

## **For Married Couples**

A combined approach for reliable retirement income

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Brighthouse FlexChoice Brighthouse Guaranteed Income Builder<sup>SM</sup>



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## A Split Annuity Strategy featuring:



## **FlexChoice**

A Brighthouse Financial Variable Annuity with the Optional FlexChoice Rider

## Offer married clients lifetime income with fewer compromises.

Variable annuities with guaranteed lifetime withdrawal benefits (GLWBs) have become an important part of many clients' retirement strategies. While these popular retirement products can help secure guaranteed lifetime income regardless of market conditions, clients may have to trade off the flexibility they need in order to generate the retirement income they want. This is especially true for married clients, who often must make difficult decisions today that may limit their ability to adapt to changing needs. A Brighthouse Financial<sup>1</sup> variable annuity with the optional FlexChoice living benefit rider<sup>2</sup> can provide your clients with guaranteed lifetime income and market upside potential, while offering real-life flexibility for the ways life unfolds.<sup>3</sup>



## **Brighthouse Guaranteed Income Builder**<sup>sm</sup>

**Deferred Income Annuity** 

## A simple way to add certainty to retirement.

As clients move into and through their retirement years, they'll want to make sure their income needs are covered. After all, people are living longer, more productive lives — with many spending up to 20 or 30 years in retirement. A deferred income annuity, like the Brighthouse Guaranteed Income Builder, may be a good way for clients to get future, guaranteed, lifetime income that can be used to supplement their other retirement income sources. It provides a pension-like stream of income payments, and it can be funded all at once or gradually over time.

<sup>1</sup> Brighthouse Financial is the brand name for Brighthouse Life Insurance Company, singly referred to as "Brighthouse Financial."

FlexChoice is available for an additional annual fee of 1.20% (can increase up to 2.00% upon Step-Up) of the Benefit Base. In the prospectus and contract, FlexChoice is referred to as the Guaranteed Lifetime Withdrawal Benefit.

We use the terms "income" and "lifetime income" to refer to any allowable withdrawals under the FlexChoice rider, as well as any lifetime income payments your clients would receive under the rider if their account value reduces to zero.



## What is a variable annuity?

A variable annuity is a long-term retirement investment vehicle that can be an important component in a client's overall retirement strategy.

That's because a variable annuity offers both:

- Investment features to help the growth potential of a client's assets
- Living and death benefits to help protect a client's assets and their beneficiaries

To provide the investment and insurance-related benefits, variable annuities contain certain fees, including:

- · Contract fees
- · A mortality, expense and administration charge
- · Variable investment option charges and expenses

Optional living and death benefits carry additional charges and must be elected when the contract is issued.



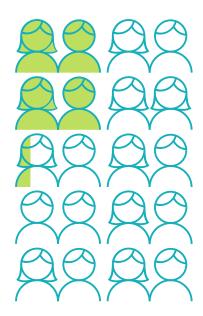
Only

Of couples

have developed a

detailed retirement

income plan to help ensure they don't outlive their savings.



Source: 2015 Fidelity Investments Couples Retirement Study

## People are living longer.

Among married couples, both age 65:

50%

There's a 50% chance of one spouse living to age 92.

25%

There's a 25% chance of one spouse living to age 97.4





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Source: Annuity 2000 Mortality Table; Society of Actuaries.



## **Meet Fred & Gina**

Fred, age 55, and Gina, age 51, are still in their prime working years, but they're already planning for the income they'll need to live comfortably in retirement.

While they've focused on growing their assets over the course of their careers, they'll have to convert a portion of their savings and investment portfolio into future retirement income. They're seeking reliable lifetime income that can last throughout retirement to help cover everyday and discretionary expenses.



## Fred and Gina's Savings and Investments Creating the income plan

Savings & Investment Portfolio = \$650,000 → 401(k)s · IRAs · Brokerage Account

Using \$250,000 from their Savings and Investment portfolio, Fred and Gina have the following goals for retirement:

- · Secure \$50,000 in annual income
- · Retire in 10 years at ages 65 & 61
- Strive for a 6% income payout rate or better throughout retirement to cover all expenses:
  - Pay for everyday expenses using Fred's pension and their other income sources (Social Security, CDs, other investments)
  - Cover discretionary expenses and any income shortfalls by converting some of their retirement assets into guaranteed lifetime income
  - Recognize that their need for \$50,000 in annual retirement income will decrease to \$37,500 if one of them should pass away
- · Secure pension-like income for Gina since she has no defined benefit plan
  - Hedge against a 50% reduction in Fred's pension if he dies before Gina
- · Set aside their other assets (non-retirement income sources) to pass on to their children



Fred and Gina's Retirement Income Solutions

Annual income target: \$50,000

Fred's Pension = \$18,000

Other Income Sources = \$13,000 Social Security, CDs, Other Investments **Shortfall = \$19,000** 

Annual income amounts are not indicative of any investment or account value.

