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## Dedicated Lincoln TermAccel® Communications Team

Quicker response time on case inquiries

Lincoln has implemented a team of dedicated *Lincoln TermAccel* communication specialists to promptly respond to inquiries on your cases. This team is staffed with experienced members who are focused on responding to your inquiries and helping resolve your needs, while our team of New Business Associates and Underwriters are focused on placing your cases.

For more efficient case processing and to help ensure a quicker response time on your case inquiries, please leverage the general contact information below for all case questions.

Lincoln TermAccel Inquiry Type	Contact Information
Case Management, New Business Processing & Underwriting	Email: TermAccelUWNB@LFG.com Toll-Free: (844) 815-6925
Tele-App	Email: TermAccelTeleAppTeam@LFG.com Toll-Free: (844) 815-7582
eDelivery Registration for New Users	Email: <u>Sarah.Oehling@LFG.com</u>

## **Self-Service for Pending Case Status**



Did you know that you can access up-to-date status on your pending cases from your Lincoln Producer website?

From the Pending Business section of your Lincoln producer website, access the **Pending Details tab** to:

- ✓ **View key dates and action items** at-a-glance from the Case Tracker.
- ✓ **Quickly satisfy** outstanding questions and/or requirements on a case.
- ✓ **Click-to-Chat** in real-time with a New Business Associate to obtain answers on administrative questions for a specific case, without having to pick up the phone or send an email.
- ✓ Easily download up to 5 issued policies at one time from the Pending
  List.

For more best practices and access to the term training library, download the Agent Guide now.

Download >> Lincoln TermAccel Best Practices

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## Life Insurance Product Switch Process and Guidelines

The new Lincoln unified life insurance application and Tele-App ticket has integrated all life insurance product processes into one streamlined approach and enables a seamless transition from one product to another – saving time and creating a better experience for producers and consumers. To make the process easier, please reference the guidelines below. If you have questions regarding a specific case, please contact your dedicated Underwriting and New Business team.

## Product Switch between Lincoln LifeElements® Level Term and UL, IUL and VUL products

- Producer can submit the request via email or phone call to the dedicated New Business Associate on the case a new application and signatures are not required.
- If the Tele-App interview or exams have already been conducted, the client will not be required to complete the process again.
- If the request is for a product switch from *Lincoln LifeElements* Level Term to a Permanent UL, IUL or VUL product, additional forms may be required.
- Please note: If the client has applied for a *Lincoln LifeElements* Term, UL, IUL or VUL product, a product switch to *Lincoln TermAccel* will not be allowed.

## Product Switch from Lincoln TermAccel® to Lincoln LifeElements® Level Term, UL, IUL or VUL

- If the client is declined for *Lincoln TermAccel*, they may be eligible to pursue a fully underwritten product option with Lincoln which would allow for higher table ratings and the collection of additional medical information, such as an APS.
- When a decline decision is rendered from the *Lincoln TermAccel* automated rules engine for an impairment that could potentially qualify for an offer with full underwriting, the system will generate a decline letter with a message indicating that the client may be eligible to pursue a fully underwritten product option with Lincoln. An automated email will be sent to the Case Contact with a copy of the decline letter which will be emailed to the client 5 business days later.
- Before initiating the product switch and full underwriting process, we encourage the producer to discuss the case with their Underwriter. For example, if the case may be rated, a conversation could help determine if the case could be placed before moving forward.
- Please note: If the client has applied for a *Lincoln LifeElements* Term, UL, IUL or VUL product, a product switch to *Lincoln TermAccel* will not be allowed. *TermAccel* rates are based on a streamlined automated workflow and assume a cost savings benefit associated with that process. By switching products, that benefit is lost. Therefore, Lincoln will not allow a product switch within 12-months of applying for a traditional product, including *LifeElements* Level Term.

### **Reference Material**

Initiating a Product Switch: Making the process easier with the Lincoln unified application

# **New Texted PIN Authentication Option for eSignature**

Available for eTicket and eApp case submissions

**Beginning June 1, 2019,** for life insurance policies submitted through the electronic ticket (eTicket) or electronic application (eApp) platform, Lincoln will offer a new PIN Authentication method through SMS Text

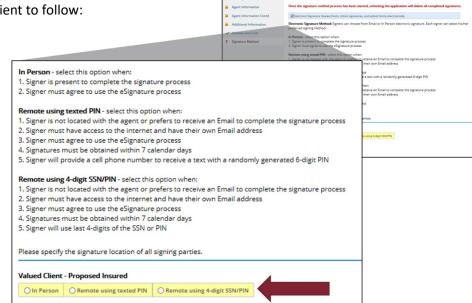
Messaging to confirm the client's identity and begin the electronic signing process.

During submission of the case, the agent will select the electronic signature method for the client to follow:

- 1. In-Person\*
- 2. NEW Remote using Texted PIN
- 3. Remote using 4-digit SSN/PIN

The existing in-person and SSN Authentication options will remain available and there are no changes to those methods.

The agent will continue to authenticate the electronic signing process through the 4-digit SSN method.



