



FIDELITY LIFE Contracting Checklist

Agent/ Agency: _____

Direct Upline: _____ Agent #: _____

Documents To Be Completed & Returned:

- ☐ Commission Allocation [M0001]
- ☐ Producer Appointment Application [M0009]
- ☐ W-9 Form
- ☐ VectorOne Debit-Check Agent/ Agency Authorization Form
- ☐ Individual State License(s)
- ☐ Corporate State License(s) (If Applicable)
- ☐ Voided Check (OPTIONAL - for direct deposit of commissions)

SEND TO:

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Email: lifesubmission@absgo.com



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States Requiring Income Tax Withholding for Non-Resident Commissions

- California – 7 percent applies to Individuals and Corporations
- Nebraska – 6 percent applies to Individuals and Entities where at least 80% of shareholders are performing the services
- Pennsylvania – 3.07 percent applies to individuals only

Three states currently require withholding of income taxes on non-resident commissions paid for sales in those states. This pertains to Life business.

Withheld state taxes for the current tax year will be reflected at year-end on the agent's IRS Form 1099.

The tax applies to producers who are not residents of those states but receive commissions for sales within the state. We recommend that you consult with your tax advisor if you have any questions. Non-resident agents are responsible for reporting all commissions for business in these states in accordance with respective state laws.

Please refer to the individual state revenue department websites for further advice.

California Franchise Tax Board
<https://www.ftb.ca.gov/>

Nebraska Department of Revenue
<https://revenue.nebraska.gov/>

Pennsylvania Department of Revenue
<https://www.revenue.pa.gov/>



Debit-Check Agent/Agency Authorization Form

Vector One Operations, LLC dba Vector One (collectively with its affiliates, "Vector One") manages the secured web portal interactive computer service provided by Debit-Check.com, LLC a ("Debit-Check"). This Debit-Check Agent/Agency Authorization Form is by and among the undersigned ("you", "me", "I" or "my"), Vector One, and the Company (as defined below) and is used by Debit-Check subscribers who desire to be granted authorization from you for the submission and/or receipt of your personal information to the Debit-Check service as necessary to conduct a commission related debit balance screening. The undersigned company and its affiliates and authorized third parties (collectively, the "Company") is a Debit-Check subscriber. Accordingly, as part of the contracting and appointment process or determination of eligibility for advancement of commissions, the Company may conduct a commission related debit balance screening via Debit-Check in order to determine your eligibility and may continue to conduct periodic commission related debit balance screenings as determined in the Company's sole discretion following the engagement of any employment, appointment, contract, tenure, or other relationship with the Company.

Access to Debit-Check Information: You can obtain your commission related debit balance information by contacting the Vector One Agent Hotline at (800) 860-6546.

AGENT/AGENCY'S STATEMENT – READ CAREFULLY

The Company is hereby authorized to obtain and conduct a commission related debit balance screening through Vector One's Debit-Check secured web portal to determine if another Debit-Check subscriber has posted that I have an outstanding commission related debit balance. I understand that the Company may consider the results of the commission related debit balance screening in order to determine my eligibility to be contracted and appointed or determine my eligibility for advancement of commissions as an insurance producer and may continue to conduct periodic commission related debit balance screenings as determined in the Company's sole discretion following the engagement of any employment, appointment, contract, tenure, or other relationship with the Company. I understand and acknowledge that the Company may obtain commission related debit balance information through Debit-Check as state law allows. I understand that my information, including my name and social security number ("My Information") may be used for the purpose of obtaining and conducting a commission related debit balance screening. I further understand that in the event of termination or expiration of my employment, appointment, contract, tenure, or other relationship with the Company, whether voluntary or involuntary, if a commission related debit balance is owed to the Company, the Company may post My Information to the Debit-Check service which may be accessed by Debit-Check subscribers until such time the debit balance is satisfied or otherwise removed.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I HEREBY (PLEASE INITIAL ALL STATEMENTS):

(A) _____ Authorize the Company to use My Information for purposes of conducting a commission related debit balance screening, and periodic commission related debit balance screenings as determined in the Company's sole discretion following the engagement of any employment, appointment, contract, tenure, or other relationship with the Company, utilizing Debit-Check.

