

# Penalty-free income before age 59½



## Maximizing nonqualified money with *i4LIFE*® Indexed Advantage

Some clients are interested in taking income before the traditional retirement age. But younger clients may be concerned about the tax penalty on early retirement income withdrawals. With i4LIFE Indexed Advantage, available only with Lincoln fixed indexed annuities, you can keep your clients in control, penalty-free. Learn how this strategy can help.

# Jim and Sandy Allen

- The Allens have \$2,000,000 earmarked for retirement income.
- The Allens elect a

  Lincoln fixed indexed annuity
  with i4LIFE® Indexed Advantage.
- They receive tax-efficient guaranteed annual lifetime income payments.
- Penalty-free
  additional withdrawals are
  allowed at any age.

- They sold a successful business at a relatively young age and are ready to retire at age 55. They have several options for a lifetime income stream, but they want to make sure they retain control over their money, "just in case."
- Their financial advisor explained that *i4LIFE* is an optional feature available for an additional cost. It provides a lifetime income stream and, for nonqualified assets, a portion of the principal is returned (untaxed) with each payment (an exclusion ratio).
- The Allens pay regular income taxes only on the portion of gains in each payment, rather than as a lump sum. Their first-year total income was \$90,914 (55% of which was nontaxable return of principal). Their payments will fluctuate and may grow based on the investment results.
  - What makes *i4LIFE* different? They keep control over the investment, with the ability to take additional withdrawals without a 10% federal tax penalty.

These assumptions represent a 55-year-old couple with a 0.95% charge for *i4LIFE*® Indexed Advantage, a 4% Benchmark Index Rate (BIR), and a 40-year Access Period. You choose the length of the Access Period. Payments may vary slightly in certain states. Additional withdrawals will recalculate the *i4LIFE*® payment. For this strategy to work, *i4LIFE*® payments must be taken within a year of contract purchase.

# How does i4LIFE® do what other annuity products can't?

When elected with nonqualified money and regular payments are started within one year of contract purchase, *i4LIFE* qualifies as an immediate annuity under Internal Revenue Code section 72(u)(4). It can be used to generate lifetime income while providing access to the account value without incurring the 10% early withdrawal tax normally assessed on additional withdrawals taken before age 59½.

According to the federal tax code, distributions from an immediate annuity are never subject to a tax penalty;

however, investors can't make additional withdrawals from traditional immediate annuities because there is no account value to access.

All applicable income taxes must still be paid and clients should consult with their tax advisor regarding their specific situation.

<sup>1</sup> Additional withdrawals reduce the cost basis, account value, death benefit, and income payments proportionately, and are subject to ordinary income tax to the extent of the gain.

### Clients to consider:

- ✓ Clients who have inherited a significant amount of assets at a younger age
- √ Younger high-income earning clients
- √ Clients who have accumulated significant savings over time and want to take income before the retirement age
- ✓ Clients who sell real estate or have sold a profitable business at a younger age

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