## Splitting it up

## **FlexChoice**

- A Brighthouse Financial variable annuity with the optional FlexChoice rider
- \$200,000 variable annuity purchase payment with FlexChoice Expedite
- · Deferral period: 10 years

## Results

- \$20,797 in annual income for Fred beginning on the 10<sup>th</sup> contract anniversary
- Adjusted to \$13,865 when the contract's Account Value reduces to zero (see page 08 for details)
- Total withdrawals before Account Value reduces to zero = \$311,955. If Gina lives to age 85, both she and Fred will receive lifetime payments under the FlexChoice rider totaling \$450,605

## Annual charge

 1.20% of the Benefit Base; can increase up to 2.00% upon Step-Up

## **Brighthouse Guaranteed Income Builder (GIB)**

- · Deferred income annuity
- · \$50,000 purchase payment
- · Lifetime income with Cash Refund
- · Deferral at issue: 25 years

## **Features**

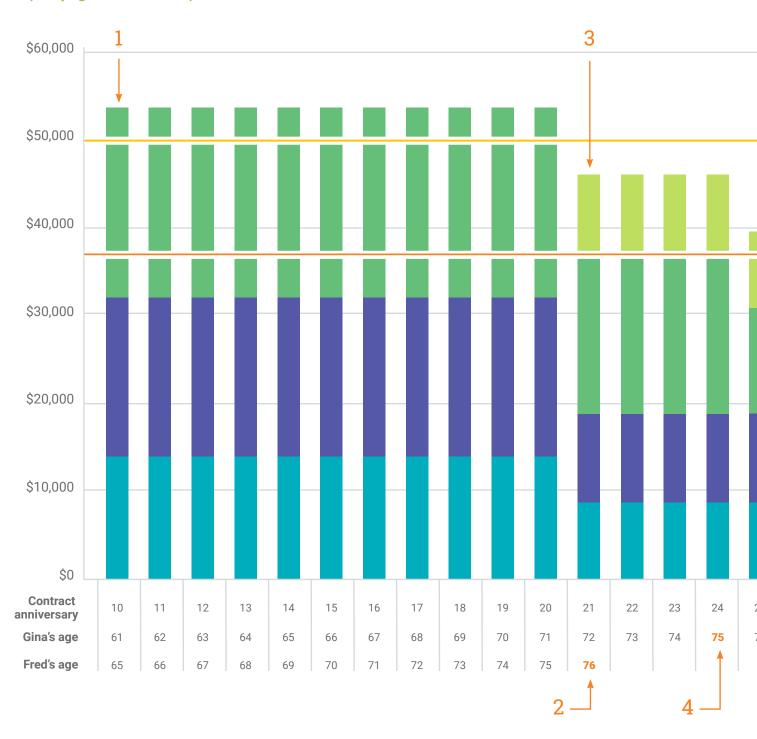
- No market risk
- · Guaranteed lifetime income
- · Supplement other retirement income sources

## **Results**

- \$8,115 in annual income for Gina for life
- If Gina lives to age 85, she will receive income payments totaling \$113,612

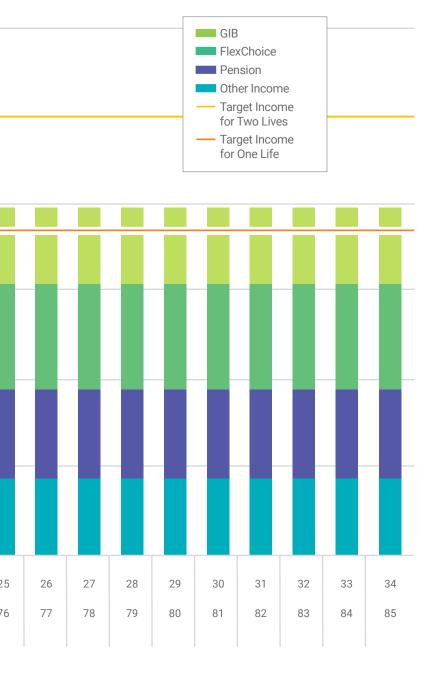
## No contract fees

Fred & Gina's Split Annuity Strategy based on a \$250,000 purchase payment (see page 12 for details)



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<sup>\*</sup>Charges and expenses that would be associated with an actual investment and the impact of taxes are not reflected.



- On the 10<sup>th</sup> contract anniversary, Fred receives annual FlexChoice Expedite withdrawals at 6% or \$20,797.
- 2 Fred passes away at 76. His pension reduces by 50% and the adjusted Social Security benefit reduces the Other Income amount.
- 3 Gina moves up her start date to age 72 as a result of Fred's death and receives annual income from Guaranteed Income Builder of \$8,115 (16.2% of her initial purchase payment).

