





# Offer Married Clients Lifetime Income With Fewer Compromises



## Agenda

- 1 How will your clients' lives unfold?
- 2 Lifetime income with fewer compromises
- Personalized investment strategy
- Which clients may benefit from FlexChoice Access?





# Are your clients' plans for retirement flexible enough for the ways life unfolds?

Some clients want

Certainty

**But need** 

**Flexibility** 



Do your clients feel like they have to trade off the flexibility they need in order to generate the retirement income they want?







## What compromises do married clients make today?

In your experience, are there any Guaranteed Lifetime Withdrawal Reposits

??-	(GLWBs) that do the following:		
	Allow clients to elect single or joint lifetime income after the contract has been issued?	☐ Yes	□No
	Calculate the rider's withdrawal amounts on the life of the older owner, not the younger owner?	□ Yes	□No
	Offer the same initial withdrawal rate for single and married clients, not a lower rate for married clients?	☐ Yes	□No
	Charge the same fee for single and married clients, not a higher fee for married clients?	☐ Yes	□No
	If you answered "no" to any of these, your clients may need an alternative.		





# Offer married clients guaranteed lifetime income with fewer compromises

Four ways FlexChoice Access provides additional flexibility to married clients:<sup>1</sup>

- There's no need to choose single or joint lifetime income options at issue<sup>2</sup>
- The initial withdrawal rate is the same for married and single clients<sup>3</sup>
- Income is based on the age of the older owner, so married clients can potentially get more income sooner through a higher withdrawal rate
- There's no additional charge to cover the spouse<sup>4</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The FlexChoice Access rider is available for an additional annual charge of 1.35% of the Benefit Base, which is deducted from the account value on each contract anniversary. Upon Automatic Step-Up, the annual charge may increase up to a maximum of 2.00%.





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> FlexChoice Access, an optional living benefit rider, is referred to as the Guaranteed Lifetime Withdrawal Benefit (GLWB) in the prospectus and is available for an additional charge.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This election is only required if the account value reduces to zero. The terms "income" and "lifetime income" refer to any allowable withdrawals under the FlexChoice Access rider, as well as any lifetime income payments your clients would receive under the rider if their account value reduces to zero.

The initial withdrawal rate is based on your client's age – or the age of the older owner if jointly owned – at the time of their first withdrawal after age 59½. Your clients can continue to withdraw income at their initial withdrawal rate until the account value reduces to zero. If the account value reduces to zero, they can elect to receive income for one or two lives based on the applicable Lifetime Guarantee Rate. The Joint Lifetime Guarantee Rate is less than the Single Lifetime Guarantee Rate. The Joint Lifetime Guarantee Rate is only available for spouses. The spouse cannot be more than 10 years younger than the older owner as determined by the birthdays of the two individuals. If a contract is jointly owned, the Joint Lifetime Guarantee Rate is only available for the spouse of the older owner.



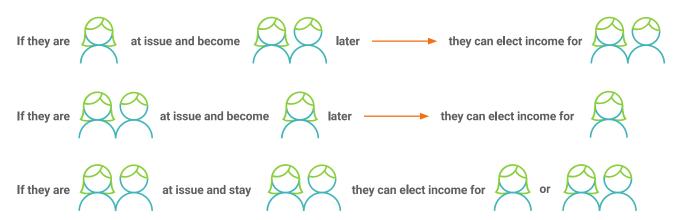
## Help provide income when they need it most

With FlexChoice Access, your married clients are covered **no matter how their lives unfold** because your clients don't have to choose between single or joint lifetime income options at issue.

#### Here's how it works.

If your clients' account value reduces to zero,<sup>1</sup> they can choose the option that best fits their needs:

OR
Lifetime income for two



#### And there's no additional charge to cover the spouse.

<sup>1</sup> If the contract's account value is reduced to zero due to a withdrawal before age 59½, or due to an excess withdrawal, your clients will not be eligible for lifetime income, no further benefit will be payable under the FlexChoice Access rider, and the rider will terminate. See the prospectus for details.







## Choose between two withdrawal options

FlexChoice Access was designed to provide all clients with the same initial withdrawal rate, even if they're married, helping provide more income when they need it most.



#### FlexChoice Access Level

Provides a level amount of payments for their lifetime – guaranteed.



Example: Age 65 = 5.50%



#### FlexChoice Access Expedite

Provides clients with a higher level of withdrawals early in retirement through a higher withdrawal rate.

Withdrawal Rate:

**Example: Age 65 = 8%** 

Not all options and features are available in all states.



# How long should your married clients wait to start receiving income?

5.3 Years

The average age gap between male and female spouses in the U.S is about 5.3 years<sup>1</sup> With FlexChoice Access, the initial withdrawal rate is based on the age of the older owner. This means that your clients won't have to wait for the younger owner to reach a key age to begin withdrawals.



