# **Target Market Determination**

## **Guardian Funeral Insurance**



## **Purpose of this document**

This Target Market Determination (TMD) is required under section 994B of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) (the Act), effective from 27 September 2021.

This TMD was issued by Hannover Life Re of Australasia Ltd **(Hannover)** on 27 September 2021. It sets out the target market for Guardian Funeral Insurance, the triggers to review this target market determination, and other relevant information. It forms part of Hannover's Design and Distribution Obligations for this product. Date of issue of this version: 12 August 2023.

This document is not a Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) and is not a summary of the features or terms of the product. It provides general information only and does not take into account any person's individual objectives, financial situation or needs. Persons interested in acquiring this product should carefully read Hannover's PDS for Guardian Funeral Insurance before making a decision to purchase the product.

Target Market Determination: Guardian Funeral Insurance

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## **Product overview**

#### **Product description**

Guardian Funeral Insurance provides a lump sum payment to the estate or nominated beneficiary of the life insured, in the event of:

- (a) accidental death only in the first 12 months of policy commencement or reinstatement;
- (b) thereafter, the life insured dies from any cause;
- (c) the life insured meeting the definition of a terminal illness; or
- (d) the life insured suffering from a defined accidental serious injury within 12 months of the accident occurring

in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in the PDS. Please refer to the PDS for further information about what Guardian Funeral Insurance does and does not cover.

#### Key attributes

Key attributes of Guardian Funeral Insurance include:

- the payment of premiums if premiums are not paid when due, the policy will end (subject to the required notice periods) and the life insured will no longer be covered and cannot make a claim.
- premium structure premiums are structured on a level premium basis and will generally not increase over time unless Hannover changes the premium rates applying to all policyholders.
- eligibility criteria certain customers may be ineligible for cover if they do not meet the eligibility criteria for this product. Eligibility criteria include:
  - the age; and
  - residency status
  - of the life to be insured.
- the following key product exclusion applies no cover would be available under the product if death other than as a result of an
  accident occurring within 12 months following the commencement or reinstatement of the insurance cover.
- there are other exclusions applied to this insurance and are detailed in the PDS.
- additional product features such as the Bonus Cover, Early Cash Out Option and guaranteed payment at age 100 (please refer to the PDS for details).

#### How/why key product attributes make it likely that this product will meet the likely needs of customers in the target market

Guardian Funeral Insurance is designed to meet the likely objective, financial situation and need of the target market to reduce the final or unexpected expense exposure of the life insured by providing payment in the event of their death, terminal illness or accidental serious injury. Broadly, the target market comprises those who have or expect to have final or unexpected expense commitments that will not be satisfied in the event of their own or another person's (i.e. the life insured's) death, terminal illness or accidental serious injury and who have a capacity to pay premiums on an ongoing basis. As the product pays a nominal lump sum on death, terminal illness or accidental serious injury, it is therefore likely to meet the needs, or go towards meeting the needs, of those in the target market.

Hannover regularly reviews the performance of this product, with reviews occurring at least once per quarter, this ensures the product remains appropriate for the identified target market.

It is important to note that premiums are charged for this product and you will need to have the capacity to pay these premiums on an ongoing basis until you reach 85 years of age. There are no premiums charged after you turn 85 years of age.

Please refer to the current PDS for detailed information on what each type of cover provides and how premiums are calculated.

### **Description of the target market**

The target market for this product is Australian Residents aged 40-79 with a need to meet final expenses in the event of death or terminal illness, who have the capacity to pay ongoing premiums until age 85.

#### Likely objectives, financial situation and needs of customers in the target market of Guardian Funeral Insurance

The objective of customers in the target market is to reduce or meet their exposure to the following financial situations:

- the customer (either the policyowner or the life insured) has (or envisages that in the future they will or may have) final expenses to be paid in the event of their death or unexpected expenses in the event of suffering an accidental serious injury or terminal illness, such as (but not limited to):
  - funeral expenses; and/or
  - medical costs, transportation and accommodation costs, and personal and palliative care.

#### Financial situation of customers in the target market

This product is suitable for customers who have the financial capacity to pay premiums (which may vary from time to time) in accordance with the level premium structure to retain the product for the period of time which it is intended to be held. This product is not suitable for customers who cannot commit to or afford payment of level premiums for the life of the policy.

Customers will be required to form their own assessment on their capacity to fund premiums.