## **More Guaranteed Income**

Guaranteed Income Builder annual income helps Gina replace 60.5% of the income lost as a result of Fred's death.

Market performance and withdrawals combine to reduce the FlexChoice Account Value to zero. Gina receives adjusted lifetime payments of \$13,865 thereafter.

Total cumulative withdrawals/guaranteed lifetime income = \$564,217\*

el or Expedite option must be chosen at contract issue. The values provided in this hypothetical illustration are based on annual withdrawals and .65%, FlexChoice rider charge of 1.20% of the Benefit Base, Annual Contract Fee of \$30 (waived if the account value is over \$50,000), and arithmetic rge Schedules, are available. Withdrawal Charges range from 8% to 0% (depending on the product chosen) and would apply if withdrawals exceed the features, risks, charges, expenses and fees as well as the investment objectives, risks and policies of the underlying portfolios. Future Guaranteed uilder. For this example, Guaranteed Income Builder income payments were based on a single purchase payment, Lifetime Income with Cash Refund

# Flexible for the ways life unfolds

Discover the Split Annuity Strategy in action.

## Taking withdrawals

## Fred & Gina will receive 6% when Fred reaches age 65

Fred selects FlexChoice Expedite, as he and Gina would like to have higher income earlier in retirement. FlexChoice Expedite offers them access to withdrawals through a higher Withdrawal Rate (with a reduced Lifetime Guarantee Rate if the Account Value reduces to zero and lifetime payments are set to begin).

## FlexChoice Expedite

## Before the account value declines to \$0

Age at 1 <sup>st</sup> Withdrawal	Withdrawal Rate (% of Benefit Base)		
59½ to less than 65	5.00%		
65 to less than 75	6.00%		
75 to less than 80	6.00%		
80+	6.75%		

## After the account value declines to \$0

Age at 1st Age When Accou		Single Lifetime	Joint Lifetime		
Withdrawal Value is Reduced to		Guarantee Rate	Guarantee Rate		
59½ to less than 65	79 or younger	3.00%	2.00%		
	80 or older	3.25%	2.25%		
65 to less than 75	79 or younger	4.00%	3.00%		
	80 or older	4.25%	3.25%		
75 to less than 80	79 or younger	4.00%	3.00%		
	80 or older	4.25%	3.25%		
80+	79 or younger	n/a	n/a		
	80 or older	5.00%	4.00%		

## Additional flexibility for spouses

If something unexpected happens, Fred knows that Gina can continue to receive the income she needs in retirement. FlexChoice provides Spousal Continuation and the ability to continue withdrawing income at the established Withdrawal Rate. This means that if Fred passes away after withdrawals have begun, but before the Account Value reduces to zero, Gina can:<sup>5</sup>

- · Assume ownership of the variable annuity contract
- · Continue to withdraw income at the established withdrawal rate until the Account Value reduces to zero
- Elect to receive lifetime income or a lump sum payment if the Account Value reduces to zero due to a non-excess withdrawal, fund performance or the Rider Charge

The spouse must be the sole primary beneficiary and cannot be more than 10 years younger as determined by the birthdays of the two individuals.



## Paying it forward

## Gina seeks flexibility in her income start date

Guaranteed Income Builder's Change of Income Start Date<sup>6</sup> feature helps Gina prepare for changing needs. It offers her the ability to move her income start date twice — by a maximum of five years in either direction of her original income start date at age 75. If she chooses to wait a little longer, Gina can receive more income per year, and if she decides to begin income payments earlier, she'll get less. Gina purchased the Guaranteed Income Builder with \$50,000 at age 51 and decided to take income starting at age 75. She can move her income start date between ages 70 and 80. Here's how her payments would be affected by a move in her start date. Ultimately, she moved her income start date to age 72 following Fred's death.

## **Brighthouse Financial Guaranteed Income Builder**

Age	Single Lifetime Guarantee Rate	Joint Lifetime Guarantee Rate		
70	\$552	\$6,630		
71	\$611	\$7,335		
72	\$676	\$8,115		
73	\$748	\$8,978		
74	\$828	\$9,933		
75	\$916	\$10,989		
76	\$986	\$11,827		
77	\$1,061	\$12,728		
78	\$1,142	\$13,698		
79	\$1,228	\$14.742		
80	\$1,322	\$15,865		

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<sup>6</sup> This feature is only available with income options that include either a cash refund or a guarantee period.

