



# Fact Card

**ANNUITIES** | SINGLE PREMIUM DEFERRED

Brighthouse Shield<sup>®</sup> Level Select 3-Year Annuity



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Brighthouse Shield® Level Select 3-Year Annuity is a long-term contract intended for retirement or other long-term investment purposes. It uses a portion of retirement assets to participate in market growth opportunities with a level of downside protection other investment options may not provide. A Shield annuity is an index-linked annuity that doesn't invest directly in the chosen index or indices, but rather tracks their performance.

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## PURCHASE PAYMENT LIMITS

**Minimum:** \$25,000 (qualified and non-qualified<sup>1</sup>)

**Maximum:** Up to \$1 million (without prior company approval)

Single premium index-linked deferred annuity. Additional purchase payments are not permitted.

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## ISSUE AGE

**Maximum Issue Age:** 85 years old

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## ACCESS TO YOUR MONEY<sup>2</sup>

**Annual Contract Fee:** None

**Free Withdrawal:** After the first contract year, the Free Withdrawal Amount is equal to 10% of the account value as of the prior contract anniversary. In addition, there are other situations where a withdrawal charge may not apply.

**Automated Withdrawals:** A scheduled stream of monthly, quarterly, or annual withdrawals that may be taken from specified Shield Options and/or the Fixed Account, or proportionally from all Shield Options and the Fixed Account, as allocated. Automated required minimum distributions (RMDs) are available in any contract year. Automated withdrawals for purposes other than RMDs are available after the first contract year and may be subject to withdrawal charges if they exceed the Free Withdrawal Amount in a contract year. Other restrictions apply.

**Withdrawal Charge:** 3 years (6%, 6%, 5%, 0%). The withdrawal charge is applied on amounts withdrawn in excess of the Free Withdrawal Amount in a contract year. A withdrawal could negatively impact your term-end investment amount.<sup>3</sup>

**Nursing Home Waiver:** After the first contract year, we will waive the withdrawal charge if you or the joint owner becomes confined to a hospital and/or nursing home for at least 90 days. Confinement must start after the first contract year. Available to purchasers age 80 or younger at contract issue. Not available in all states. Other restrictions apply. See the prospectus for further details.

**Terminal Illness Waiver:** After the first contract year, we will waive the withdrawal charge if you or the joint owner becomes terminally ill and is not expected to live more than 12 months. Available to purchasers age 80 or younger at contract issue. Not available in all states. Other restrictions apply. See the prospectus for further details.

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## FIXED ACCOUNT

The Fixed Account, if available, pays a fixed rate of interest.<sup>4</sup>

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## SHIELD OPTIONS

Each Shield Option has an associated term, index, Shield Rate, and a Cap Rate or Step Rate.

**Term:** Flexibility to choose terms that are 1 or 3 years in length.

**Index:** Choose from three well-known market indices to track performance:

- **S&P 500® Index<sup>A</sup>**
- **Russell 2000® Index<sup>B</sup>**
- **MSCI EAFE Index<sup>C</sup>**

**Shield Rate:** Shield Rates of 10% and 15% are available – referred to as Shield 10 and Shield 15 respectively. Performance is measured against the index or indices chosen, subject to the applicable Shield Rate if the performance is negative, or the applicable Cap Rate or Step Rate if positive. Negative index performance beyond the Shield Rate (level of protection) could result in substantial loss. Please note that the Shield Rate is accrued daily and fully accrues on the term end date. If a withdrawal is taken from the contract prior to the term end date, negative market performance could lead to a loss if it exceeds the accrued Shield Rate. See the prospectus for further details.

**Cap Rate or Step Rate:<sup>5</sup>** The Cap Rate is the maximum growth that can be earned for the term. The Step Rate credits a predetermined percentage of growth if the chosen index is either flat or up at the end of the term. A new Cap Rate or Step Rate applies for subsequent terms and will be declared before the beginning of the term. Please note that the Cap Rate or Step Rate is accrued daily and fully accrues on the term end date. If a withdrawal is taken from the contract prior to the term end date, any gain may be limited by the applicable accrued Cap Rate or Step Rate. See the prospectus for further details.

**Performance Lock:<sup>6</sup>** For Shield Options with a Cap Rate, the Performance Lock feature allows you to lock in the value of the chosen index at the close of any business day once during your term. The Locked Index Value will be used for the remainder of the term to calculate the index performance for the Shield Option. Once it takes effect, the Performance Lock is irrevocable. See the prospectus for further details.

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## DEATH BENEFIT

For contract owners age 80 or younger at issue, the death benefit is equal to the greater of:

1. The account value; or
2. The purchase payment, reduced proportionately by the percentage reduction in account value for each partial withdrawal (including any applicable withdrawal charges).

