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# What Happens If Your Client Becomes Disabled?

Your client's ability to earn an income is one of their greatest assets, providing them and their family with a home, food, transportation, clothes and other necessities. If they face an unexpected illness or injury, their family could struggle.

Sometimes a disability is short-term, and a quick return to work is possible. But if an injury or illness causes a long-term disability, often there are additional costs including long-term care and the extra assistance needed to help their family function in their absence. This could greatly increase the financial burden on their family and they would need to consider where their income would come from.

iers		<b>Resources</b>	Drawbacks and Limitations
of the Journal		Social Security	The average SSDI benefit is \$1,197 a month.
		Savings & Investments	If your client saves 10% of their income per year, one year of disability (without a DI policy) could use up to 10 years of savings and investments.
		Employee Group DI	Many programs cover only base pay and have a cap on benefits. Benefits are often taxable which means they receive less.
sue:		Workers' Comp	It pays only a limited amount over a short period of time and only covers losses due to a work related illness or injury.
		Loan From A Bank	Who will lend funds to your client if they can't work?
<"	2	Friends and Relatives	They may be willing to help, but their resources may be limited.
су 5	-	Spouse's Income	Can their spouse continue to work while caring for your client and managing the household?
al	3	A well designed disability income protection program will incorporate all available resources to provide adequate income during a disability. Anchored by an individually owned disability income insurance policy, it could be one of the best decisions that your client will ever make.	
			more information on the disability products that acct your clients and provide security for their

# Avoiding "Sticker Shock" With Disability Income Sales

Have you ever presented disability income insurance to a client, and found that with one look at the price tag they are reluctant to purchase? While it is true that a DI plan could be costly for some - it certainly doesn't have to be.

#### Avoid the "sticker shock" with your clients:

The general rule for the amount a client should spend on their Income Protection plan is **3% or less of their annual income.** 

If the premium is higher than the 3% amount, the client is more likely to experience "sticker shock" and, even if you are able to place the policy, the likelihood of it lapsing is much higher. The client will then have no protection and you will not have a renewal commission.

#### How to keep premiums under 3% of a client's income:

By adjusting both the Benefit Amount and Elimination Period (EP), you are able to make the policy more cost effective.

- Adjust the benefit amount to cover just the basic monthly expenses such as rent/mortgage, utilities, groceries, etc.
- Approximately 75% of fully underwritten policies have a 90 day Elimination Period. If your client has enough savings, offer a 180 day Elimination Period.

# Creating a mixture of Base Benefit and Social Insurance Supplement (SIS) coverage, is another solution to keep a client's premiums low.

- The idea here is to get the most coverage for the lowest premium. Since the SIS coverage can be offset by Social Security, State DI or Workers Compensation, the premium is less expensive than that of the Base Benefit.
- A good mixture of SIS and Base coverage can generally keep the premium within a client's budget, yet provide them with the coverage to ensure their financial stability in the event they are unable to work.

#### A Fun Fact to share with your "sticker shocked" clients:

Over 80% of disability income claims are settled within 5 years because the client recovered and returned to work, or they passed away. In lieu of a less than 20% chance your claim will go past 5 years, a 5-year benefit can be very affordable.

Not every client needs all the available costly riders the carrier offers - choose only the riders that will actually benefit a client. And if in doubt of which riders would be the most suitable, contact Cenco to discuss the best options. We are here to help!



# June Is National Annuity Awareness Month!

As an insurance professional with in-depth knowledge of products and services available, the advantages of annuities are no surprise to you, yet they can be surprisingly hard to sell. Many clients have preconceived ideas of what they are, how they work and have some sort of second-party horror story from friends, family members or even someone in a magazine who fell victim to withdrawal fees or disability.

As the National Association for Fixed Annuities (NAFA) says, National Annuity Awareness Month was created in 2014 to "help educate financial professionals and the public on the important role annuity products play in helping Americans save for retirement as part of a secure retirement plan". While many Americans understand the importance of saving money in a 401(k) from a young age and making investments in property, the stock market and other financial vehicles, they are often unaware of the numerous benefits annuities offer and how they can positively affect your cash flow during retirement.

To curtail misconceptions about the annuity, trade associations such as NAFA, Annuity Awareness Association (AAA) and Society for Annuity Facts and Education (SAFE) are providing educational material, webcasts and social media communications, and an array of awareness tools to consumers throughout the month in order to stress the important role annuity products can play in helping Americans save for retirement.

To review, the benefits of annuities include (but are not limited to):

- Guaranteed lifetime income
- Not being subject to market volatility
- Deciding when you want the payout to begin
- Being tax-deferred
- An option to add riders (benefit, long-term care, etc.)

