances:

- you are requesting that we mail the amount withdrawn to an alternate address; or
- you have changed your address within 30 days of the withdrawal request; or
- you are requesting a withdrawal in the amount of \$250,000 or greater.

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We must receive the original signature guarantee on your withdrawal request. We will not accept copies or faxes of a signature guarantee. You may obtain a signature guarantee at most banks, financial institutions or credit unions. A notarized signature is not the same as a signature guarantee and will not satisfy this requirement. There may be circumstances, of which we are not presently aware, in which we would not impose a signature guarantee on a surrender or withdrawal as described above.

Nursing Home Waiver of Withdrawal Charge (Applicable only to the Declaration and Patriot Variable Annuities)

If you own a Declaration or Patriot Contract, you have may purchased an optional nursing home waiver of withdrawal charge Rider when you applied for your Contract, as permitted by state law. If you purchased this Rider, we will waive the withdrawal charges on any withdrawals, provided all the following conditions apply:

- You become confined to a nursing home beginning at least 90 days after we issue your Contract.
- You remain in the nursing home for at least 90 consecutive days and receive skilled nursing care.
- We receive your request for a withdrawal and adequate proof of confinement no later than 90 days after discharge from the facility.

Your confinement is prescribed by a doctor and medically necessary.

At the time of application, you could not purchase this Rider if (1) you were older than 75 years at application or (2) in most states, if you were confined to a nursing home within the past two years at application.

Waiver of Withdrawal Charge Rider (Applicable only to Revolution Extra and Revolution Value Variable Annuities)

If you own a Revolution Extra or Revolution Value Contract, you may have purchased an optional waiver of withdrawal charge Rider when you applied for your Contract, as permitted by state law. The "covered persons" under the Rider are the Owner and the Owner's spouse, unless the Owner is a trust. If the Owner is a trust, the "covered persons" are the Annuitant and the Annuitant's spouse.

Under this Rider, we will waive withdrawal charges on any withdrawals, if all the following conditions apply to a "covered person":

- a covered person becomes confined to a nursing home beginning at least 30 days after we issue your Contract;
- such covered person remains in the nursing home for at least 90 consecutive days receiving nursing care; and
- the covered person's confinement is prescribed by a doctor and medically necessary because of a covered physical or mental impairment.

In addition, depending on your state, the Rider may also provide for a waiver of withdrawal charges if a covered person has been diagnosed with a chronic, critical or terminal illness to the extent so provided in the Rider.

At the time of application, you could not purchase this Rider: (1) if either of the covered persons was older than 74 years at application or (2) in most states, if either of the covered persons was confined to a nursing home within the past two years at application.

There is a charge for this Rider, as set forth in the Fee Tables. This Rider (and the related charges) will terminate on the Contract's Maturity Date, upon your surrendering the Contract, or upon your written request that we terminate it.

If you purchased this Rider:

- you and your immediate family will also have access to a national program designed to help the elderly maintain their independent living by providing advice about an array of eldercare services available to seniors; and
- you will have access to a list of long-term care providers in your area who provide special discounts to persons who belong to the national program.

You should carefully review the tax considerations for optional benefit Riders under "IX. Federal Tax Matters." For a more complete description of the terms and conditions of this benefit, you should refer directly to the Rider. We will provide you with a copy on request. In certain marketing materials, this Rider may be referred to as "CARESolutions."

There are or may be situations other than those described above or elsewhere in the Prospectus (e.g., "Variations in Charges or Rates"), that merit waiver of

withdrawal charges, which we may consider on a case-by-case basis.

Systematic Withdrawal Plan

Our optional systematic withdrawal plan enables you to preauthorize periodic withdrawals. If you elect this plan, we will withdraw a percentage or dollar amount from your Contract on a monthly, quarterly, semiannual, or annual basis, based upon your instructions. Unless otherwise directed, we will deduct the requested amount from each applicable Investment Option in the ratio that the value of each bears to the Contract Value. Each systematic withdrawal is subject to any market value adjustment or withdrawal charge (WITHDRAWAL CHARGE NOT APPLICABLE TO REVOLUTION ACCESS VARIABLE ANNUITIES) that would apply to an otherwise comparable non-systematic withdrawal. See "How will the value of my investment in the Contract change over time?" and "What fees and charges will be deducted from my Contract?" The same tax consequences also generally will apply.

