

Frequently Asked Questions

On September 30, 2009 the California Insurance Commissioner was appointed Conservator of Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company by order of the Los Angeles Superior Court (“the Court”).

The California Insurance Commissioner as Conservator has applied to the Court for approval of a plan by which IA American Life Insurance Company would assume the policies of Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company. This transaction, if approved and implemented, will provide policyholders with coverage from a carrier able to ensure that policy benefits are paid.

Q. Why did I receive this notice to interested parties?

A. You received this notice to inform you of events concerning the rehabilitation of Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company. You have been identified as being an interested party of Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company. It may be because you have an insurance product or investment with the company. It may be that you are or were an employee of the company. It may be that you show up in the records as a creditor of the company. You received the mailing because in one way or another, Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company shows you as an interested party.

Q. What is happening to my Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Policy or Annuity?

A. The Insurance Commissioner as Conservator has asked the Court to approve a plan in which your insurance policy or annuity contract will be assumed by IA American Life Insurance Company upon the closing of an assumption agreement. If you have a life or annuity contract with Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company, you must continue to make your required premium payments to keep your benefits in force. If the Court approves the plan, then IA American will become your insurer upon the closing of the transaction and all necessary approvals.

Q. Who is IA American Life Insurance Company?

A. Assuming court approval and completion of the transaction, IA American Life Insurance Company will be assuming the Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company policies and annuity contracts.

IA American Life Insurance Company is an A- [Excellent] A.M. Best rated insurance company, which offers a wide range of life insurance and annuity products. For more information visit their website at: <http://iaamerican.com/>.

Q. Will my insurance claim payments continue to be paid?

A. Yes, it is important that you continue to make any required premium payments so your policy does not lapse.

Q. Why is this happening to Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company?

A. Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company needed to be conserved to ensure that it could meet its policy obligations. Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company was conserved by the California Insurance Commissioner on September 30, 2009 because the company was financially impaired. The Commissioner was appointed the statutory conservator of Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company to preserve and protect the assets of the company for the benefit of policyholders, annuity holders, creditors and shareholders while exploring ways to resolve the company's financial problems.

Q. Do I need to do anything with my policy or annuity?

A. You must continue to make your required premium payments to keep you policy or annuity benefits in force but you do not need to take any action to preserve your policy or annuity.

Q. Who do I call if I have additional questions?

A. Please continue to call Golden State at 1-800 – CALL - GSM ext 4.

Q. I am not a policyholder. I am a creditor [or certificate holder or vendor]. What does this plan mean for me?

A. Assuming that the transaction is court-approved and implemented, funds will remain with the company to be used to pay general creditors. The payments will be made in the priority set forth in the California Insurance Code, Section 1033.

The plan provides that IA American Life Insurance Company is not assuming any liabilities other than the agreed-upon policy liabilities. A claims process will be set up in the near future for those other claims to be filed against Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company. IA American Life Insurance Company offers to pay a substantial ceding commission for the policies it seeks to assume. The plan provides that assets will remain with Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company for distribution through the claims process. Assets sufficient to deal with administrative expenses of the conservation will also be retained.

We encourage you to periodically check either the CLO's or Golden State's web sites for updates.