#### Demographic and eligibility requirements

- age: 40 79 (when the life insured purchases the policy); and
- residency status: Australian resident.
- Customers should carefully consider if the product is right for them before applying.

The following groups are outside the target market for this product:

- age: below 40 or over 79 (when the life insured purchases the policy);
- residency status: not an Australian resident; and/or
- customers who cannot commit to or afford payment of premiums for the life of the policy.

This product would not be appropriate for consumers whose objective is to save or invest funds in financial planning for death as the product is not a savings or investment plan.

### **Distribution conditions**

# In accordance with the obligations outlined under Part 7.8A of the Corporations Act (product design and distribution obligations):

- this product is authorised for distribution only by Greenstone Financial Services Pty Ltd (GFS) and cannot be purchased directly from Hannover;
- this product can only be purchased via the GFS call centre;
- this product may only be distributed to customers under General Advice. No Personal Advice is to be provided to a customer at any point in the distribution process;
- . GFS should not sell to a customer who does not satisfy the demographic factors of customers in the target market; and
- GFS must provide a customer with a copy of the PDS.

# These distribution conditions and restrictions make it more likely that the customers who acquire the product are in the target market because they have been designed to check that the customer meets criteria aligned with the target market:

- GFS will set minimum standards of conduct which are documented, operationalised through training and appropriate procedures, and are monitored via quality assurance practices.
- Call centre distribution must be undertaken in accordance with authorised call scripts and processes.
- GFS will provide adequate general explanations to consumers of the product's premium structure, how the premiums are expected to change over time, and its exclusions.
- Marketing activities for Guardian Funeral Insurance will be limited to channels that are likely to result in distribution to consumers in the target market.
- GFS will ensure only Australian residents aged 40-79 are able to purchase the policy.
- GFS will provide Hannover with the information and data Hannover requires in order to promptly identify if a review trigger has
  occurred. This includes, but is not limited to, information in regards to sales, lapses, underwriting outcomes, complaints and claims.

## Review triggers, and information to assess whether a review trigger has occurred

Review triggers	Information needed to enable Hannover to assess if the review trigger has occurred	Responsible party for providing the information
<b>Review trigger 1:</b> The commencement of a significant change in law, including taxation, that materially affects the product design or distribution of the product or class of products that includes this product.	Hannover will monitor relevant regulations, legislation and/or ASIC instruments relating to the change in law during the review period.	Hannover
<b>Review trigger 2:</b> The use of Product Intervention Powers in relation to the distribution or design of this product where Hannover, as the product issuer, considers this reasonably suggests that this TMD is no longer appropriate.	Hannover will monitor the use of Product Intervention Powers in relation to the distribution or design of this product where the product issuer considers this reasonably suggests that this TMD is no longer appropriate.	Hannover
<ul> <li>Review trigger 3:</li> <li>Product performance is materially inconsistent with Hannover's expectations having regard to:</li> <li>Claim ratios;</li> <li>The volume of paid, denied and withdrawn claims;</li> <li>The volume of policies sold;</li> <li>The volume of applications declined at underwriting; and</li> <li>Policy lapse or cancellation rates.</li> </ul>	Hannover will monitor the expected and actual number of the product performance metrics during the review period, reported by GFS or Hannover quarterly.	GFS & Hannover
<b>Review trigger 4:</b> Significant or unexpectedly high number of complaints regarding product design, product availability, claims and any distribution condition that would reasonably suggest that this TMD is no longer appropriate.	Complaints and the nature of the complaints regarding product design, product availability, claims and any distribution condition, reported by GFS to Hannover monthly.	GFS
<b>Review trigger 5:</b> The product issuer determines that a significant dealing in the product outside the target market (except for an excluded dealing) has occurred.	A significant dealing in the product which either GFS or Hannover becomes aware is not consistent with the TMD (within 10 business days of becoming aware of the dealing).	GFS & Hannover

The occurrence of any of these review triggers would reasonably suggest that the product, including its key attributes, may no longer be consistent with the likely objectives, financial situation and needs of consumers in the target market. In the event of the occurrence of any review trigger, a review of the product, its target market and target market determination will occur.

### The maximum initial period before this TMD is reviewed

Subject to intervening review triggers, no more than **one year** after the issue of this TMD version.

#### The maximum period before this TMD is reviewed (after the initial review)

After the first review of this TMD (see above row), and subject to intervening review triggers, this TMD will be reviewed **annually**. Reviews are to occur more frequently in the event risk of detriment to a consumer is identified necessitating an earlier review.

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