Who doesn't like the sound and the reality of having guaranteed retirement income they can't outlive or the option to add extra riders on to the annuity with the option of getting the money back, should you not use it? Annuities were created to offer consumers a more stable way to invest as they age and are less keen on investing in risky financial vehicles, yet they aren't stressed enough.

Don't let your peers fall by the wayside. Educate and inform them using unbiased easy-to-understand information showing the benefits of annuities so they can make retirement planning a forethought, not an afterthought. With more educated and informed consumers, they would be looking to you for guidance in deciding, customizing and purchasing annuities, as well as other financial vehicles for their retirement income portfolios.

For more information on how you can get involved with Annuity Awareness Month, visit the National Association For Fixed Annuities at (nafa.com).

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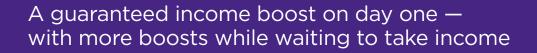
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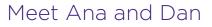
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**INCOME** 

Ana and Dan, both 61, are planning to retire sometime within the next five years. For their retirement strategy, they want:

- Guaranteed lifetime income that'll continue for both of their lives
- Flexibility to keep growing their income while waiting to take payments

**Guaranteed lifetime income:**<sup>1</sup> With a series of income boosts,<sup>2</sup> Income 150+ SE fixed index annuity (FIA) can give Ana and Dan guaranteed income growth. Here's how a \$200,000 initial premium would grow their income Withdrawal Base over five years:





This strategy may involve the purchase of a fixed index annuity (FIA) with a benefit provided for a charge. FIAs are typically meant for long-term savings purposes. Withdrawals during the early years may incur a withdrawal charge, assessed as a percentage of the withdrawal. Withdrawal charges vary by product. FIAs are insurance contracts, not securities, and do not directly participate in any stock, bond, or equity investments. Contract owners are not buying shares of any stock or index, even though index performance may indirectly affect contract values. Index-based crediting methods may experience years with 0% crediting. Though crediting is determined, in part, by the performance of an equity index, the credited rate is typically subject to a cap, spread, participation rate or performance trigger. Additional benefits vary by product and may be subject to charges. Indices are not available for direct investment.

- <sup>1</sup> The income benefit is included on date of issue for an annual charge of 1.05% of the Withdrawal Base at the end of each contract year.
- <sup>2</sup> Each boost value assumes income has not started and withdrawals have not been made. The Withdrawal Base and income boosts are not available on cash surrender or as death benefits. Withdrawals prior to income activation may reduce the Deferral Bonuses, also known as Income Boosts.
- <sup>3</sup> Assumes joint income option selected.
- <sup>4</sup> Based on an income starting age of 65 and a joint lifetime withdrawal percentage of 3.75%.
- <sup>5</sup> Based on an income starting age of 70 and a joint lifetime withdrawal percentage of 4.25%.

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# **ForeCare**

Fixed Annuity with Long-Term Care Benefits

Issued by Forethought Life Insurance Company

# Do your clients need more care for their long-term care needs?

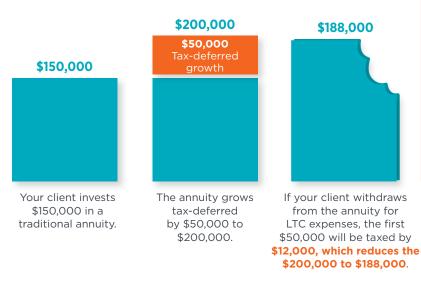
In 2010, the Pension Protection Act's (PPA) long-term care benefits took effect. Before the PPA, people had to pay taxes on the tax-deferred growth inside of their traditional annuities when withdrawing money for their long-term care (LTC) expenses.<sup>1</sup> Unfortunately, this condition still applies today if anyone owns a traditional annuity that's not designed to work under the PPA.

# How ForeCare helps maximize your clients' fixed annuity dollars for LTC needs

However, with the PPA now in force, things have improved: if a fixed annuity has a long-term care rider that's designed to work within the PPA, the tax-deferred dollars used to pay for gualified long-term care expenses are typically federal income tax-free.<sup>2</sup> Let's compare two hypothetical scenarios:

#### Example one

Your client uses a traditional annuity and is in a 24% tax bracket.



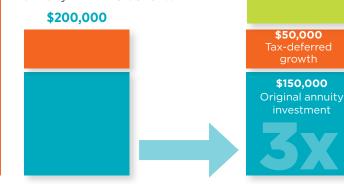
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For 32% tax bracket. the tax bite would be \$16,000 in this scenario.