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You may cancel the systematic withdrawal plan at any time.

Telephone Withdrawals

If you complete a separate authorization form, you may make requests to withdraw a portion of your Contract Value by telephone. We reserve the right to impose maximum withdrawal amount and procedural requirements regarding this privilege. For additional information regarding telephone procedures, see "IV. Basic Information -- Telephone and Electronic Transactions" in this Prospectus.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE OWNER OR ANNUITANT DIES BEFORE MY CONTRACT'S MATURITY DATE?

Death Benefits -- In General

The Contracts described in this Prospectus generally provide for distribution of death benefits if you die before a Contract's Maturity Date. The minimum death benefits provided under the Contracts differ, depending on when you purchased a Contract, our maximum limits on death benefits at that time, the jurisdiction in which we issued a Contract, and the age of the oldest Owner (or Annuitant) on the date of issue. We may pay death benefits in some cases on the Annuitant's death, instead of the Owner's death, if the Annuitant predeceases the Owner. In addition, you may have purchased a Contract with an optional death benefit Rider that will enhance the amount of death benefit. You should read your Contract carefully to determine the minimum death benefit and any enhanced death benefit payable during the Accumulation Period.

Distribution Requirements Following Death of Owner

If you did not purchase your Contract under a Qualified Plan (as that term is used below), the Code requires that the following distribution provisions apply if you die. We summarize these provisions (and the effect of spousal continuation) below. If your Contract has joint Owners, these provisions apply upon the death of the first to die.

If you die before annuity payments have begun:

- If the Contract's designated Beneficiary is your surviving spouse who falls within the definition of "spouse" under the federal Defense of Marriage Act, your spouse may continue the Contract as the new Owner without triggering adverse federal tax consequences. See "X. Other Information -- Spouse." In that case:
 - under DECLARATION and PATRIOT Contracts, we will not pay a

death benefit but the total value of your Contract will equal the death benefit that would have been payable, excluding amounts payable under any optional benefit Riders; and

- under REVOLUTION ACCESS, REVOLUTION EXTRA and REVOLUTION VALUE Contracts, we will not pay a death benefit but the total value of your Contract will equal the death benefit that would have been payable, including amounts payable under any optional benefit Riders; and
- under PATRIOT, DECLARATION, REVOLUTION ACCESS, REVOLUTION EXTRA and REVOLUTION VALUE Contracts, any additional amount that we may credit to your Contract will be allocated to the Investment Options in the same ratio as the investment allocations held at the time of death and will not be subject to any future surrender or withdrawal charges. If your spouse makes any Additional Purchase Payments (and if there are any unliquidated Purchase Payments at the time of your death), however, they will be subject to future surrender or withdrawal charges as provided in your Contract;
- if the Beneficiary is not your surviving spouse or if the Beneficiary is your surviving spouse but chooses not to continue the Contract, the "entire interest" (as discussed below) in a Contract on the date of your death must be:
 - paid out in full within five years of your death; or
 - where the Beneficiary is an individual, applied in full towards the purchase of a life annuity on the Beneficiary, or for a similar benefit payable over a period not extending beyond the life expectancy of the Beneficiary, with payments commencing within one year of your death.

Your "entire interest" in a REVOLUTION ACCESS, REVOLUTION EXTRA and REVOLUTION VALUE Contract, as issued in most states, equals the standard death benefit (or any enhanced death benefit) for the Contract on the date of your death. If an Earnings Enhancement benefit Rider is then in force, the "entire interest" in most states will also include any Earnings Enhancement death benefit amount that may then be payable. Your "entire interest" in a DECLARATION or PATRIOT Contract on the date of your death, if you are the last surviving Annuitant as well as the Owner, equals the death benefit that then becomes payable. If you are the Owner of a DECLARATION or PATRIOT Contract (or an owner of a REVOLUTION ACCESS, REVOLUTION EXTRA or REVOLUTION VALUE Contract in certain states such as IL or MN) but not the last surviving Annuitant, the "entire interest" equals:

- the surrender value if paid out in full within five years of your death; or
- where the Beneficiary is an individual, the total value of your Contract applied in full towards the purchase of a life annuity on the Beneficiary, or for a similar benefit payable over a period not extending beyond the life expectancy of the Beneficiary, with payments commencing within one year of your death.