Husband: age 66 Wife: age 64 Hypothetical example for illustrative purposes only.

When can they begin withdrawing 5.50% (Level) or 8% (Expedite)?

## Immediately.

Husband and wife can begin 5.50% or 8% withdrawals immediately since husband is over age 65. The Level or Expedite option must be chosen at contract issue.

Age Differences Among Coresidential Partners. United States Census Bureau, April 14, 2023.







## What if something unexpected happens?

FlexChoice Access provides your clients with Spousal Income Continuation and the ability to **continue withdrawing income** at the established withdrawal rate.

If one spouse passes away before the account value reduces to zero, the surviving spouse can: 1

- 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 if the account value reduces to zero<sup>2</sup>

#### FlexChoice Access Level

Hypothetical example for illustrative purposes only.



Husband, 56, and wife, 54, purchase Brighthouse Financial VA with FlexChoice Access rider.



Husband, 66, and wife, 64, start 5.50% withdrawals.



Husband passes away at age 75. Wife assumes ownership of contract and continues to receive 5.50% income.



Once account value reduces to zero, wife continues receiving 5.50% income for life.

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# How can a Brighthouse Financial® variable annuity with the optional FlexChoice Access rider help your married clients retire more confidently?

FlexChoice Access can provide your clients with guaranteed lifetime income with market upside potential, while offering real-life flexibility for the ways life unfolds.

## How FlexChoice Access can provide growth opportunities and some protection for income:

- In Up Markets
   Capture market gains through Automatic Step-Ups<sup>1</sup>
- In Up, Flat, or Down Markets
  Annual 5% compounding for the first 10 contract years in years where there are no withdrawals taken<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Annual Compounding is referred to as Rollup Rate in the prospectus and contract. The Benefit Base is not available as a lump-sum withdrawal or payable as a death benefit. The contract's account value under the FlexChoice Access rider represents the value of your investments adjusted for performance less withdrawals. Contract and rider fees will also reduce the account value but do not reduce the Benefit Base. See the prospectus for more details.





<sup>1</sup> Automatic Step-Ups may increase the rate applicable to new annuity purchasers but will not exceed a maximum of 2.00% of the Benefit Base.



## Meet Carl and Beth Taylor

Hypothetical example for illustrative purposes only.

Carl and Beth are married, ages 56 and 54, respectively, and plan to retire in 10 years.



## They want a protected income strategy that can provide:

- Guaranteed lifetime income
- The potential for market growth
- The flexibility to adapt if their needs change

#### They decide on FlexChoice Access so they can:

- Grow their Benefit Base by at least 5% each year during the first 10 years in which they take no withdrawals
- Choose either the Level option or the Expedite option for withdrawals

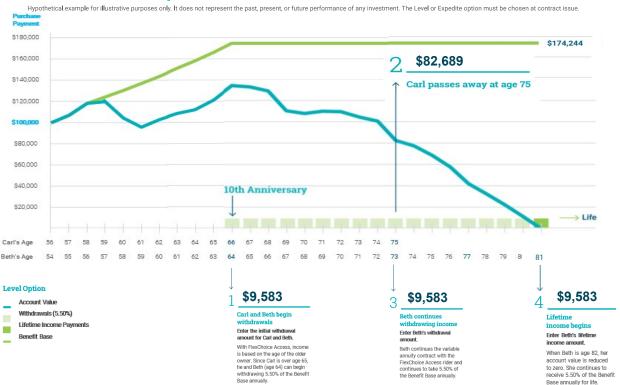






## FlexChoice Access in Action: How the rider works



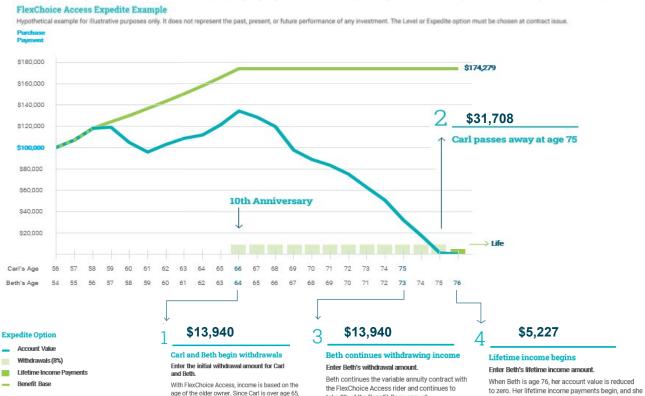


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## FlexChoice Access in Action: How the rider works



he and Beth (age 64) can begin withdrawing 8%

of the Benefit Base annually.

See appendix for the numbers behind this scenario.





receives 3% of the Benefit Base annually for life.

take 8% of the Benefit Base annually.



## FlexChoice Access in Action: Total income



#### Did you know?

Among married couples, both age 65, there's a 50% chance of one spouse living to age 92, and a 25% chance of one spouse living to age 97.