(B) _____ Authorize the Company to consider the results of the commission related debit balance screening in order to determine my eligibility to be contracted and appointed or determine my eligibility for advancement of commissions as an insurance producer.

(C) _____ Authorize and direct Vector One to receive and process My Information as necessary to intentionally disclose and furnish the results of my commission related debt verification screening, whether directly or indirectly, to the Company.

(D) _____ Authorize the Company to submit My Information to the Debit-Check service in the event of termination or expiration of my engagement with the Company, whether voluntary or involuntary, to the extent a commission related debit balance is owed to the Company.

(E) _____ Authorize and direct Vector One to receive and process My Information and intentionally disclose to any Debit-Check subscriber who submits an inquiry utilizing My Information the results of my commission related debit balance screening, which will contain My Information, to the extent a debit balance is owed.

Agent/Agency Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

FOR COMPANY USE ONLY

AGREED AND ACKNOWLEDGED BY COMPANY:

Name of Company: _____

Signature: _____

Name and Title: _____



Fidelity Life Association
1350 E Touhy Ave., Suite 205W
Des Plaines, IL 60018
888.440.1540

COMMISSION ALLOCATION

Producer Name: _____

Producer Number: _____

Please make sure to confirm the products, commission levels and advance levels you are requesting as these may vary depending on your recruiting contract and upline General Agent. Incorrect levels will cause delays in processing.

Reports to General Agent/Agency Number : _____

<u>Product Name</u>	<u>Commission Level/Code</u>	<u>Advance %</u>

I, the below signed Recruiting General Agent, authorize Fidelity Life Association to pay a portion of my total compensation to the producer named above.

Advance Information – If commissions are to be advanced, an **Advance Agreement** must be signed by the agent and both pages sent in with this form for processing.

By my signature below I authorize Fidelity Life Association to pay a portion of the annualized commissions at the time a policy is placed in force. If no advancing is being offered, please indicate here NO ☐

➔ Recruiting Agent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Recruiting Agent Name _____ Agent/Agency Number: _____

PRODUCER APPOINTMENT APPLICATION

PLEASE ANSWER ALL APPLICABLE SECTIONS COMPLETELY.

Section 1: Appointment Information

Appointment for: ☐ Individual ☐ Corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Sole Proprietorship

Business Name: _____

State(s) to be appointed in: _____

Note: General Agent must be contracted before a representative is appointed. Corporations must hold a valid license in all states, where applicable, in which agents/representatives will solicit business. A copy of the agent/representative individual state license must be submitted with this application.

Section 2: Producer Information

Name (first, middle initial & last) _____

Business Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business Phone Number _____

Fax Number _____ E-Mail Address _____

Social Security Number (Tax I.D. Number) _____

Place of Birth _____ Date of Birth _____

Resident Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Section 3: Recruiting General Agent Information

Name _____

Business Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

General Agent Number _____

Phone Number _____

Fax Number _____ E-Mail Address _____

Section 4: Background Information

Please attach details for any question answered yes.

- a) Has any license you or your firm ever held been revoked, suspended or cancelled, or had an administrative action taken by any regulatory agency or body that has the ability to issue any professional license? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b) Have you ever filed for bankruptcy, pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or been found guilty of felony or misdemeanor charges including motor vehicle infractions at any time?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No
- c) Are you now the subject of any complaint, investigation or proceeding which could result in a "yes" answer to any of the above questions? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- d) Are any judgments or suits pending against you, your firm? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- e) List life insurance companies which your firm currently transacts business _____

- f) Are you/is your firm currently in debt to any life insurance company? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- g) May we contact your present carriers? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Section 5: Employment History

History must cover past 5 years. Attach separate sheet if necessary.

From _____ To _____ Company Name _____
Position _____ Contact Name _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

From _____ To _____ Company Name _____
Position _____ Contact Name _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Section 6: Code of Conduct Agreement

I have read the Company's Ethics Code and certify that I understand, and will comply with, the Company's policies, procedures, and code of ethical market conduct.

