## Maryland529 Prepaid Trust is NOT honoring their contractual obligations of their Contracts.

In all Contracts from 1998-2021, Article VI or VII in each, contained an additional Benefit Option available to all policy holders of a "Termination, Transfer, and Refund Termination". A Transfer via a Rollover to Maryland College Investment Trust or another program intended to comply with Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code.

For MPCT Contracts over 3 years old, the transferable amount <u>will equal</u> the contributions to the Prepaid College Trust <u>plus or minus 100% of Investment Earnings</u> or losses realized on the contributions, less any administrative fees or Benefits used. The MPCT is NOT honoring this Section/Article of their contractual obligations and has frozen all Earnings usage, as well as began applying the incorrect Weighted Average Tuition Minimum Benefit Earnings Calculation to both those Benefits, and the Rollover/Transfer/Termination actions mentioned above. This has led to a +/- 90% loss of Investment Earnings by ALL 31,000 policyholders.

Calculations changes voted on by MD529 Board in 2021, with ambiguous language as to IF the new Earnings Rate is applicable to both prior and future years. Current "recalculations" and interpretation by current Executive Director and Board are only applying the 'new benefit' earnings rate to FUTURE years after November 2021, while replacing our prior accrued investment earnings (on average 6% annually, owed above) with a minimum benefit interest rate that is less than 1% on average per year. Effectively, eliminating the Termination/Transfer/Refund obligations and calculations guaranteed in Article VI/VII of the Contracts prior to such change.

#### rmination, Transfer, and Refund

terminate this Contract and receive a refund or reduced hard will determine the amount of any refund or reduced in to the terms of this Contract. You may designate an r's Successor to take control of the Account in the event You may modify or terminate this Contract or request a ced refund without the consent or authorization of the r's Successor or the Beneficiary. In the event you are due verpayment on this Contract, upon written request, the nd any overpayment. The Board will not, however, refund in such an overpayment.

vill terminate 10 years after your Beneficiary's year of pront/Initial Eligibility plus the number of years purchased in
. This time can be extended for any active service in the
u may request a waiver to extend the time period allowed
. Any waiver request will be subject to the approval of the
led discretion. If time has expired on this Contract, Unused
in in your Account, and no waiver has been made, the
eterminated. If you have not claimed the Unused Benefits
the Benefits may be considered abandoned property and
oper claim by the Account Holder, revert to the State.

make the required payments or supply necessary informaaximum period in which Benefits can be used has expired, ermined that either you or the Beneficiary has made any presentation related to the Contract, the Board in its sole terminate the Contract.

her Eligible Programs. Upon notification in writing to the ransfer your Account to another program intended to compage of the Internal Revenue Code. All transfers are subject evenue Code. If this Contract is less than 3 years old, the unt will equal the contributions to the Prepaid College Trust of of the Investment Earnings or losses realized on the contract is the transferable amount will equal the contributions to the transferable amount will equal the contributions to the Trust plus or minus 100% of the Investment Earnings or in the contributions, less any administrative fees or Benefits

In the College Savings Plans of Maryland. The transor transfers from the Prepaid College Trust to the Maryland on the Plan will equal the contributions to the Prepaid College us 100% of the Investment Earnings or losses realized on at the time the Account is transferred, regardless of how that been in effect.

s are only given at the written request of the Account riginal signature, for a specific year(s) under the following

#### ility of the Beneficiary.

Enrolled at Eligible Institution. The refund will be the amount ave otherwise been paid directly to the Eligible Institution.

Not Enrolled at Eligible Institution. If the Beneficiary has finchool, the refund will be equal to the Weighted Average

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Transfers to Other Eligible Programs. Upon notification in writing to the Board, you may transfer your Account to another program intended to comply with Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code. All transfers are subject to the Internal Revenue Code. If this Contract is less than 3 years old, the transferable amount will equal the contributions to the Prepaid College Trust plus or minus 75% of the Investment Earnings or losses realized on the contributions, less any administrative fees or Benefits used. If this Contract is over 3 years old, the transferable amount will equal the contributions to the Prepaid College Trust plus or minus 100% of the Investment Earnings or losses realized on the contributions, less any administrative fees or Benefits used.