#### If Beth lives to 92

#### FlexChoice Access Level

**\$162,911** Withdrawals before the account value reduced to zero **+ \$114,996** Lifetime income payments

\$277,907 Total income received from FlexChoice Access

#### FlexChoice Access Expedite

**\$167,280** Withdrawals before the account value reduced to zero **+ \$88,859** Lifetime income payments

\$256.139 Total income received from FlexChoice Access

#### If Beth lives to 97

#### FlexChoice Access Level

**\$162,911** Withdrawals before the account value reduced to zero **+ \$162,911** Lifetime income payments

\$325,822 Total income received from FlexChoice Access

#### FlexChoice Access Expedite

**\$167,280** Withdrawals before the account value reduced to zero **+ \$114,994** Lifetime income payments

\$282.274 Total income received from FlexChoice Access

See appendix for the numbers behind this scenario.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Annuity 2000 Mortality Table. Society of Actuaries, 1996.







## Real-life flexibility for the ways life unfolds

## Spousal flexibility

FlexChoice Access was designed to help remove tough, up-front decisions married clients often face when planning for retirement.

## Start withdrawals at any time

Your clients decide when to start withdrawing income.

The FlexChoice Access initial withdrawal rate is based on your client's age at the time of the first withdrawal after age 59½.

For jointly owned contracts, we will base the initial withdrawal rate on the age of the older owner.

# Cancel if needs change

Your client can cancel the FlexChoice Access rider on the 5th, 10th, or later contract anniversary.







## Start Withdrawals at Any Time: Level vs. Expedite

The amount of income is determined by age at first withdrawal. If jointly owned, income is based on the age of the **older** owner.

Withdrawal Rate – **before** account value reduces to zero:

#### Level

Age at 1st Withdrawal	Withdrawal Rate				
59½ to less than 65	4.50%				
65+	5.50%				







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Withdrawal Rate – **before** account value reduces to zero:

#### **Expedite**

Age at 1st Withdrawal	Withdrawal Rate
59½ to less than 65	6%
65+	8%







## Withdrawal Rates: Level vs. Expedite

Lifetime Guarantee Rate – **after** account value reduces to zero:

#### Level

Age at 1st Withdrawal	Single Lifetime Guarantee Rate	Joint Lifetime Guarantee Rate		
59½ to less than 65	4.50%	3.50%		
65+	5.50%	4.50%		







## Withdrawal Rates: Level vs. Expedite

Lifetime Guarantee Rate – **after** account value reduces to zero:

#### **Expedite**

Age at 1st Withdrawal	Age When Account Value Is Reduced to Zero	Single Lifetime Guarantee Rate	Joint Lifetime Guarantee Rate	
59½ to less than 65	79 or younger	2.50%	2.00%	
	80 or older	3.00%	2.25%	
0.5	79 or younger	3.00%	2.25%	
65+	80 or older	3.00%	2.25%	







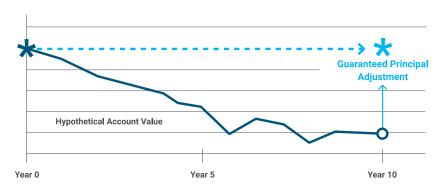
## What if my clients no longer need lifetime income?

#### Your clients have an alternative to lifetime income payments.

If your clients' needs change, they can cancel the FlexChoice Access rider on the 5th, 10th, or later contract anniversary. If they choose to cancel the rider on the 10th or later contract anniversary, and the contract account value has decreased due to market performance, the client will receive a Guaranteed Principal Adjustment (GPA) to the account value.

#### How does the GPA work?

The contract's account value is increased to equal the purchase payments made in the first 120 days of the contract, adjusted proportionately for withdrawals, which, depending on the amount of withdrawals, could have a significant impact on this determination. Purchase payments made after the first 120 days will not be considered part of the initial investment for GPA purposes and may impact whether a GPA is due.



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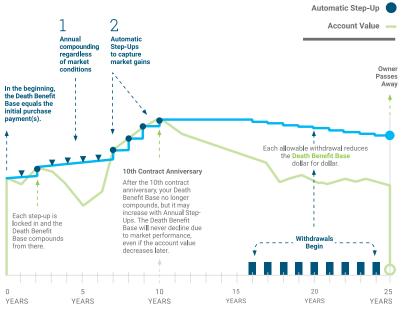




Clients can add more certainty with the optional death benefit

If a client elects the optional death benefit, their beneficiary(ies) will receive the greater of:

- FlexChoice Access Death Benefit,<sup>1</sup> or
- Their contract's standard death benefit
- Annual 5% compounding for the first 10 contract years in years where there are no withdrawals taken, regardless of market conditions<sup>2</sup>
- Automatic Step-Ups to capture market gains
- · Dollar-for-dollar reduction for allowable withdrawals



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The set rate is stated in the prospectus. Annual compounding is referred to as Rollup Rate in the prospectus. Applies to first 10 contract years in years where there are no withdrawals taken.





