



**PRINCIPAL BENEFICIARY IDENTIFYING INFORMATION (Continued)**

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No. &  
Street

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City

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ZIP Code/Postal Code

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PRINCIPAL BENEFICIARY EMAIL ADDRESS

PRINCIPAL BENEFICIARY DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)

INSURANCE PAYMENT DISTRIBUTION

**Note: Please use percentages when identifying specific shares. SHARES: %**

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- SPOUSE    CHILD    PARENT    SIBLING    OTHER    ESTATE    CHARITY/ORGANIZATION    ESTATE  
 TRUST (For trusts ONLY, check this box and complete the share amount, then skip to Section III)

FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL - LAST NAME OF PRINCIPAL BENEFICIARY

PRINCIPAL BENEFICIARY SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

PRINCIPAL BENEFICIARY DATE OF BIRTH (MM,DD,YYYY)

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**Do not name additional principal beneficiaries in Section II of this form.** Please use another VA Form 29-336a, *Supplemental Designation of Beneficiary* to add additional principal beneficiaries or attach a signed sheet of paper with your beneficiaries. Make sure you also include your name, date, and policy number.

**SECTION II - BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION INFORMATION - CONTINGENT**

**Contingent Beneficiaries** are the person(s) or entity(ies) you choose to receive your life insurance proceeds if the principal beneficiary (ies) die before you, or, if an organization is named principal beneficiary, it dissolves before you die. In the event that a designated contingent beneficiary predeceases you, the proceeds will be paid to the remaining contingent beneficiaries in equal shares or all to the sole remaining contingent beneficiary. If none, then we would pay by order of precedence. We will pay via lump sum. If interested in other payment options, please call our toll-free number 1-800-669-8477. **IMPORTANT - The total for all principal beneficiaries must equal 100%. If the designated shares do not add up to 100%, equal shares will be paid.**

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Please use another VA Form 29-336a, *Supplemental Designation of Beneficiary* to add additional contingent beneficiaries or attach a signed sheet of paper with your beneficiaries clearly listed. Make sure you include your name, date, and policy number.

**SECTION III- TRUST DESIGNATIONS**

Complete this section if a Trust has been named as a principal or contingent beneficiary in Section II or III. Fill in the name and address for each trustee. Fill in the title and date of the Trust Agreement in the space provided. Any time the trust is amended with a new date, a new designation **MUST** be submitted to be valid. If there are amendments after the trust is designated or the trust is no longer funded, then we cannot pay the trust and will pay to other designated principal or contingent beneficiary (ies), or order of precedence.

**Instructions:**

- Select "Trust" in the type of beneficiary box in Section II (If designated as principal beneficiary) or III (If designated as contingent beneficiary)
- Indicate the percentage to be assigned to the trust in Section II or III under Insurance Payment Distribution
- Then, complete the section below:

**Examples on how to designate various trusts:**

- Inter Vivos Trust (A trust you set up during your Lifetime)  
i.e.: Name of Trust: "John A Smith Trust Agreement", Date of Trust: "September 18, 2023"
- Testamentary Trust (A trust that is set up when you die, according to the terms in your will per probate laws)  
i.e.: "Trust as provided in my Last Will and Testament"
- Special Needs Trust: Trust created to provide assets to support an individual with disability or illness.  
i.e.: Name of Trust: "The John Smith Special Needs Trust", Date of Trust: "September 18, 2023"

NAME OF TRUST

DATE OF TRUST (MM/DD/YYYY)

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The following information is used to assist VA in obtaining a claim. It is **NOT** part of the designation.

1a. TRUSTEE NAME (FIRST, MI, LAST)

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1b. TRUSTEE ADDRESS

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**SECTION III- TRUST DESIGNATIONS (Continued)**

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1c. TRUSTEE DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER | 1c. TRUSTEE DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER |
| 1d. TRUSTEE EMAIL ADDRESS        | 1d. TRUSTEE EMAIL ADDRESS        |

**SECTION V - CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE**

**I Certify that** I am the policyholder and I understand that:

1. My insurance will be paid according to the automatic survivorship clause as follows:
  - If one or more principal beneficiary dies before me, the insurances will be divided between any remaining principal beneficiaries.
  - If all principal beneficiaries die before me, the insurance will be paid to my contingent beneficiaries.
  - If all principal and contingent beneficiaries die before me, the insurance will be paid based on the following order.
    - (1) My surviving spouse,
    - (2) My children and decedents of deceased children,
    - (3) My parents or their surviving children (Veteran's Siblings),
    - (4) The duly appointed executor or administrator of my estate,
    - (5) Other next of kin based upon the laws of the Veteran's residence (domicile) at time of my death.
2. This change cancels all prior beneficiary and option selections and applies to all Government Life Insurance policies.
3. **For all programs other than VALife.** If a designated principal beneficiary does not file a claim for payment within one year of the date of my death, then payment may be made to the beneficiary(ies) next entitled. If no claim for payment is received from any designated beneficiary within two years of the date of my death, my insurance will be paid in accordance with 38 U.S.C. 1917(f) or 38 U.S.C. 1952(c). If I do not designate a beneficiary, my insurance will be paid according to the order of precedence listed in Item 1 of this section.
4. **For VALife.** If the designated beneficiary does not file a claim for the payment within one year of the date of my death, or if payment to the designated beneficiary within that period is prohibited by Federal statute or regulation, my insurance will be paid based on the order of precedence listed in Item 1 of this section. Beneficiaries listed under the order of precedence may file a claim for such payment during the one year period following the period as if the designated beneficiary had predeceased the veteran.

**IMPORTANT** - The Veteran/Insured must sign and date the form. A VA Fiduciary, Power of Attorney or Court-Appointed Guardian cannot designate beneficiaries for the Veteran/Insured. In such cases, a specific court order is required. Please contact our toll-free number at 1-800-669-8477 for more information on court order requirements.

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| SIGNATURE OF VETERAN/INSURED ( <i>Sign in ink</i> ) | DATE SIGNED (MM/DD/YYYY) |
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**NOTE: The section below should only be completed if the Veteran/Insured is competent but cannot sign their name.** In such cases, the Veteran/Insured must make an "X" in the signature block and two impartial witnesses to the signature must sign below. An impartial witness cannot be someone named as a beneficiary on this form.

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| PRINT NAME OF <b>FIRST</b> WITNESS (First-Middle Initial-Last)                                  | PRINT NAME OF <b>SECOND</b> WITNESS (First-Middle Initial-Last)                                 |  |                          |
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|   |   |  |                          |
| SIGNATURE OF <b>FIRST</b> WITNESS (Sign in ink)   | DATE SIGNED (MM/DD/YYYY)  | SIGNATURE OF <b>SECOND</b> WITNESS (Sign in ink) | DATE SIGNED (MM/DD/YYYY) |
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**THIS COMPLETED FORM MAY BE SUBMITTED BY:**

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| <b>Online Policy Access (OPA)</b>   | <b>DOCUMENT UPLOAD</b>  | <b>MAIL</b>   |
| Using your online account,<br>update your designation securely at:<br><a href="https://www.insurance.va.gov/home">https://www.insurance.va.gov/home</a> | Upload the form using our<br>secure website at<br><a href="https://insurance.va.gov/home/IDU">https://insurance.va.gov/home/IDU</a> | <b>VARO &amp; IC (B&amp;O)</b><br><b>P.O. BOX 8636</b><br><b>PHILADELPHIA, PA 19101</b> |

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