By signing below I acknowledge that I will make recommendations and present products consistent with the insurable needs and financial objectives of my client; I will provide honest and accurate disclosure of information so that my clients can make an informed buying decision; I will establish and maintain the trust of my clients by treating them with respect and by delivering them quality service; I will maintain the privacy of my clients by

protecting their confidential information; I will refrain from disparaging competitors; I will make every attempt to further my education and will maintain awareness of industry laws and company procedures; I will communicate any client concerns or complaints to the Company in a timely manner and will notify the Company of any violation of the ethical conduct code; and I will maintain a current license and valid appointment in all states in which I solicit the sale of the Company products to consumers.

Statements made herein are representations upon which the Company may rely when considering my request for appointment. This information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand and agree that, if appointed, any material misrepresentation of facts herein provided may be the basis of termination.

→ _____
Signature _____ Date _____

Section 7: Commission Direct Deposit Request

In order to initiate the direct deposit of commission earned during the period of your appointment with the Company, the following information must be completed.

This account is (check one): ☐ Checking ☐ Savings Account

Account Name _____

9 Digit ABA Number _____ Account Number _____

Bank Name _____ City _____ Zip _____

Note: Please do not assume that your commission will be deposited into your account because you have direct deposit.

Always check your commission statement to determine the amount deposited into your account. Allow at least 3 business days for direct deposit to be processed into your account. Questions regarding this information can be directed to the Licensing and Contracting Department 888-440-1540.

→ Agent Signature _____

Mail To: **Fidelity Life Association**
8700 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Ste. 900S
Chicago, IL 60631

(attach a voided or cancelled check from your banking institution)

Or Fax To: Fidelity Life Association, 866-947-8738

You are responsible for ensuring all information is correct.

Section 8: Assignment Information (Indicate Who Should Be Paid Commission):

Circle One: Individual Corporation

Name: _____

Social Security Number or Federal Tax ID Number: _____

Section 9: Consent to Request Consumer Report and/or Investigative Consumer Information

I understand that the Company may utilize the services of a consumer reporting agency as part of the procedure for processing my application for employment and/or application for appointment.

I understand a consumer reporting agency may conduct an investigation and prepare a consumer report (which may include a financial credit check, criminal background check, state licensing/disciplinary check, employment/contract check and other information bearing on my credit and financial history) and/or an investigative consumer report which will include, among other things, information as to my credit background, character, general reputation, personal characteristics or mode of living, whichever are applicable. I understand such information may be obtained through personal interviews with my neighbors, friends and associates, acquaintances or other persons who may have knowledge regarding such information. I also understand that a Debit-Check.com search will be run to identify any debit balances outstanding with other insurance companies.

I further understand that upon written request, subjects of an investigative consumer report have the right to: 1) receive a summary of their rights under The Fair Credit Reporting Act; and 2) receive a disclosure of the nature or scope of the investigation conducted.

I hereby consent to this investigation and authorize the Company or its representatives to procure a report on my background as stated above from a consumer reporting agency or any other source providing such information.

I agree the Company has the right to release any information revealed by this investigation to any State requiring it and to my recruiting agent.

Driver's License Number _____ State _____

→ Signature _____ Date _____

Ethics Code

Fidelity Life Association, A Legal Reserve Life Insurance Company, strives to provide our customers with quality products and service. We also strive to maintain a zero tolerance regulatory compliance standard for the Company's employees, vendors and distributors. This Ethics Code for distributors (agents and general agents) serves as a guide that helps us to maintain a high standard of honesty, fairness, and integrity in our market conduct and is compatible with our more detailed Employee Ethics Code.

Market Conduct at Fidelity Life Association (FLA):

"Market conduct" in this Ethics Code refers to actions of our distributors when providing service to our customers. FLA maintains high customer service standards. Honesty, fairness, and integrity are characteristics that all distributors are expected to display when dealing with customers. FLA has developed this Ethics Code to help our distributors understand what type of behavior is expected of them.

