The Power of Paying a Little More

Equitable Generations™ universal life

Did you know that paying more can potentially save your clients money? Paying a higher premium into their universal life policy in the early years can actually save money over the life of the policy. This case study shows you how.

The Situation

- Let's compare Sam (M age 40) and Joe (M age 40);
- Each need \$500,000 of permanent life insurance;
- Can afford to pay \$300 to \$400 per month;
- Like the flexibility of universal life;
- Want to manage their own investments.

Two Solutions

Both men purchase a \$500,000 Equitable Generations plan, level death benefit (Level Protector), and yearly renewable term (YRT) cost of insurance (COI) charges.

- Sam pays \$325 per month
- Joe pays a little more at \$400 per month

Two very different outcomes			Sam		Joe	
Premiums	Monthly	\$	325	\$	400	
	Paid for¹		60 years		30 years	
	Projected total outlay	\$	234,000	\$	144,000	
Projected Account Value ²	Year 10	\$	36,962	\$	48,048	
	Year 20	\$	88,602	\$	117,107	
	Year 30	\$	150,582	\$	208,501	
	Age 85	\$	223,477	\$	276,532	
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By paying just \$75³ more each month, Joe can potentially cut his payment period in ½ and save nearly \$90,000 in premiums over the lifetime of his policy.⁴

Assumes standard male non-smoker rates effective September 24, 2022. Policy illustration rate of 3.5%.

What makes paying a little more so powerful?

- The extra payment of \$75 per month builds up the account value in Joe's policy. With YRT, the cost of insurance rates are lower in the younger years. So more of the premium goes to increasing the account value.
- Cost of insurance charges are based on the net amount at risk (total death benefit minus account value).
 With the level death benefit option, as the account value increases the net amount at risk decreases and the insurance charges are lower. Joe's higher payments accelerate his cost savings.
- After 30 years, the account value in Joe's policy is used to pay the cost of insurance charges.

Show clients how paying a little more can make a big difference!

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¹ Projected number of years premiums are required to keep policy in effect until age 100. ² Account values are not guaranteed. ³ Additional premium deposits are subject to an annual tax-exempt test to determine the maximum premium that you can pay into your policy and maintain its tax-exempt status per the Income Tax Act (Canada). Premium deposits or growth that exceed the annual tax-exempt limit will be moved to the shuttle account where any interest earned will be taxable.

⁴ To keep the policy in effect, clients may have to pay higher premiums, or pay premiums for longer than illustrated.