YOU SHOULD REVIEW YOUR CONTRACT CAREFULLY TO DETERMINE THE "ENTIRE INTEREST" THAT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED UPON AN OWNER'S DEATH.

IF YOU DIE ON OR AFTER ANNUITY PAYMENTS HAVE BEGUN, any remaining amount that we owe must be paid out at least as rapidly as under the method of making annuity payments that is then in use.

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We continue to assess the asset-based charges during this period, even though we bear only the expense risk and not any mortality risk (see "IV. Basic Information -- What fees and charges will be deducted from my Contract? -- Asset-Based Charges").

The Code imposes very similar distribution requirements on Contracts used to fund tax qualified plans. We provide the required provisions for tax qualified plans in separate disclosures and endorsements.

Death Benefits Following Death of Annuitant

Under DECLARATION and PATRIOT Contracts, if the Annuitant dies before your Contract's date of maturity, we will pay a standard death benefit, unless you have elected an enhanced death benefit Rider. Under REVOLUTION ACCESS, REVOLUTION EXTRA and REVOLUTION VALUE Contracts, our payment of the "standard" death benefit, and any enhanced death benefits, depends on the form of ownership and whether there is one Annuitant or joint Annuitants:

- If your Contract is owned by a single natural person and has a single Annuitant, the death benefit is payable on the earlier of the Owner's death and the Annuitant's death.
- If your Contract is owned by a single natural person and has joint Annuitants, the death benefit is payable on the earliest of the Owner's death (whether or not the Owner is also an Annuitant) and the last Annuitant's death.
- If your Contract is owned by joint Owners and has a single Annuitant, the death benefit is payable on the earliest of the first Owner's death (whether or not the Owner is also an Annuitant) and the Annuitant's death.
- If your Contract is owned by joint Owners and has joint Annuitants, the death benefit is payable on the earliest of the first Owner's death (whether or not the Owner is also an Annuitant) and the last Annuitant's death.

In certain states, such as IL and MN, the death benefit under REVOLUTION ACCESS, REVOLUTION EXTRA and REVOLUTION VALUE Contracts is payable only upon an Annuitant's death. YOU SHOULD REVIEW YOUR CONTRACT CAREFULLY TO DETERMINE WHEN A "STANDARD" DEATH BENEFIT IS PAYABLE.

If your PATRIOT, DECLARATION, REVOLUTION ACCESS, REVOLUTION EXTRA or REVOLUTION VALUE Contract has joint Owners, each Owner will automatically be deemed to be the Beneficiary of the other. This means that any death benefit payable upon the death of one owner will be paid to the other owner. In that case, any other Beneficiary you have named would receive the death benefit only if neither joint owner remains alive at the time the death benefit becomes payable.

Standard Death Benefit

The standard death benefit under Declaration, Patriot, Revolution Access, Revolution Extra and Revolution Value Contracts is the greater of:

- the total value of your Contract, adjusted by any then-applicable market value adjustment; or
- the total amount of Purchase Payments made, minus any withdrawals and related withdrawal charges.

Enhanced Death Benefit Riders

We offered several optional death benefit Riders under DECLARATION, PATRIOT, REVOLUTION ACCESS, REVOLUTION EXTRA and REVOLUTION VALUE Contracts that, depending on state availability and our underwriting rules, were available to you at the time you purchased your Contract. For an extra fee, these optional death benefit Riders may enhance the standard death benefit payable under your Contract, subject to the terms and limitations contained in the Rider.