## Here are the numbers behind Fred and Gina's Split Annuity Strategy.

Contract Anniversary	Fred's Age	Gina's Age Other Income Sources		Pension	
Issue	55	51 \$0		\$0	
1	56	52	\$0	\$0	
2	57	53	\$0	\$0	
3	58	54	\$0	\$0	
4	59	55	\$0	\$0	
5	60	56	\$0	\$0	
6	61	57	\$0	\$0	
7	62	58	\$0	\$0	
8	63	59	\$0	\$0	
9	64	60	\$0	\$0	
10	65	61	\$13,000	\$18,000	
11	66	62	\$13,000	\$18,000	
12	67	63	\$13,000	\$18,000	
13	68	64	\$13,000	\$18,000	
14	69	65	\$13,000	\$18,000	
15	70	66	\$13,000	\$18,000	
16	71	67	\$13,000	\$18,000	
17	72	68	\$13,000	\$18,000	
18	73	69	\$13,000	\$18,000	
19	74	70	\$13,000	\$18,000	
20	75	71	\$13,000	\$18,000	
21	76	72	\$8,593	\$9,000	
22	-	73	\$8,593	\$9,000	
23	-	74	\$8,593	\$9,000	
24	-	75	\$8,593	\$9,000	
25	-	76	\$8,593	\$9,000	
26	-	77	\$8,593	\$9,000	
27	-	78	\$8,593	\$9,000	
28	-	79	\$8,593	\$9,000	
29	-	80	\$8,593	\$9,000	
30	-	81	\$8,593	\$9,000	
31	-	82	\$8,593	\$9,000	
32	-	83	\$8,593	\$9,000	
33	-	84	\$8,593	\$9,000	
34	-	85	\$8,593	\$9,000	

FlexChoice Account Value	FlexChoice Benefit Base	FlexChoice Withdrawals	GIB	Total Income	Target Income (2 lives)	Target Income (1 life)
\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	-
\$213,650	\$213,650	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	-
\$234,602	\$234,602	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	-
\$236,575	\$246,332	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	-
\$206,974	\$258,648	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	-
\$188,943	\$271,581	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	-
\$202,472	\$285,160	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	-
\$213,236	\$299,418	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	-
\$219,326	\$314,389	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	-
\$236,837	\$330,108	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	-
\$261,680	\$346,613	\$20,797	\$0	\$51,797	\$50,000	\$37,500
\$256,575	\$346,613	\$20,797	\$0	\$51,797	\$50,000	\$37,500
\$246,108	\$346,613	\$20,797	\$0	\$51,797	\$50,000	\$37,500
\$208,080	\$346,613	\$20,797	\$0	\$51,797	\$50,000	\$37,500
\$199,524	\$346,613	\$20,797	\$0	\$51,797	\$50,000	\$37,500
\$199,294	\$346,613	\$20,797	\$0	\$51,797	\$50,000	\$37,500
\$194,091	\$346,613	\$20,797	\$0	\$51,797	\$50,000	\$37,500
\$179,785	\$346,613	\$20,797	\$0	\$51,797	\$50,000	\$37,500
\$167,931	\$346,613	\$20,797	\$0	\$51,797	\$50,000	\$37,500
\$132,474	\$346,613	\$20,797	\$0	\$51,797	\$50,000	\$37,500
\$117,297	\$346,613	\$20,797	\$0	\$51,797	\$50,000	\$37,500
\$96,804	\$346,613	\$20,797	\$8,115	\$46,505	\$50,000	\$37,500
\$72,386	\$346,613	\$20,797	\$8,115	\$46,505	\$50,000	\$37,500
\$43,718	\$346,613	\$20,797	\$8,115	\$46,505	\$50,000	\$37,500
\$20,140	\$346,613	\$20,797	\$8,115	\$46,505	\$50,000	\$37,500
\$0	\$346,613	\$13,865	\$8,115	\$39,573	\$50,000	\$37,500
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## **Income details**

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### **FlexChoice**

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## **Pension**

Pension payments are hypothetical and do not represent any actual defined benefit plan or investment. Charges and expenses that would be associated with an actual investment and the impact of taxes are not reflected.

## **Other Income Sources**

Other Income withdrawals reflect a hypothetical investment portfolio and Social Security income and represent typical withdrawal rates that potentially last throughout retirement. At Fred's death at age 76, it is assumed Fred's Social Security income will no longer be received and there will be a reduction in his pension amount. These hypothetical examples do not represent an investment in any specific product and should not be deemed a representation of past or future performance or a guarantee of any kind. Charges and expenses that would be associated with an actual investment and the impact of taxes are not reflected.



# Help address client reliability of income needs

Contact your Brighthouse Financial Regional Sales Vice President to design a Split Annuity Strategy incorporating Brighthouse Financial annuities and living benefits today. Annuities are long-term investments designed for retirement purposes. Investment performance is not guaranteed.

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