Transfers within the College Savings Plans of Maryland. The transferable amount for transfers from the Prepaid College Trust to the Maryland College Investment Plan will equal the contributions to the Prepaid College Trust plus or minus 100% of the Investment Earnings or losses realized on the contributions, at the time the Account is transferred, regardless of how long the Contract has been in effect.

**Refund.** Refunds are only given at the written request of the Account Holder, with an original signature, for a specific year(s) under the following circumstances.

### Death or Disability of the Beneficiary.

 Beneficiary Enrolled at Eligible Institution. The refund will be the amount that would have otherwise been paid directly to the Eligible Institution. ution or reimburse you (with proof of payment), as appropriate.

#### - Termination, Transfer, and Refund Termination.

lesignate an Account Holder's Successor to take control of the in the event of your death. However, only you can terminate this and receive a refund or reduced refund. The Board will determine it of any refund or reduced refund pursuant to the terms of this You may modify or terminate this Contract or, upon written notice, refund or reduced refund without the consent or authorization of int Holder's Successor or the Beneficiary. In the event you are and for overpayment on this Contract, the Board will refund any

ment. The Board will not, however, refund any earnings on such an ment. The value of your Account will be updated only on dates on the New York Stock Exchange is open for business.

ntract will terminate 10 years after your Beneficiary's year of denrollment/Initial Eligibility plus the number of years purchased in tract(s). This time can be extended for any active service in the U.S. You may request a waiver to extend the time period allowed to use. Any waiver request will be subject to the approval of the Board, le discretion. If time has expired on this Contract, Unused Benefits in your Account, and no waiver has been made, the Contract will be ed. If you have not claimed the Unused Benefits within three years, lefts may be considered abandoned property and will, without claim by the Account Holder, revert to the State.

or fail to make the required payments or supply necessary ion, (b) the maximum period in which Benefits can be used has or (c) it is determined that either you or the Beneficiary has made erial misrepresentation related to the Contract, the Board in its sole on may terminate the Contract.

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# MD Prepaid College Trust – Contract Disclosures ARTICLE VII (2010-2011 Contract): Similar 1998-201

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**Refund.** Refunds are only given at your written request, with an original signature, for a specific semester(s) or year(s) under the following circumstances.

#### **Rollovers and Refunds**

terally. Funds in a 529 account can be and from Qualified Tuition Programs for the ary. Such transfers are known as rollovers. The same beneficiary are restricted to once per od. The Account Holder and/or the Qualified and distributing assets to another program must be eiving program with an accurate allocation of arnings from the previous account; otherwise, rogram is required by the IRS to treat the contribution as earnings.

n Another Qualified Tuition Program.
Contract Payments.

Another Qualified Tuition Program. Upon writing, you may transfer your Account to led Tuition Program. Based on IRS regulations, e same Beneficiary are restricted to one time period.

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# MD Prepaid College Trust – Contract Disclosures ARTICLE VI (2020-2021 CONTRACT):

A Contract in existence for three years or more as measured from the first payment due date. The transferable amount will equal the actual payments made to the Prepaid College Trust plus or minus 100% of the Trust Returns applied to the contract payments, less Operating Expenses and any Benefits used.

Transfers within Maryland 529. The transferable amount for transfers from the Prepaid College Trust to the Maryland College Investment Plan will equal the actual payments made to the Prepaid College Trust plus or minus 100% of the Trust Returns applied to the contract payments, less Operating Expenses and any Benefits used, regardless of how long the Contract has been in effect.

"Trust Returns" n the since inception of return for the I College Trust. The inception is Dece 31, 1998 and the inception rate of updated quarterly Prepaid College T investment advise Returns are used calculate Rollover Distributions and Refunds as descri Article VI of this **Disclosure Statem** 

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#### Accounts in existence on October 31, 2021:

Earnings Attributable for Rollovers and Refunds

- For Accounts in existence on October 31, 2021. contributions in your Account prior to November 1, 2021 will earn 6% on balances, compounded monthly, until benefits are withdrawn, or your Contract is terminated.
- Contributions made on or after November 1, 2021 will accrue regular interest each year, compounded monthly, at a rate equal to the 10-year Treasury note rate. The Treasury note yield applicable to the Account contributions will be updated annually with the June 30th number.

