



Annuities and the Pension Protection Act



Planning for retirement

- How prepared are most Americans?
- What benefits are really there?
- Many are hoping to retire comfortably, but not planning accordingly:
 - Most require about 70% of pre-retirement income to maintain their standard of living in retirement

'The Retirement System in Transition: The 2007 Retirement Confidence Survey." Employee Benefit Research Institute, EBRI Issue Brief No. 304, April 2007.



Defining the terms



– how to qualify for LTC claims

• Non-qualified

premium from after-tax sources (e.g.,CDs, savings, etc)

Tax deferred

- taxes are not paid until funds are withdrawn

Tax-qualified

 LTC coverage meeting federal standards to receive tax benefits



Planning for retirement

- Where are you in your life?
 - -Annuities?
 - *CDs?*
 - -Stocks?
 - -IRA?
 - -Pension?
 - -Social Security?







- Why people buy them:
 - Accumulate tax-deferred interest
 - Availability of guaranteed lifetime income
 - Proceeds can pass to beneficiaries free of probate

Any withdrawals that are considered investment gains are taxed as ordinary income. Withdrawals or distributions made prior to age 59 1/2 may be subject to a 10 percent income tax penalty.







- 83% say they will use their annuity savings as a financial cushion in case they or their spouse live well beyond their life expectancy
- 81% use their annuity savings to avoid being a financial burden on their children
- 73% purchased an annuity to cover the potential expense of unpredictable events such as a catastrophic illness or the need for nursing home care



Annuities

• If you aren't...

– Do you have money set aside to cover the potential risk of unexpected health care risks?



Long-term care expenses

- The truth:
 - Many think it will never happen to them

4 out of every 10 peopleturning 65 will use a nursinghome at some point

(Long-Term Care. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. 2002)



Benefits of planning

- Two-fold relief
 - -Emotional
 - The worry and burden on families
 - Maintain control of choices
 - -Financial
 - Protect finances from LTC erosion
 - Alternative to Medicaid



Discussion of LTC insurance

• What have you heard?

• Do you have friends or family with experiences?



The Government's Role

- Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, 1996 (HIPAA)
 - -Allows for individuals to receive tax-free benefit and allows for deductions of insurance premiums on itemized tax returns provided the policy is tax qualified







- Benefit triggers: ADL* or cognitive impairment
- Benefits paid are to be a reimbursement of expenses incurred
- LTC policies which pay a 'per diem' benefit have a cap above which benefits can be taxable
 - 2010 cap: \$290/day

* Activities of Daily Living: eating, toileting, transferring, bathing, dressing and continence



The Government's role

- 10 years later...
 - more positive federal legislation
 - -The Pension Protection Act (PPA), 2006
 - Gives more advantages to non-qualified annuity owners wanting to fund their own LTC coverage
 - Only specific types of annuities qualify



PPA annuity tax advantages

- Any LTC claims paid from the annuity's cash value will not be taxable, regardless of cost basis*
- Extension of benefit options and riders will be considered tax-qualified and benefits paid from them will not be taxable*
- Qualified LTC coverage, under section 7702B of HIPAA, can now be added to annuity contracts.

^{*} Provisions are effective Jan. 1, 2010 (for contracts and/or riders with tax-qualified LTC coverage)



Non-compliant annuities

- Annuities that don't benefit from the *PPA*:
 - Contracts that simply waive surrender charges
 - -Annuities with nursing home waivers
 - -Annuities funded by IRAs, 401(k)s, etc.



PPA solutions

Annuity Care[®]

- Helps protect LTC exposure using fixed-interest annuity
- Appealing approach for self-funders

Annuity Care is a single premium deferred annuity medically underwritten and issued by The State Life Insurance Company, Indianapolis, Indiana. It may credit additional interest to amounts withdrawn for qualifying longterm care expenses.

Policy Forms: SA34, R508. Not available in all states.

Not a deposit. Not FDIC insured. Not guaranteed by any bank. Not insured by any federal government agency.

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- Existing features:
 - Earns tax-deferred interest each year
 - Provides funds for monthly LTC benefits
 - Extended protection (up to lifetime) available
 - Benefits available to either or both spouses on one policy

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"But what if I never need/use LTC?"

- Win/Win solution
 - If you need LTC, money is available on taxadvantaged basis
 - If you don't, the unused benefits can go to your named beneficiary



Start building your plan

• Questions

- Next Steps:
 - Discuss options
 - Review existing plan
 - Take action own a solution



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