

Life Insurance Beneficiary Designations

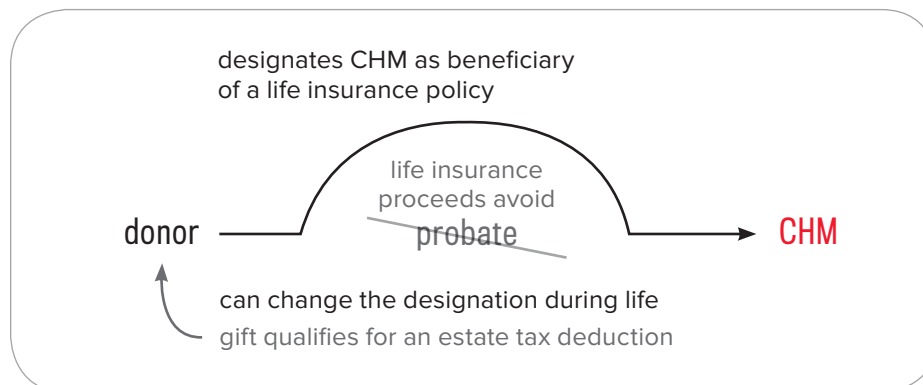
Life insurance proceeds are not subject to probate—they pass instead directly to a named beneficiary (usually a family member, trust, or charity). Using this simple, revocable gift option, a donor can give all or part of the policy proceeds to charity and qualify for an estate tax deduction.

Concept applied:

A donor who wants to make a simple yet significant gift can name a charity as primary or contingent beneficiary of a life insurance policy no longer needed for family protection or estate liquidity.

How it works:

When David Chen's wife died, he filed a Change of Beneficiary form for his life insurance policy, making his two grown children the primary beneficiaries and his favorite charity the secondary beneficiary (to receive the proceeds only if the children could not). Now, with both children financially independent, David makes the charity the sole beneficiary. He meets his charitable goals, retains the use of his assets during retirement, and knows he can make changes again if necessary.



Why is it useful?

Naming a charitable life insurance beneficiary is an easy, private, flexible way to make a cost-effective gift—perhaps even a larger gift than would otherwise have been possible—all without giving away assets during life that might be needed in the future.



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