The yield for the 10-year Treasury note will be sourced from the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (US), 10-Year Treasury Constant Maturity Rate (DGS10), as retrieved from FRED, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (fred.stlouisfed.org/series/DGS10).

# MD Prepaid College Trust – Contract Disclosures ARTICLE VII (2021-2022 : New Language/Earning

Contributions to Accounts opened on or after November 1, 2021 will accrue regular interest each year, compounded monthly, at a rate equal to the 10-year Treasury note rate. The Treasury note yield applicable \*the Account contributions will be updated annually wi the lune 30th number

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ollovers from Another Qualified Tuition Program. e Article IV, Contract Payments.

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TH NOTING: The RECALCULATION interest rate being applied to PRIOR years before 2021 is NOT found in the new contracts & NOT associated with Rollover/Refund in old contracts. SO HOW ARE THEY USING IT??? PLEASE ASK THEM!

## MD Prepaid Trust – Investment Earnings (by year)

### So, how have OUR contributions invested by MPCT done in earnings?

2002 = 7.78%	2012 = 1.6%
2002 - 7.70%	2012 - 1.076
2003 = 7.51%	2013 = 10.7%
2004 = 13.2%	<b>2014 = 18.5%</b>
2005 = 8.4%	<b>2015 = 2.4%</b>
2006 = 8.0%	2016 = (-0.7%)
2007 = 15.5%	2017 = <b>12.3</b> %
2008 = (-5.8%)	<b>2018 = 7.1%</b>
2009 = (-20.4%)	2019 = 5.7%
2010 = 14.0%	<b>2020 = 1.6%</b>
2011 = 21.0%	<b>2021 = 21.3%</b>
	2022 = (- <mark>8.5%</mark> )

And WHAT % is the "recalculation" providing to policyholders?

+/- 1%

Prior to Article: Rollover/Refund Disclosure changes, each policy holder had the right to rollover or transfer: "All contributions made to MPCT plus or minus 100% of REALIZED earnings on those contributions". Thousands of policy holders used that preferred benefit until earnings were frozen in April 2022. Based on this Article VI/VII of disclosure, the DEC 2021 statements are VERY CLOSE to accurate when using that calculation found in ALL our contracts from 1998-2019.

#### **Earnings Attributable for Rollovers and Refunds**

#### Accounts in existence on October 31, 2021:

- For Accounts in existence on October 31, 2021, contributions in your Account prior to November 1, 2021 will earn 6% on balances, compounded monthly, until benefits are withdrawn, or your Contract is terminated.
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  Earnings applied to the contract payments, less Operating
  Expenses, outstanding fees, and any Benefits used,
  regardless of how long the Contract has been in effect.

Ambiguous language as to IF the 6% applies to **PRIOR** and **FUTURE** years to offset Rollover calculation change and loss thereof IF not applied to PRIOR years. MD529 currently is interpreting and 'recalculating' this change **NOT** to apply to prior years causing HARM and over 90% **Earnings Loss to Policy** Holders cash value versus using the Original Rollover calculations in our Contracts. NOTE: There is NO OTHER earnings rate mentioned in contract, so HOW are they using 0-1% interest rate of old contracts to prior years??

MD529 Board CHANGES to Rollover Calculations and interpretation there beginning 2021/2022, adversely affecting MPCT obligations to ALL Participants:

#### MCPT Disclosure Statement:

Calculations. We may develop other methods for the calculation of Benefits payable under Contracts if we determine that it is necessary to provide consistent Benefits. No such changes may adversely alter the fundamental rights and obligations of the parties to this Contract, except to the extent necessary to assure compliance with applicable state or federal laws or regulations or to preserve favorable tax treatment to you, your Beneficiary, Maryland 529, or the Prepaid College Trust.



Removal of "Trust Return" defined as since inception earnings return rate. "100% Earnings Realized" replaced with "100% of Earnings Applied".