



## Payable-on-Death Accounts

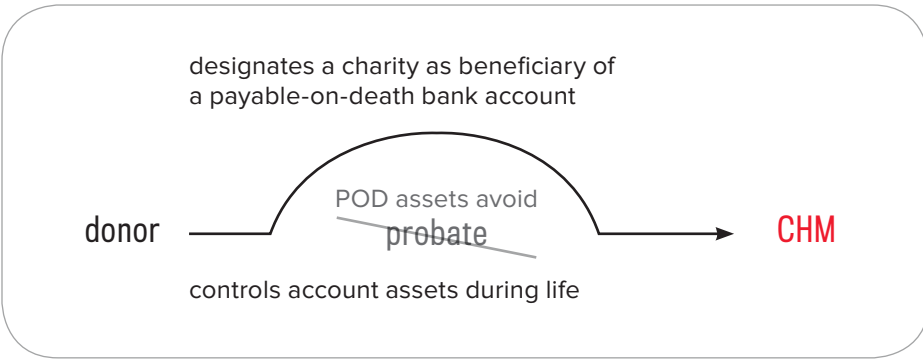
A payable-on-death account is an account at a bank or credit union (checking, savings, money market, or even CDs and savings bonds) with a designated beneficiary. An account holder can add this designation to an existing account to pass the money to an individual or charity outside of probate.

**Concept applied:**

A donor can easily add a payable-on-death (POD) designation to any new or existing bank account to pass the money directly to one or more individuals and/or charities at death.

**How it works:**

Karl Nelson adds a POD designation to his checking account and names a charity as the beneficiary. He retains complete control of the account and can change the beneficiary if he wishes. While the FDIC insures his other accounts and CDs at the same bank for a combined total of \$250,000, his POD account has its own \$250,000 coverage. At Karl's death, the charity must provide a certified copy of his death certificate to claim the money, which then passes directly from the bank to the charity without going through probate.



**Why is it useful?**

A POD account is sometimes called the “poor man’s trust” because it avoids probate without the expense and complexity of an attorney-created trust. A POD account’s beneficiary designation generally takes precedence over any conflicting instructions in a will or revocable living trust.



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