Annual Compounding

Death Benefit Base

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Fee is 0.65% of the Death Benefit Base (up to a maximum of 1.20%). Not available in all states.



## FlexChoice Access Facts: By the numbers

FlexChoice Access Death Benefit

FlexChoice Access

**Annual Charge** 

1.35%

of Benefit Base

**Issue Age** 

Minimum:

50

Maximum:

85

**Annual Charge** 

0.65%

of Benefit Base

**Issue Age** 

Minimum:

50

Maximum:

65

If jointly owned, the issue age is determined by the age of the older owner.



# Personalized Investment Strategy





## Personalized investment strategy

FlexChoice Access provides access to over 50 investment options – providing a way for clients to design an investment strategy that works for them.

#### **Option A**

100% allocated to one or more of the available Asset Allocation Portfolios and/or additional Variable Investment Options

- Asset Allocation Portfolios
- Variable Investment Options\*



100% must be allocated to either Option A or Option B.

<sup>\*</sup> Includes Risk Managed Global Multi-Asset Portfolios.







## Personalized investment strategy

#### **Option B**

- Customizable using Platform 1 (max. 70%) and Platform 2 (min. 30%)
- Allows access to all variable investment options of the product

#### Platform 1

**Maximum Allocation: 70%** 

Equity Subaccounts, Asset Allocation Portfolios, and Risk Managed Global Multi-Asset Portfolios

Platform 2

**Minimum Allocation: 30%** 

Bond/Fixed Income Investment Options



100% must be allocated to either Option A or Option B.



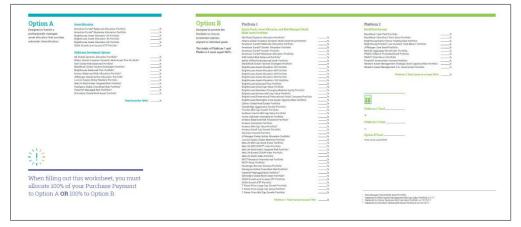




## **Investment Worksheet**

For a complete list of the funds available with FlexChoice Access, please ask your Brighthouse Financial wholesaler for the Investment Worksheet.





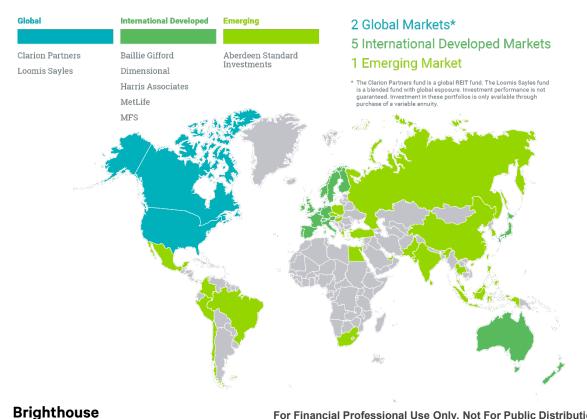






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## International equity coverage







## Coverage of fixed income

## Many options across both credit and quality spectrums

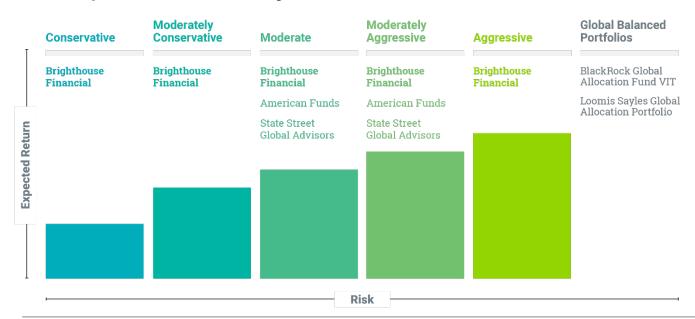
- Passive option
- Macro-driven options
- Bottom-up-driven options
- Options with focus on securitized bonds
- Options with focus on corporate credit

Investment performance is not guaranteed. Investment in these portfolios is only available through contract purchase of a variable annuity.





# Asset Allocation Portfolios: Complete, Turnkey Portfolio Solutions



This list may not be all-inclusive. See prospectus for a complete list of funding options.

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## Risk managed portfolios



Balanced Risk









Managed Volatility



BLACKROCK Schroders









**Momentum** 



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## A wide range of passive choices

Five passive choices offer coverage in the major asset classes, which may appeal to clients focused on minimizing fees.



