

## Settling for short-term liquidity?

It could cost in the long run!

The steady interest rates and short-term liquidity of a fixed rate product may sound appealing, but could end up costing your clients in the long run.

Below is a hypothetical example that compares a fixed-indexed annuity and two fixed rate products over a 10-year period. The fixed-indexed annuity uses historical S&P 500<sup>®</sup> performance and assumes the entire account value is allocated to the 1-year point-to-point indexed strategy, and a 6% cap applies for each term.

	Fixed-indexed annuity with S&P 500 1-year point-to-point indexed strategy with 6% cap		Fixed rate product at 0.50%		Fixed rate product at 2%	
Year	Return	Account Value	Return	Account Value	Return	Account Value
0	-	\$100,000	-	\$100,000		\$100,000
1	6%	\$106,000	0.50%	\$100,500	2%	\$102,000
2	6%	\$112,360	0.50%	\$101,003	2%	\$104,040
3	0%	\$112,360	0.50%	\$101,508	2%	\$106,121
4	6%	\$119,101	0.50%	\$102,015	2%	\$108,243
5	6%	\$126,247	0.50%	\$102,525	2%	\$110,408
6	6%	\$133,821	0.50%	\$103,038	2%	\$112,616
7	0%	\$133,821	0.50%	\$103,553	2%	\$114,869
8	6%	\$141,850	0.50%	\$104,071	2%	\$117,166
9	6%	\$150,361	0.50%	\$104,591	2%	\$119,509
10	0%	\$150,361	0.50%	\$105,114	2%	\$121,899
		This product would need a return of 7.96% in years 6-10 to equal the return of the fixed-indexed annuity.		This product would need a return of 6.37% in years 6-10 to equal the return of the fixed-indexed annuity.		

You can see that a fixed-indexed annuity may earn significantly more than a short-term fixed rate product with a lower return. Over the course of 10 years, the fixed-indexed annuity earned \$45,247 more than the fixed rate product with a return of 0.50% and \$28,462 more than the product with a return of 2%.

For hypothetical use only. Example assumes a \$100,000 purchase payment and no withdrawals. Early withdrawal charges will apply if money is withdrawn during the early withdrawal charge period. Amounts withdrawn may be subject to taxes.

Assumes that, for the entire 10-year period, clients held a Great American Life® fixed-indexed annuity, allocated 100% of their funds to the S&P 500 1-Year Point-to-Point with Cap indexed strategy for each one-year term, terms coincided with calendar years, and a cap of 6% applied for each term. Indexed interest rates for the strategy are based on changes in the index over one-year terms, which are not based on calendar years but begin on the 6th and 20th of a month. The information presented above reflects a hypothetical cap, which is not a guaranteed rate. The actual caps that we might have applied during this period would have been different and might have been significantly lower.

Past performance does not guarantee future results. Historical index returns are not indicative of the interest that would have been credited to a fixed-indexed annuity during the same time period.



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