#### **Total Family Protection**

Columbus Life's Index Universal Life is an excellent option for death benefit protection but it may offer protection to other family members all through one policy on the primary insured.

The Indexed Explorer *Plus*® Universal Life offers death benefit protection to the primary insured and helps protect the beneficiaries from the insureds untimely death. The death benefit proceeds could be used to offset lost income, help pay a mortgage, possibly assist with college tuition and many other items of need in the event of the insured's death. Protecting these type of needs could be some of the most common reasons why life insurance, in general, is put inforce.

As important as death benefit protection for the primary insured may be, Indexed Explorer *Plus* may offer some other important benefits to the primary insured as well as other members of the household. By adding additional riders to the contract and the standard inclusion of the Accelerated Death Benefit Rider, it could be possible to help protect the entire family of the insured.

Let's look at a hypothetical family: a male, Michael, age 32 and a female, Rebecca, age 30. Also, let's assume they have two children, ages four and two.

In this scenario, the breadwinner is Michael and he wants to help protect his family with a \$500,000



Indexed Explorer *Plus*. The policy does come standard with the Life *Plus* Accelerated Death Benefit Rider® but in order to help further protect his family and himself, he adds the following riders:

- Disability Credit Rider
- Insured Insurability Rider
- Child Term Rider
- Other Insured Rider

The Life *Plus* ADBR will come standard on the contract, however, the other riders included on the policy in this hypothetical example will add expenses to the contract. How much cost depends on a number of factors including underwriting class, insured age, gender and various protection amounts available with particular riders.

There are a number of events that could occur during Michael's life where these additional riders may help protect the insured and his family.

For example, what if one day on his way home from work, Michael is involved in a serious car accident. If, as a result of the accident, Michael was totally disabled for six months, Columbus Life would begin to credit premium to his policy and it could potentially fund the policy to keep it inforce. Generally, when the rider is included, many agents will choose to have the disability credit amount equal the planned

premium. However, if the client so chooses, they could have the Disability Credit Rider for any amount that is not less than the minimum premium and not more than the guideline premium.

While the Disability Credit Rider does add extra cost, for some clients, the potential benefit of potentially keeping a policy inforce, despite the insured's possible inability to earn an income may be worth it. For many insureds who become disabled, they may still have the desire to keep the policy inforce to help protect their family in event of their death. Furthermore, by keeping the policy inforce, the Life *Plus* ADBR protection is still in place along with the potential to grow cash value.

The Disability Credit Rider could be important to a client by helping keep a policy inforce but let's look at how we could add some potential flexibility to a policy through the Insured Insurability Rider.



In our example, let's assume Michael and Rebecca have another baby and now have three children to protect. Michael and Rebecca look at possible life insurance options to increase their coverage and know they could either apply for a new policy or replace his current coverage. However, because Michael is older the coverage could be more expensive and if his health situation has changed, he may be unable to

get a favorable underwriting class.

Thankfully the Insured Insurability Rider allows the policy owner to increase coverage at certain times or if certain life events occur, without going through medical underwriting again<sup>1</sup>. If the primary insured either gets married or has a child, they can increase coverage between \$5,000 and \$50,000, which is chosen at the time of application, regardless of the health of the insured. Also, the insured could increase coverage on the policy anniversary on which the insured's age at last birthday is 25, 28, 31, 34, 37 and 40. It could be beneficial to clients to have this flexibility in their current policy so that the policy can change to help address the evolving personal needs of their family.

Another option that adds flexibility to total family protection is the Child Term Rider. This rider will allow the insured to include up to \$15,000 of life insurance coverage on each child Michael has between the ages of 15 days old to 18 years. This coverage will last until the child has reached 23. Of course, if the worst were to happen and one of his children were to unexpectedly pass away, the Child Term Rider death benefit would be paid. The other big benefit to the rider is that the child can convert up to five times the elected Child Term Rider coverage amount.

For example, if the Child Term coverage amount were \$15,000, the child could convert up to a \$75,000 permanent life insurance policy without going through medical underwriting once the child has reached 18 until age 23 when the rider expires. In other words, the insured has created an option for a child to have at least some amount of guaranteed,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> There are stipulations to increasing the face amount with this rider and if the insured fails to meet the guidelines they would need to go through underwriting.

permanent life insurance coverage in the future. The ability to convert and put a policy inforce, without medical underwriting, could be beneficial to someone in the future.

Finally, the last benefit we added to the contract was the Other Insured Rider.



In this example, Michael could add the Other Insured Rider to his policy and cover his wife as the other insured. She could be covered for up to one times the amount of coverage as the primary insured. Also, it provides death benefit protection until age 95. If Rebecca were to pass away unexpectedly, the other insured death benefit could provide a number of benefits including helping pay for additional care at

home or daycare and possibly allow Michael more flexibility to miss work to help his children.

The death benefit protection for the primary insured is one of the most important reasons to put an Indexed Explorer *Plus* policy inforce. However, there are a number of other protections available by presenting more benefits to your clients and they can all be included on one policy.

For more information about this concept, the riders or for illustrations, please contact the Sales Desk at 800.677.9696, option 4.

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