**U.S. Equity** 









MSCI EAFE Index

#### **Core Fixed Income**

Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index





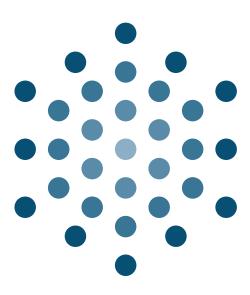
## Questions?



Let's discuss how a Brighthouse Financial variable annuity with the optional FlexChoice Access living benefit rider can help provide your clients with the **income they want** and the **flexibility they need** in retirement.



## Appendix







## Information about withdrawals

The withdrawal rate is determined by your clients' age at the time of their first withdrawal after age 59½. For jointly owned contracts, this will be based on the age of the older owner.

**Early withdrawals** (prior to age 59½) reduce your clients' Benefit Base proportionately. For example, if a withdrawal reduces the contract's account value by 10%, then your clients' Benefit Base would also be reduced by 10%, which may be a significant reduction. If these withdrawals do not cause the account value to go to zero, your clients will still receive lifetime income.<sup>2</sup>

**Excess withdrawals** (after age 59½) in a contract year that exceed the Annual Benefit Payment will reduce your clients' Benefit Base proportionately, which may be significant and could impact whether or not they receive lifetime income payments.<sup>2</sup>

**Required minimum distributions (RMDs)** will not be considered excess withdrawals if they're greater than the Annual Benefit Payment. This applies to RMDs for this contract only.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> If the contract's account value is reduced to zero due to a withdrawal before age 59½, or due to an excess withdrawal, your clients will not be eligible for lifetime income, no further benefit will be payable under the FlexChoice Access rider, and the rider will terminate. See the prospectus for details.





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If the account value reduces to zero due to market performance or an allowable withdrawal, your clients can elect to receive income for one or two lives based on the applicable Lifetime Guarantee Rate.

#### Average variable rate of return is 7.44% gross / 5.11% net<sup>9</sup>

#### **Level Option**

The values provided in this hypothetical illustration are based on monthly withdrawals and include the deduction of all actual applicable fees and charges as follows for a variable annuity with: Mortality & Expense and Administration Charge of 1.30%, FlexChoice Access rider charge of 1.35% of the Benefit Base, Annual Contract Fee of \$30 (waived if the account value is over \$50,000), and arithmetic average investment option expenses of 0.88%. Withdrawal charges range from 7% to 0% and would apply if withdrawals exceed the contract's annual Free Withdrawal Amount. The effects of income taxes have not been reflected in this example. Please refer to the prospectuses for the product and underlying investment portfolios for full details on contract features, risks, charges, expenses, and fees as well as the investment objectives, risks, and policies of the underlying portfolios.

Net rate reflects the gross rate of return reduced by the asset-based fees: the Investment Management Fee and other expenses; and the Mortality & Expense and Administration Charge, excluding charges for the selected living and death benefits.

Annual return (net of cash flows) reflects the gross rate of return reduced by the asset-based fees: the Investment Management Fee and other expenses; the Total Separate Account Annual Charge; and charges for optional living and/or death benefits, as applicable. This return also reflects the impact of the cash flows for the period, including additions for purchase payments and deductions for partial withdrawals. It does not take into account any tax that may be due if you take withdrawals from this contract, but does reflect applicable withdrawal charges.

Anniversary	Carl's Age	Beth's Age	Benefit Base	Annual Return (Net of Cash Flows) <sup>10</sup>	Account Value	Withdrawal Amount	Cumulative Withdrawals	Death Benefit <sup>11</sup>	
Issue	56	54	\$100,000	9=	\$100,000	-	-	\$100,000	
1	57	55	\$107,111	7.11%	\$107,111	\$0	\$0	\$107,111	
2	58	56	\$117,935	10.11%	\$117,935	\$0	\$0	\$117,935	
3	59	57	\$123,832	1.10%	\$119,236	\$0	\$0	\$119,236	
4	60	58	\$130,024	-12.31%	\$104,561	\$0	\$0	\$104,561	
5	61	59	\$136,525	-8.52%	\$95,654	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	
6	62	60	\$143,351	7.40%	\$102,729	\$0	\$0	\$102,729	
7	63	61	\$150,519	5.55%	\$108,433	\$0	\$0	\$108,433	
8	64	62	\$158,045	3.09%	\$111,781	\$0	\$0	\$111,781	
9	65	63	\$165,947	8.24%	\$120,988	\$0	\$0	\$120,988	
10	66	64	\$174,244	10.76%	\$134,010	1 \$9,583	\$9,583	\$134,010	
11	67	65	\$174,244	6.79%	\$132,881	\$9,583	\$19,166	\$132,881	
12	68	66	\$174,244	4.67%	\$129,060	\$9,583	\$28,749	\$129,060	
13	69	67	\$174,244	-7.38%	\$110,655	\$9,583	\$38,332	\$110,655	
14	70	68	\$174,244	6.88%	\$108,021	\$9,583	\$47,915	\$108,021	
15	71	69	\$174,244	11.91%	\$110,164	\$9,583	\$57,498	\$110,164	
16	72	70	\$174,244	9.18%	\$109,818	\$9,583	\$67,081	\$109,818	
17	73	71	\$174,244	4.23%	\$104,479	\$9,583	\$76,664	\$104,479	
18	74	72	\$174,244	6.21%	\$100,786	\$9,583	\$86,247	\$100,786	
19	75	73	\$174,244	-9.33%	\$82,689	3 \$9,583	\$95,830	\$82,689	
20	-	74	\$174,244	5.99%	\$77,482	\$9,583	\$105,413	\$77,482	
21	-	75	\$174,244	1.59%	\$68,978	\$9,583	\$114,996	\$68,978	
22	2	76	\$174,244	-2.84%	\$57,709	\$9,583	\$124,579	\$57,709	
23	-	77	\$174,244	-11.71%	\$42,492	\$9,583	\$134,162	\$42,492	
24	-	78	\$174,244	-0.66%	\$32,692	\$9,583	\$143,745	\$32,692	
25	-	79	\$174,244	-2.78%	\$22,467	\$9,583	\$153,328	\$22,467	
26	177	80	\$174,244	-10.14%	\$11,577	\$9,583	\$162,911	\$11,577	
27		81	\$174,244	52	\$0	4 \$9,583 For Life	\$172,494	\$0	