Under DECLARATION and PATRIOT Contracts, we offered a "Stepped-Up" death benefit Rider and an "Accidental Death Benefit" Rider to applicants under age 80 at the time of purchase. Under REVOLUTION ACCESS, REVOLUTION EXTRA and REVOLUTION VALUE Contracts, we offered an "Enhanced" death benefit Rider if each owner and each Annuitant was under age 80 at the time of purchase. We also offered an "Earnings Enhancement" death benefit Rider to purchasers of REVOLUTION ACCESS, REVOLUTION EXTRA and REVOLUTION VALUE Contracts if each Owner and each Annuitant was under age 75 at the time of purchase. The "Earnings Enhancement" death benefit Rider was not available, however, to Contracts issued in connection with tax-qualified plans.

We provide a general description of each of these Riders in Appendix C to this Prospectus.

Calculation and Payment of Death Benefit Value

We calculate the death benefit value as of the day we receive, in proper order at the Annuities Service Center:

- proof of death before the Contract's date of maturity; and
- any required instructions as to method of settlement.

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We will generally pay the death benefit in a "lump sum" under our current administrative procedures to the Beneficiary you chose, unless:

- the death benefit is payable because of the Owner's death, the designated Beneficiary is the Owner's spouse, and he or she elects to continue the Contract in force; or
- an optional method of settlement is in effect. If you have not elected an optional method of settlement, the Beneficiary may do so. However, if the death benefit is less than the minimum stated in your Contract (in most states, \$5,000), we will pay it in a lump sum, regardless of any election. You can find more information about optional methods of settlement under "Annuity Options."

We will pay the death benefit within seven calendar days of the date that we determine the amount of the death benefit, subject to postponement under the same circumstances for which payment of withdrawals may be postponed (see "IV. Basic Information -- How can I withdraw money from my Contract?"). Beneficiaries who opt for a lump sum payout of their portion of the death benefit may choose to receive the funds either in a single check or wire transfer or in a John Hancock Safe Access Account ("JHSAA"). Similar to a checking account, the JHSAA provides the Beneficiary access to the payout funds via a checkbook, and account funds earn interest at a variable interest rate. Any interest paid may be taxable. The Beneficiary can obtain the remaining death benefit proceeds in a single sum at any time by cashing one check for the entire amount. Note, however, that a JHSAA is not a true checking account, but is

solely a means of distributing the death benefit. The Beneficiary can only make withdrawals, and not deposits. The JHSAA is part of our general account; it is not a bank account and it is not insured by the FDIC or any other government agency. As part of our general account, it is subject to the claims of our creditors. We receive a benefit from all amounts left in the JHSAA.

You can find more information about optional methods of settlement under "Annuity Options."

WHAT OTHER OPTIONAL BENEFITS MAY HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE TO ME UNDER A CONTRACT? (APPLICABLE ONLY TO REVOLUTION ACCESS, REVOLUTION EXTRA AND REVOLUTION VALUE VARIABLE ANNUITIES)

Accumulated Value Enhancement Benefit

If you elected this benefit when you purchased a Contract, we will make a contribution to the total value of the Contract on a monthly basis if the covered person (who must be an Owner and the Annuitant):

- is unable to perform at least 2 activities of daily living without human assistance or has a cognitive impairment; and
- is receiving certain qualified services described in the Rider.

The amount of the contribution (called the "Monthly Benefit") is shown in the specifications page of the Contract. However, the benefit contains an inflation protection feature that will increase the Monthly Benefit by 5% each year after the 7th Contract Year. The specifications page of the Contract also contains a limit on how much the total value of the Contract can be increased by this benefit (the "benefit limit"). The Rider must be in effect for 7 years before any increase will occur.

You could only elect this benefit when you applied for the Contract, if it was then available in your state. Under our current administrative rules, the Monthly Benefit (without regard to the inflation protection feature) is equivalent to 1% of your initial Purchase Payment, up to a maximum Purchase Payment of \$300,000. We may reduce this \$300,000 limit further, however, if you own additional annuity contracts issued by John Hancock USA and its affiliates that provide a similar benefit. The \$300,000 limit applies only to the calculation of the Monthly Benefit under the accumulated value enhanc