#### Example two

Your client transfers her assets to an annuity designed to work under the PPA: the ForeCare fixed annuity with LTC benefits.



Your client transfers her traditional annuity to the ForeCare Fixed Annuity with LTC benefits.

#### Total coverage<sup>3</sup> \$600,000

Additional coverage: \$400.000

\$50.000

Tax-deferred

growth

\$150.000

With ForeCare's

premier approval.

she gets 3x the

amount of her

annuity premium

for qualified LTC expenses.4

With the ForeCare Multiplier,<sup>4</sup> your client now has \$600,000 for her qualified LTC needs.

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And because ForeCare is designed to work under the PPA, growth is typically federal income tax-free when used for qualified LTC expenses.<sup>2</sup>

Repositioning of assets from an existing product into a ForeCare fixed annuity contract may not be suitable for all clients. Clients should carefully consider factors such as remaining surrender charge schedule, possible market value adjustments and any other charges before determining if repositioning and/or exchanging of an existing annuity contract is right for their particular situation. State insurance replacement regulations may also apply.





# Help your clients start planning today for **more care** tomorrow.

Visit globalatlantic.com to run a product illustration or to access the ForeCare calculator, or call us at **(877) 454-4777** for more information.

<sup>1</sup> Ignores potential deductibility of Long-Term Care expenses from taxable income in year of withdrawal.

<sup>2</sup> Pay no taxes on initial premium growth assuming all funds are used to pay for qualified long-term care services, no non-qualified withdrawals are taken and no death benefit is paid.

- <sup>3</sup> Total Coverage amount reflects the tax-deferred growth of the Original Annuity Investment which was not subject to federal taxation when transferred into the ForeCare Fixed Annuity. The Total Coverage amount also reflects the multiplier as the value available for your total LTC qualified expenses on a federal income tax-free basis.
- <sup>4</sup> The ForeCare Multiplier provides two or three times (depending on underwriting eligibility) the amount of contract value in long-term care coverage to spend on qualified long-term care expenses. Benefit payments are subject to a maximum monthly benefit. The additional coverage in excess of the contract value is only available to use for a qualified long-term care benefit and will not become part of the contract value or the death benefit. Withdrawals, other than for qualified long-term care expenses, will adversely affect the amount of coverage in the future.

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# Top 10 reasons to sell fixed annuities

EDUCATING your CLIENTS

# Offer your clients guaranteed income options they can't outlive

#### Here are 10 reasons to consider a fixed annuity:

#### 1. Competitive interest rates.

We offer the flexibility of several interest rate guarantee options. Your clients can lock in the initial interest rate guarantee that works best for them.

- 2. Tax-deferred growth. Accumulate savings faster with compounding interest. While money remains in the annuity, the principal earns interest and the gains earn interest.
- **3.** No up-front sales charges or administrative fees. Once the contract is issued, 100% of your clients' money will begin earning interest.

#### **4.** Protection from market volatility.

Fixed annuities have no market participation.

#### 5. Guaranteed death benefit.

Upon the death of the owner, the contract value is paid directly to the beneficiary, without any withdrawal charges or market value adjustment (if applicable), generally avoiding the probate process.

#### 6. Access to funds.

Our fixed annuities allow for penalty-free withdrawals up to a specific amount and there are multiple withdrawal charge waivers that can be used under certain defined circumstances.\*

#### 7. Systematic withdrawals of interest.

Clients can receive payments monthly, quarterly, semiannually or annually.\*

#### 8. Guaranteed income for life payout option.

With annuitization, electing the lifetime payout option will transform the contract balance into a guaranteed income stream for life.

#### 9. Diversification.

A tax-deferred fixed annuity can serve as a conservative addition to any retirement portfolio.

## **10.** Extra help to grow your business—marketing and sales support.

• We provide comprehensive sales training including materials for both agents and bank customers.

\* Taxable withdrawals are subject to ordinary income tax. Withdrawals taken prior to age 59½ may be subject to a 10% federal early withdrawal tax penalty. Contractual withdrawal charges may also apply.

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### Product expertise and innovation

Present clients a powerful story for asset accumulation and guaranteed lifetime income.

- GUARANTEE principal and earnings with a fixed rate of interest
- GROW assets with the power of tax-deferred growth
- PROTECT principal, ensuring client assets will never decline due to market volatility

# Talk with your clients to see if a fixed annuity could be a good fit for their overall retirement plan.

Annuities are long-term retirement saving vehicles.

Retirement accounts such as IRAs can be tax deferred regardless of whether or not they are funded with an annuity. The purchase of an annuity within an IRA does not provide additional tax-deferred treatment of earnings. However, annuities do provide other features and benefits.

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