For contract owners 81 and older at issue, the death benefit will be equal to the account value.

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## TRANSFERS

Transfers between the Shield Options or Fixed Account are permitted within 5 days after the end of each term. For Shield Options with a Locked Index Value that have not reached the end of a term, transfers between available Shield Options and the Fixed Account are permitted on any contract anniversary prior to the end of the term.

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## PAYOUT OPTIONS

Payout options to turn retirement assets into lifetime income:

- Fixed Life Annuity, with and without guarantee periods
- Fixed Joint and Last Survivor Annuity, with and without guarantee periods

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Guarantees apply to certain insurance and annuity products (not securities, variable, or investment advisory products) and are subject to product terms, exclusions, and limitations.

- <sup>1</sup> If the client is buying an annuity to fund a qualified retirement plan or IRA, you should do so for the annuity's features and benefits other than tax deferral. Tax deferral is generally a feature of a qualified retirement plan or IRA, so an annuity would not provide an additional tax deferral benefit. References throughout this material to tax advantages, such as tax deferral and tax-free transfers, are subject to this consideration. The product described in this material is not made available to employer-sponsored qualified retirement plans. For non-qualified annuities, tax deferral is not available to corporations and certain other entities.
- <sup>2</sup> Each business day, we assign a value to each Shield Option, which is known as Interim Value. This value also represents the amount you can withdraw from each of your Shield Options on any day before the term end date. The Shield Rate along with the Cap Rate or Step Rate (depending on the Shield Option chosen) accrue daily throughout the term and will not be fully accrued until the term end date, which will affect your Interim Value. Additionally, Interim Value is used to measure the impact of a partial withdrawal on the remaining investment amount in a Shield Option. The amount of a partial withdrawal, and any applicable withdrawal charges, will reduce the investment amount for each Shield Option proportionally and may adversely impact the investment amount in your Shield Option and any future amounts available for withdrawal. If a Locked Index Value has taken effect, you may receive less than you would have received had you not exercised a Locked Index Value due to the Performance Lock Factor.
- <sup>3</sup> Premium taxes and other taxes may apply.
- <sup>4</sup> The Fixed Account value is solely guaranteed by Brighthouse Life Insurance Company and, in New York only, by Brighthouse Life Insurance Company of NY.
- <sup>5</sup> It is important to note that Step Rates are generally lower than the Cap Rates. If index performance is equal to or greater than zero but less than the Step Rate, and you chose a Cap Rate for your Shield Option, the Performance Rate Adjustment will be lower than it otherwise would have been if you had chosen a Step Rate. Alternatively, if index performance is positive and exceeds the Step Rate, and you chose a Step Rate for your Shield Option, the Performance Rate Adjustment will be lower than it otherwise would have been if you had chosen a Cap Rate.
- <sup>6</sup> Once the Performance Lock takes effect, a Performance Lock Factor applies in the calculation of Interim Value prior to the end of the term and the calculation of the investment amount at the end of the term. The Performance Lock Factor will result in a reduction of the Interim Value, and the client may receive less than they would have received had the Performance Lock not been in effect. The index value of the selected index may increase above the Locked Index Value; however, this higher index value will not be utilized in the calculation of your investment amount at the end of the term. Performance Lock is not available on Shield Options with a Step Rate. Performance Lock is only available for contracts issued by Brighthouse Life Insurance Company on or after 08/02/2021. This feature is not available in New York.

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#### Investment performance is not guaranteed.

**This material must be preceded or accompanied by a Brighthouse Shield Level Select 3-Year Annuity prospectus, issued by Brighthouse Life Insurance Company and, in New York only, by Brighthouse Life Insurance Company of NY, which contains information about the contract's features, risks, charges, and expenses. Clients should read the prospectus, which is available from their financial professional, and consider its information carefully before investing. Brighthouse Financial reserves the right to substitute any index at any time.**

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Withdrawals of taxable amounts are subject to ordinary income tax. Withdrawals made before age 59½ may also be subject to a 10% federal income tax penalty. Distributions of taxable amounts from a non-qualified annuity may also be subject to the 3.8% Net Investment Income Tax that is generally imposed on interest, dividends, and annuity income if the modified adjusted gross income exceeds the applicable threshold amount. Withdrawals will reduce the death benefit and account value. Withdrawals may be subject to withdrawal charges.

Any discussion of taxes is for general informational purposes only, does not purport to be complete or cover every situation, and should not be construed as legal, tax, or accounting advice. Clients should confer with their qualified legal, tax, and accounting professionals as appropriate.

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