

Symetra Indexed Universal Life (IUL) Insurance

Navigating volatility with Symetra Allocation Index (AI) Strategies and dollar-cost averaging



A balanced approach to managing volatility exposure

The ability to navigate changing economic conditions and market fluctuations can help determine whether your policy achieves its illustrated performance or shifts off course. That's why we introduced Symetra Al Strategies with our indexed universal life (IUL) products.

Al Strategies seek to achieve or exceed your illustrated policy performance by automatically allocating your funds to an index account based on the level of market volatility as measured by the VIX® Index at the time your funds are allocated.

You may also elect dollar-cost averaging (DCA) of your premiums from the fixed account to your index strategies on a monthly basis, as long as there are sufficient funds in the account to move, at no additional cost. DCA is ideally suited for annual and semi-annual premium payment modes and may help manage risk by spreading allocations to your index strategies over time.

What are AI Strategies and how do they work?

Al Strategies are designed to provide balance between growth opportunities and volatility control by automatically determining how your funds are allocated between the S&P 500® Index account and the JPMorgan ETF Efficient® 5 Index account based on the value of the Cboe Volatility Index® (VIX) two days prior to your next allocation or "sweep" date.

On your next allocation date, your funds will be allocated to the S&P 500 Index account if the VIX value is below 16 (considered low volatility), or the JPMorgan ETF Efficiente® 5 Index account if the VIX value is 16 or above (considered high volatility).



The life insurance policy does not directly participate in any outside investment or index. It is not possible to invest in an index.

Why DCA can help your policy stay on course

Every time your funds are allocated, a new index segment is opened and an index segment term is set over which any potential growth is measured.

For an annual allocation to a 1-year AI Strategy without DCA, the entire net annual premium is allocated on the next allocation date. If the index has grown in value at the end of the index segment term, the indexed account will be credited interest based on the growth (or no interest if growth is zero. All index strategies have an index floor of zero, so you'll never experience a negative index credit).

With DCA, your net premium is spread over a 12-month period in an effort to reduce the effect of volatility on the overall payment. Twelve index segments are opened—each with its own 1-year term and linked index based on market volatility at the time. By increasing the number of index segments opened (from 1 to 12) at various starting and ending values and between different measuring indexes (S&P 500 or JPMorgan ETF Efficiente® 5), DCA can potentially help smooth out the effects of market fluctuations over the long term—particularly during times of market volatility.

How AI Strategy allocations work with monthly DCA elected

DCA may be elected at no additional cost with Symetra's IUL products. You'll specify how your net initial premium and/or subsequent net premium payments are dollar-cost averaged each month. If you don't specify an amount, the monthly amount

will be equally divided. As long as sufficient funds are available, DCA automatically transfers the specified amount from the holding account to either the AI S&P 500 Index account or AI JPMorgan ETF Efficiente® 5 Index account.

Hypothetical example:

Net annual premium payment: \$12,000 with 100% allocated to the 1-year point-to-point AI Index Strategy with monthly DCA elected.

Annual Premium

Holding Account

Your net annual premium payment of \$12,000 is held in the holding account and one-twelfth (1/12) is allocated on the next monthly sweep date (the 14th of each month or the following business day) to either the AI S&P 500 Index account or AI JPMorgan ETF Efficiente® 5 Index (JPMorgan Index) account.

VIX Index \$1,000 allocated on the monthly sweep date and an index segment Two business days prior to the monthly sweep date is opened. 16 on month 1 JPMorgan Index account S&P 500 Index account 14 on month 2 20 on month 3 JPMorgan Index account 23 on month 4 JPMorgan Index account 21 on month 5 JPMorgan Index account S&P 500 Index account 15 on month 6 14 on month 7 S&P 500 Index account 16 on month 8 JPMorgan Index account 17 on month 9 JPMorgan Index account JPMorgan Index account 18 on month 10 S&P 500 Index account **15 on month 11** S&P 500 Index account 12 on month 12

When an index segment is opened, an index segment start date and maturity date (index segment term) is set.

On the maturity date, the index change rate (the percent difference between the starting value and ending value of the linked index) is calculated, and any applicable index spread and/or participation rate is applied.

Each index strategy includes an index floor and a participation rate, and it may include an index cap or an index spread.

The floor is the minimum index crediting rate, and it keeps your policy value from experiencing a negative index return. The index cap sets the limit on the maximum potential interest earned over the index term, and the participation rate establishes how much of the return is credited. The index spread is the minimum rate (expressed as a percentage) that the measuring index must achieve before any potential interest is credited. Any index growth exceeding the index spread is fully credited.

If the adjusted index change rate is positive, index credits are applied; if negative, the index floor (zero) is applied and no interest is credited.

The current index caps, spreads and participation <u>rates are published on</u>

<u>Symetra.com.</u> Index caps, index spreads, index floors and participation rates are subject to change without notice.

To learn more about AI Strategies available with Symetra IUL products, contact your insurance professional.

Important Information

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Policy endorsements are not available in all U.S. states or any U.S. territory, and terms and conditions may vary by state in which they are available. Where available, they are usually issued under the following endorsement form numbers: Symetra Allocation Index 1-Year Point-to-Point form number ICC20_LE6 and Symetra Allocation Index 2-Year Point-to-Point form number ICC20_LE7.

Life insurance policies contain exclusions, limitations, reductions of benefits and terms for keeping them in-force. Please contact your insurance professional for complete details.

Guarantees and benefits are subject to the claims-paying ability of Symetra Life Insurance Company.

Election of the Symetra Allocation Index (Al) Strategies does not guarantee a greater index credit for any index segment term.

There are other index strategies available within Symetra indexed universal life policies.

The term "uncapped" refers to Symetra's internal crediting rate cap.

Symetra indexed universal life products have fixed and indexed accounts. Interest credited to the indexed accounts is affected by the value of outside indexes. Values based on the performance of any index are not guaranteed. The policy does not directly participate in any outside investment or index.

Allocations to the fixed account or index strategies are based on the allocation instructions provided at time of application and may be subsequently changed in writing by the policyowner. When allocations occur, an index segment for each respective index strategy is created. Each index segment has its own index crediting method, index value, index cap, index floor, index participation rate, index segment term, and index start and maturity date. The index caps, floors and participation rates after the initial index segment term may be higher or lower than the initial rates, but will never be less than the guaranteed minimums shown in the policy.

An index segment represents the portion of the index account that credits interest based on a change in the indexes applicable to that index segment. Index credits are calculated and credited (if applicable) on the respective index segment's maturity date. Amounts withdrawn from the index account before the index segment's maturity date will not receive an index credit, if applicable, for that term.

Symetra reserves the right to add, modify or remove any index strategy or crediting method. If any index is discontinued or if the calculation of any index is changed substantially, Symetra reserves the right to substitute a comparable index.

Except for the JPMorgan ETF Efficiente® 5 Index, an index does not include the payment or reinvestment of dividends in the calculation of its performance. It is not possible to invest in an index.

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This is not a complete description of the Symetra indexed universal life policies. For a more complete description, please ask your insurance professional.

¹ There must be at least \$100 per index strategy after the cost of insurance is taken out. If less than \$100 per index strategy is available, funds will remain in the fixed account until the next allocation date, when they meet the \$100 threshold and can be transferred.

DCA must be reselected on each policy anniversary.



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