Here's what would happen in a steady market.

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4	60	58	\$121,551	3.65%	\$115,548	\$0	\$0	\$115,548
5	61	59	\$127,628	3.63%	\$119,746	\$0	\$0	\$119,746
6	62	60	\$134,010	3.61%	\$124,072	\$0	\$0	\$124,072
7	63	61	\$140,710	3.59%	\$128,529	\$0	\$0	\$128,529
8	64	62	\$147,746	3.57%	\$133,120	\$0	\$0	\$133,120
9	65	63	\$155,133	3.55%	\$137,846	\$0	\$0	\$137,846
10	66	64	\$162,889	3.53%	\$142,709	\$8,959	\$8,959	\$142,709
11	67	65	\$162,889	3.48%	\$138,404	\$8,959	\$17,918	\$138,404
12	68	66	\$162,889	3.42%	\$133,878	\$8,959	\$26,877	\$133,878
13	69	67	\$162,889	3.36%	\$129,121	\$8,959	\$35,836	\$129,121
14	70	68	\$162,889	3.29%	\$124,119	\$8,959	\$44,795	\$124,119
15	71	69	\$162,889	3.21%	\$118,862	\$8,959	\$53,754	\$118,862
16	72	70	\$162,889	3.12%	\$113,335	\$8,959	\$62,713	\$113,335
17	73	71	\$162,889	3.02%	\$107,524	\$8,959	\$71,672	\$107,524
18	74	72	\$162,889	2.89%	\$101,416	\$8,959	\$80,631	\$101,416
19	75	73	\$162,889	2.75%	\$94,996	\$8,959	\$89,590	\$94,996
20	-	74	\$162,889	2.57%	\$88,246	\$8,959	\$98,549	\$88,246
21	-	75	\$162,889	2.35%	\$81,150	\$8,959	\$107,508	\$81,150
22	-	76	\$162,889	2.08%	\$73,691	\$8,959	\$116,467	\$73,691
23	-	77	\$162,889	1.73%	\$65,850	\$8,959	\$125,426	\$65,850
24	-	78	\$162,889	1.26%	\$57,607	\$8,959	\$134,385	\$57,607
25	-	79	\$162,889	0.60%	\$48,941	\$8,959	\$143,344	\$48,941
26	-	80	\$162,889	-0.45%	\$39,802	\$8,959	\$152,303	\$39,802
27	-	81	\$162,889	-2.10%	\$30,194	\$8,959	\$161,262	\$30,194
28	-	82	\$162,889	-5.37%	\$20,094	\$8,959	\$170,221	\$20,094
29	-	83	\$162,889	-14.89%	\$9,477	\$8,959 For Life	\$179,180	\$9,477





Here's what would happen in a flat market.