<sup>\*</sup>The In-Person signing method is only available with eTicket submissions and is not an option in the eApp platform.

## \*NEW\* Texted PIN Authentication

The client will now have an option to provide a cell phone number to receive an SMS text message with a randomly generated 6-digit PIN to begin the electronic signing process. Upon ticket submission, the client will receive an email to initiate the process and a 6-digit PIN via text message to sign in and authenticate their identity to electronically sign the application. Standard messaging charges may apply.



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# **Best Practices for Ordering Labs**

Lincoln's Underwriting and New Business team is dedicated to streamlining your underwriting experience to help you place your life insurance cases more quickly. For any new life insurance case submission, excluding *Lincoln TermAccel*, Lincoln will accept labs, exams and medical records from other companies. Based on the application submission method, the following best practices and guidelines may help you save time and avoid any unnecessary lab work for your client.

## **Life Insurance Tele-App Ticket Submissions**

Did you know that labs may not be required for Tele-App submissions?

**LincXpress Tele-App:** Lincoln will order labs and vitals, if they are required. Your client may be eligible for the lab-free process, so this best practice will save time and avoid unnecessary lab work for your client. However, Lincoln will accept labs, exams and medical records from other companies for cases submitted through the *LincXpress* Tele-App process.

**Lincoln TermAccel** Level Term: Lincoln will order labs and vitals, if they are required. A full Paramed exam is not required for Lincoln TermAccel. Lincoln must order the labs and vitals and cannot accept exams completed through other companies. To deliver a streamlined experience, this process has been directly integrated with our partner exam vendor and is not compatible with other company's exams.

## **Traditional Paper Application and eApp Submissions**

Ordering medical requirements up-front saves significant processing time. Lincoln will accept labs, exams and medical records from other companies for any new Lincoln life insurance cases submitted on the traditional paper application or through iPipeline's electronic application (eApp) process.

### Submitting Labs, Exams and Medical Records to Lincoln Underwriting

To prevent duplicate orders and delays in Underwriting, include the lab slip, exam and/or medical records with the application or *LincXpress* Tele-App ticket submission. As a reminder, Lincoln cannot accept outside labs or vitals for *Lincoln TermAccel* cases.

# Access Up-to-Date Pending Case Status

Lincoln is committed to continuously improving our processes to ensure we're providing an excellent experience for our customers. Our self-service pending website will drive efficiencies and save time for our partners – key benefits include:

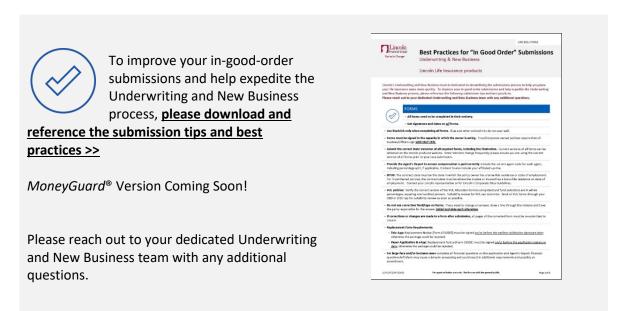
- ✓ View current case status, key dates and action items at-a-glance from the Case Tracker.
- ✓ Quickly satisfy outstanding questions and/or requirements on a case.
- ✓ **Click-to-Chat** in real-time online with a New Business Associate to obtain answers on administrative questions for a specific case, without having to pick up the phone or send an email.
- ✓ Easily download up to 5 issued policies at one time directly from the Pending List.

These ongoing enhancements to the New Business Pending process are a result of feedback and suggestions from our partners. Please provide feedback to your dedicated Lincoln Underwriting & New Business team for consideration in future updates.

Download the Pending Enhancements Overview to learn more.

## Best Practices for "In Good Order" Life Insurance Submissions

Lincoln's Underwriting and New Business team is dedicated to streamlining the submissions process to help you place your life insurance cases more quickly.



# **New York Regulation 60 Process for Life Insurance policies**

Disclosure Statement Reminder

As a reminder and best practice for in-good-order life insurance case submissions in New York, please refer to the process outlined below regarding the Disclosure Statement:

- **Solicitation:** At the time of solicitation, the agent will obtain the life insurance application and Regulation 60 paperwork and submit to Lincoln New Business. This solicitation package <u>excludes</u> the Disclosure Statement.
- New Business Review: The Lincoln Regulation 60 Team will complete the Disclosure Statement at the time of approval using the replacement policy values and Lincoln illustration that will be used for policy issue.
- Agent Review and Signature: The completed Disclosure Statement will be sent to the <u>agent</u> for review, completion, and signature prior to policy issue.
  - Reminder: The Agent's or Broker's Statement on page 4 of the Disclosure Statement must be completed accurately with the agent's remarks. The Regulation 60 rep may contact the agent for more information, if statements are incomplete or unable to be verified.
  - For any statement that must be updated, a revised Disclosure will be sent to the agent for signature prior to policy issue.
- **Applicant Signature:** After policy issue, the applicant's signature on the Disclosure Statement should be obtained upon policy delivery.