Our distributors will conduct business on behalf of the Company with the highest standards of honesty and fairness and will recommend products and provide services to our customers which are suitable to their circumstances.

Our distributors will always strive to provide the most customer-focused sales process and service experience possible.

Our distributors will engage in fair competition, providing full and accurate disclosure of information to enable the most informed and appropriate decisions.

Our distributors will only use company approved advertising and sales materials that are clear as to purpose, and honest and fair as to content.

Our distributors will always provide a means for fair and expeditious handling of customer complaints and disputes.

FLA will maintain a system of supervision that is reasonably designed to achieve compliance with this Ethics Code as well as applicable state and federal laws. Our distributors are also expected to make efforts to ensure that each customer fits the profile of the market for which the product is designed.

To provide competent sales and service, our distributors must adhere to this Ethics Code. In addition, all distributors must stay abreast of FLA's products and their functions. All distributors must also be licensed or otherwise qualified under state law in every state within which they solicit business.

To maintain and enhance competition in the marketplace for our products, all distributors should ensure that, through education and action, they promote an awareness of the concept of a fair marketplace. Our distributors should not replace existing insurance policies without first providing the customer with the information he or she needs to make an informed decision about the replacement.

Market Conduct Violations:

In order to resolve any complaints and disputes that may arise concerning the market conduct of our distributors, efforts should be made to identify, handle, and resolve all complaints fairly and objectively. All distributors who represent the Company should be provided with a copy of this FLA Ethics Code and acknowledge its receipt. FLA policies and procedures have also been developed for auditing and monitoring our general agents' and agents' market activities and sales practices. Appointments of distributors who fail to abide by requirements of the Code will be revoked.

All FLA distributors should comply with the Ethics Code at all times. Violation of this Code is considered serious and will be handled accordingly. Any violations of market conduct should be reported.

If you have any questions or need more information about market conduct at FLA, please contact our Corporate Counsel at (630) 371-1877.

**Request for Taxpayer
Identification Number and Certification**

Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

**Give form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.**

Before you begin. For guidance related to the purpose of Form W-9, see *Purpose of Form*, below.

Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.	1 Name of entity/individual. An entry is required. (For a sole proprietor or disregarded entity, enter the owner's name on line 1, and enter the business/disregarded entity's name on line 2.)	
	2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above.	
	3a Check the appropriate box for federal tax classification of the entity/individual whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes. ☐ Individual/sole proprietor ☐ C corporation ☐ S corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Trust/estate ☐ LLC. Enter the tax classification (C = C corporation, S = S corporation, P = Partnership) Note: Check the "LLC" box above and, in the entry space, enter the appropriate code (C, S, or P) for the tax classification of the LLC, unless it is a disregarded entity. A disregarded entity should instead check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. ☐ Other (see instructions) _____	4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) reporting code (if any) _____ (Applies to accounts maintained outside the United States.)
	3b If on line 3a you checked "Partnership" or "Trust/estate," or checked "LLC" and entered "P" as its tax classification, and you are providing this form to a partnership, trust, or estate in which you have an ownership interest, check this box if you have any foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries. See instructions ☐	
	5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.). See instructions.	Requester's name and address (optional)
	6 City, state, and ZIP code	
	7 List account number(s) here (optional)	

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. See also *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number											
				-				-			
or											
Employer identification number											
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Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and, generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person	Date
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

What's New

Line 3a has been modified to clarify how a disregarded entity completes this line. An LLC that is a disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Otherwise, it should check the "LLC" box and enter its appropriate tax classification.

New line 3b has been added to this form. A flow-through entity is required to complete this line to indicate that it has direct or indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries when it provides the Form W-9 to another flow-through entity in which it has an ownership interest. This change is intended to provide a flow-through entity with information regarding the status of its indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries, so that it can satisfy any applicable reporting requirements. For example, a partnership that has any indirect foreign partners may be required to complete Schedules K-2 and K-3. See the Partnership Instructions for Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065).

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS is giving you this form because they