#### **Level Option**

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#### Zero annual rate of return is 0.00% gross / -2.16% net<sup>9</sup>

		0.00% gross / -2.16% net							
Anniversary	Carl's Age	Beth's Age	Benefit Base	Annual Return (Net of Cash Flows) <sup>10</sup>	Account Value	Withdrawal Amount	Cumulative Withdrawals	Death Benefit"	
Issue	56	54	\$100,000	1 -	\$100,000	-	-	\$100,000	
1	57	55	\$105,000	-3.57%	\$96,426	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	
2	58	56	\$110,250	-3.70%	\$92,858	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	
3	59	57	\$115,763	-3.84%	\$89,293	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	
4	60	58	\$121,551	-3.99%	\$85,726	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	
5	61	59	\$127,628	-4.17%	\$82,155	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	
6	62	60	\$134,010	-4.36%	\$78,574	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	
7	63	61	\$140,710	-4.57%	\$74,980	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	
8	64	62	\$147,746	-4.82%	\$71,369	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	
9	65	63	\$155,133	-5.09%	\$67,735	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	
10	66	64	\$162,889	-5.40%	\$64,076	\$8,959	\$8,959	\$100,000	
11	67	65	\$162,889	-6.15%	\$51,729	\$8,959	\$17,918	\$86,018	
12	68	66	\$162,889	-7.37%	\$39,619	\$8,959	\$26,877	\$71,121	
13	69	67	\$162,889	-9.43%	\$27,770	\$8,959	\$35,836	\$55,038	
14	70	68	\$162,889	-14.01%	\$16,176	\$8,959	\$44,795	\$37,282	
15	71	69	\$162,889	-33.04%	\$4,833	\$8,959	\$53,754	\$16,634	
16	72	70	\$162,889	02	\$0	\$7,33012	\$61,084	\$0	
17	73	71	\$162,889	-	-	For Life	\$68,414	-	
18	74	72	\$162,889	1.7	-	-	\$75,744	1.7	
19	75	73	\$162,889	14	_	-	\$83,074	-	
20	(=)	74	\$162,889	-	-	-	\$90,404	-	
21	_	75	\$162,889	12	_	-	\$97,734	_	
22	-	76	\$162,889	-	-	-	\$105,064	(+	
23	-	77	\$162,889		-	-	\$112,394	1.7	
24	-	78	\$162,889	-	_	-	\$119,724	92	
25	-	79	\$162,889	1-	-	-	\$127,054		
26	- 2	80	\$162,889	100	_	-	\$134,384		
27	-	81	\$162,889	-	-	-	\$141,714	-	
28	-	82	\$162,889	-	-	-	\$149,044		
29	-	83	\$162,889	_	_	_	\$156,374	-	
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31	_	85	\$162,889	12	_	-	\$171,034	12	
32	-	86	\$162,889	-	-	-	\$178,364	7-	
33	-	87	\$162,889	-	-	-	\$185,694	-	





#### **Expedite Option**

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#### onstant annual rate of return is 7.48% gross / 5.17% net<sup>3</sup>

				7.46% gloss / 5.17% net					
Anniversary	Carl's Age	Beth's Age	Benefit Base	Annual Return (Net of Cash Flows) <sup>4</sup>	Account Value	Withdrawal Amount	Cumulative Withdrawals	Death Benefit <sup>5</sup>	
Issue	56	54	\$100,000	-	\$100,000	-	-	\$100,000	
1	57	55	\$107,111	7.11%	\$107,111	so	\$0	\$107,111	
2	58	56	\$117,935	10.11%	\$117,935	\$0	\$0	\$117,935	
3	59	57	\$123,832	1.10%	\$119,236	\$0	\$0	\$119,236	
4	60	58	\$130,024	-12.31%	\$104,561	\$0	\$0	\$104,561	
5	61	59	\$136,525	-8.52%	\$95,654	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	
6	62	60	\$143,351	7.40%	\$102,729	\$0	\$0	\$102,729	
7	63	61	\$150,519	5.55%	\$108,433	\$0	\$0	\$108,433	
8	64	62	\$158,045	3.09%	\$111,781	\$0	\$0	\$111,781	
9	65	63	\$165,947	8.24%	\$120,988	\$0	\$0	\$120,988	
10	66	64	\$174,244	10.76%	\$134,010	1 \$13,940	\$13,940	\$134,010	
11	67	65	\$174,244	6.73%	\$128,146	\$13,940	\$27,880	\$128,146	
12	68	66	\$174,244	4.52%	\$119,371	\$13,940	\$41,820	\$119,371	
13	69	67	\$174,244	-7.65%	\$97,370	\$13,940	\$55,760	\$97,370	
14	70	68	\$174,244	6.38%	\$88,757	\$13,940	\$69,700	\$88,757	
15	71	69	\$174,244	11.16%	\$83,166	\$13,940	\$83,640	\$83,166	
16	72	70	\$174,244	8.12%	\$74,851	\$13,940	\$97,580	\$74,851	
17	73	71	\$174,244	2.72%	\$62,568	\$13,940	\$111,520	\$62,568	
18	74	72	\$174,244	3.85%	\$50,500	\$13,940	\$125,460	\$50,500	
19	75	73	\$174,244	-13.27% 2	\$31,708	3 \$13,940	\$139,400	\$31,708	
20	- 7	74	\$174,244	-4.20%	\$17,022	\$13,940	\$153,340	\$17,022	
21	-	75	\$174,244	-72.24%	\$855	\$13,940	\$167,280	\$1,970	
22	-	76	\$174,244	-	\$0	4 \$5,227	\$172,507	\$0	