If you have any questions regarding the Regulation 60 process or the Disclosure Statement, please contact your dedicated Lincoln Underwriting and New Business team.

# Lincoln VUL Dollar Cost Averaging Fixed Account Enhanced Interest Rate Program – Extended

Lincoln is pleased to extend the VUL Dollar Cost Averaging Fixed Account Enhanced Interest Rate Program through December 31, 2019. This program includes an enhanced current interest rate to help with short-term returns while the client transfers funds into variable investment options using a 12-month Dollar Cost Averaging (DCA) program.

The DCA Fixed Account Enhanced Interest Rate is available as follows:

#### **Accumulation Products:**

- Lincoln AssetEdge® VUL
- Lincoln AssetEdge® Exec VUL
- Lincoln PreservationEdge® SVUL

Will receive a 10% enhanced current interest rate.

## **Lifetime Guarantee Products:**

- Lincoln VUL<sup>ONE</sup>
- Lincoln SVUL<sup>ONE</sup>

Will receive a 4% enhanced current interest rate.

New formal applications signed, dated and received in good order in Lincoln's home office up to and including Tuesday, December 31, 2019 are eligible.

The DCA Fixed Account enhanced annual effective rate is paid on the declining balance in the Fixed Account so the amount of interest earned will be less. These fixed rates do not reflect performance of the variable investment options selected by the client.

Neither dollar cost averaging nor portfolio rebalancing assures a profit or protects against loss in declining markets. Because dollar cost averaging involves continuous investment regardless of changing price levels, clients should consider their ability to continue purchasing through periods of all price levels.

# PBR/2017 CSO Client Disclosure and Compliant Product Indicators

## Reprinted from the May 6, 2019 Lincoln Life Leader

In preparation for two impending regulation changes this year, Principle-Based Reserving (PBR) and the 2017 Commissioners Standard Ordinary (CSO) Table, Lincoln is updating our life product portfolio and we're focused on making the transition as seamless as possible.

Beginning on May 13, 2019, aligning with the launch of  $Lincoln\ VUL^{ONE}$  (2019), our first PBR/2017 CSO compliant product this year, we are introducing a <u>new PBR/2017 CSO</u> client disclosure along with special indicators on external touchpoints to clearly distinguish PBR and 2017 CSO compliant products.

## **Client Disclosure Form**

The client disclosure, **Important Product Information About Your Lincoln Life Insurance Purchase**, is intended to educate clients and supplement advisor conversations regarding the risks associated with the withdrawal and placement deadlines of the non-PBR/2017 CSO compliant products. Effective in the *Lincoln* 

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System (v45.0), the
disclosure will be located
within all new and
revised sales illustrations
for non-compliant
products and on the
Lincoln Forms Tool in the
required forms section.
There is no signature
requirement on the
form, however it will be
a part of any signed
illustration is that is
received.



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Important Product Availability Information About Your Lincoln Life Insurance Purchase

Congratulations on your decision to protect what's important to you! We want to make you aware of some upcoming changes impacting the life insurance product you have selected.

Periodically, states adopt updated life insurance regulations to reflect advances in industry experience. There are two such regulatory requirements that become effective for all life insurance policies sold on or after January 1, 2020 – use of new mortality tables and reserving methodology, known as the 2017 Commissioners Standard Ordinary (CSO) Table and Principles Based Reserving (PBR).

To comply with this industry update, the product you have selected needs to be completed (approved and placed in-force with initial premium) no later than Tuesday, December 31, 2019.

## **PBR/2017 CSO Compliant Indicators**

PBR and 2017 CSO compliant products will be made available for sale throughout 2019. To help distinguish which products are compliant we are introducing the following indicators on our external touchpoints.

PBR <∕∕	Marketing and Reference materials:	On client and advisor product specific material near the disclosures with "PBR/CSO compliant" description
**PBR**	DesignIt Illustration Software:	On the product templates, product drop down lists, product name banner and NB Data page
PBR	Lincoln Producer Websites:	"Product Name – PBR" In product drop down list
✓	State Availability Grids:	Next to product name with "PBR/CSO compliant" description in legend

# **State Approvals**

Updates for May 28, 2019

Lincoln LifeElements® Level Term (2017) - 04/22/19

- Arkansas
- Maryland
- Missouri
- Washington

**View State Availability Grids** 

Products and features are subject to availability and may vary by state.

Contractual obligations and Guarantees are subject to the claims-paying ability of the issuing company:

- The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company of Fort Wayne, IN;
   or
- Lincoln Life & Annuity Company of New York of Syracuse, NY.

Variable products distributed by Lincoln Financial Distributors, Inc.

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The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company does not solicit business in the state of New York, nor is it authorized to do so.

Variable insurance products are sold by prospectus. Consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses of the variable product and its underlying investment options carefully before investing. The prospectus contains this and other information about the variable product and its underlying investment options. Please review the prospectus available online for additional information. Read it carefully before investing.

Only registered representatives can sell variable products.

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