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#### **Expedite Option**

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#### Constant annual rate of return is 7.48% gross / 5.17% net<sup>3</sup>

Anniversary         Carl's Age         Behth's Age         Benefit Base         Annual Return (Net of Cash Flows)*         Account Account (Net of Cash Flows)*         Account Account (Net of Cash Flows)*         Account (Net of Cash Flows)* <th< th=""><th>ue         Amount         Withdrawals         Benefit*           000         -         -         \$100,000           745         \$0         \$0         \$103,745           613         \$0         \$0         \$107,613           606         \$0         \$0         \$111,606           727         \$0         \$0         \$115,727</th></th<>	ue         Amount         Withdrawals         Benefit*           000         -         -         \$100,000           745         \$0         \$0         \$103,745           613         \$0         \$0         \$107,613           606         \$0         \$0         \$111,606           727         \$0         \$0         \$115,727
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9 65 63 \$155,133 3.59% \$138,3	344 \$0 \$0 \$138,344
10 66 64 \$162,889 3.57% \$143,2	287 \$13,031 \$13,031 \$143,287
11 67 65 \$162,889 3.47% \$134,7	781 \$13,031 \$26,062 \$134,781
12 68 66 \$162,889 3.36% \$125,8	837 \$13,031 \$39,093 \$125,837
13 69 67 \$162,889 3.21% \$116,4	430 \$13,031 \$52,124 \$116,430
14 70 68 \$162,889 3.04% \$106,5	538 \$13,031 \$65,155 \$106,538
15 71 69 \$162,889 2.81% \$96,13	136 \$13,031 \$78,186 \$96,136
16 72 70 \$162,889 2.52% \$85,19	196 \$13,031 \$91,217 \$85,196
17 73 71 \$162,889 2.12% \$73,69	591 \$13,031 \$104,248 \$73,691
18 74 72 \$162,889 1.54% \$61,59	593 \$13,031 \$117,279 \$61,593
19 75 73 \$162,889 0.63% \$48,87	870 \$13,031 \$130,310 \$48,870
20 - 74 \$162,889 -1.06% \$35,46	460 \$13,031 \$143,341 \$35,460
21 - 75 \$162,889 -4.78% \$21,35	358 \$13,031 \$156,372 \$21,358
22 - 76 \$162,889 -21.61% \$6,52	27 \$13,031 \$169,403 \$6,527
23 - 77 \$162,889 - \$0	\$4,887 \$174,290 \$0





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#### Zero annual rate of return is 0.00% gross / -2.16% net<sup>3</sup>

			0.00% gross / -2.16% net <sup>3</sup>							
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Issue	56	54	\$100,000	-	\$100,000	-	-	\$100,000		
1	57	55	\$105,000	-3.57%	\$96,426	\$0	\$0	\$100,000		
2	58	56	\$110,250	-3.70%	\$92,858	\$0	\$0	\$100,000		
3	59	57	\$115,763	-3.84%	\$89,293	\$0	\$0	\$100,000		
4	60	58	\$121,551	-3.99%	\$85,726	\$0	\$0	\$100,000		
5	61	59	\$127,628	-4.17%	\$82,155	\$0	\$0	\$100,000		
6	62	60	\$134,010	-4.36%	\$78,574	\$0	\$0	\$100,000		
7	63	61	\$140,710	-4.57%	\$74,980	\$0	\$0	\$100,000		
8	64	62	\$147,746	-4.82%	\$71,369	\$0	\$0	\$100,000		
9	65	63	\$155,133	-5.09%	\$67,735	\$0	\$0	\$100,000		
10	66	64	\$162,889	-5.40%	\$64,076	\$13,031	\$13,031	\$100,000		
11	67	65	\$162,889	-6.52%	\$47,715	\$13,031	\$26,062	\$79,663		
12	68	66	\$162,889	-8.58%	\$31,706	\$13,031	\$39,093	\$57,906		
13	69	67	\$162,889	-14.09%	\$16,044	\$13,031	\$52,124	\$34,107		
14	70	68	\$162,889	-76.15%	\$718	\$13,031	\$65,155	\$6,404		
15	71	69	\$162,889	-	\$0	\$3,6656	\$68,820	\$0		
16	72	70	\$162,889	-	-	For Life	\$72,485	-		
17	73	71	\$162,889	-	-	-	\$76,150	-		
18	74	72	\$162,889	-	-	-	\$79,815	-		
19	75	73	\$162,889	-	-	-	\$83,480	-		
20	-	74	\$162,889	-	-	-	\$87,145	-		
21	-	75	\$162,889	-	-	-	\$90,810	-		
22	-	76	\$162,889	-	-	-/-	\$94,475	-		
23	-	77	\$162,889	-	-	-	\$98,140	-		



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