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# FlexChoice Access 

Lifetime Income With Fewer Compromises


# Consider a Retirement Income Strategy 

## A Brighthouse Financial variable annuity with the optional FlexChoice Access ${ }^{1}$ living benefit rider lets you turn a portion of your retirement savings into guaranteed income that can last for life.

## What is a variable annuity?

A variable annuity (VA) is a product that can turn a portion of your savings into a reliable income source for retirement. It's one of the only types of products that can guarantee income for life, no matter how long you live. The money is put into investment options that have the potential for tax-deferred growth ${ }^{2}$ (meaning you don't pay taxes on earnings until they're withdrawn). That's where the "variable" part comes in: The account value can vary depending on how those investment options perform.

## And what's a rider?

Riders are optional add-ons that can be purchased with a VA and provide extra benefits. Living benefit riders commonly help during retirement with things like providing income and ensuring it lasts for life. FlexChoice Access is a living benefit rider available on Brighthouse Financial ${ }^{\circledR}$ variable annuities.

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# How FlexChoice Access Can Grow and Protect Income 

## Annual Compounding

FlexChoice Access uses a Benefit Base to determine future lifetime income. While the Benefit Base is protected from market loss, it still has the opportunity to grow. The initial investment determines the Benefit Base, which compounds at $5 \%$ for the first 10 contract years in years when there are no withdrawals taken, regardless of what happens in the market or to the account value. ${ }^{3}$

What does 5\% compounded annual growth look like?
A Benefit Base of $\$ 100,000$ would grow to $\$ 162,889$ regardless of market conditions, provided no withdrawals are taken during the first 10 contract years.


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## Automatic Step-Ups

You can capture market gains through Automatic Step-Ups of your Benefit Base if the account value increases and is greater than the Benefit Base on any contract anniversary prior to your 91 st birthday. ${ }^{4}$

What does an Automatic Step-Up look like?


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# Income Ever After 

> Marriage is full of compromises, but lifetime income doesn't have to be one of them. FlexChoice Access was designed to help address some key financial concerns of married couples by providing flexibility that not all optional lifetime withdrawal riders can offer.

## More Income Sooner

Unlike many lifetime withdrawal riders, with FlexChoice Access, the amount of income received is based on the age of the older owner.


This can mean getting a higher withdrawal rate sooner instead of waiting years for the younger spouse to reach a minimum age. With FlexChoice Access, the initial withdrawal rate is the same for married and single clients. ${ }^{6}$

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## If something unexpected happens, it's important to know that your spouse can continue to receive the income they need in retirement.

With FlexChoice Access, the surviving spouse continues to receive the same income payments they've come to rely on with no interruption even if the account value reduces to zero. See the example below.

## FlexChoice Access

Hypothetical example for illustrative purposes only.


To see all of the withdrawal rates FlexChoice Access offers, see page 12.

## ' ' ' ${ }^{1}$,' Three Additional Ways FlexChoice Access <br> - OD' <br> Provides Flexibility to Married Clients: <br> 01 There's no need to choose single or joint lifetime

 income options at issue. ${ }^{\text {? }}$02 The initial withdrawal rate is the same for married and single clients. ${ }^{8}$
03 There's no additional charge to cover the spouse.

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## How FlexChoice Access Works

## Meet Carl and Beth Taylor

Carl and Beth are married, ages 56 and 54 , respectively, and plan to retire in 10 years. They talk with their financial professional about designing a retirement income strategy that can provide guaranteed lifetime income, the potential for market growth, and the flexibility to adapt should their needs change. They decide to invest $\$ 100,000$ in a Brighthouse Financial variable annuity and elect the optional FlexChoice Access living benefit rider.

## Retirement Income Milestones

To see how a Brighthouse Financial variable annuity with the optional FlexChoice Access rider can help Carl and Beth in retirement, complete this worksheet by referring to the illustration on the right.

FlexChoice Access Example


## - Account Value <br> Withdrawals (5.25\%) <br> Lifetime Income Payments <br> - Benefit Base



Take a look at the numbers behind the Taylors' scenario.
Constant annual rate of return is 7.89\% gross / 5.74\% net ${ }^{9}$

| Anniversary | Carl's <br> Age | Beth's <br> Age | Benefit <br> Base | Annual Return <br> (Net of Cash Flows) | Account <br> Value | Withdrawal <br> Amount | Cumulative <br> Withdrawals |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Issue | 56 | 54 | $\$ 100,000$ | - | $\$ 100,000$ | - | - | \$enefit ${ }^{11}$ |

[^5]Here's what would happen in a steady market.
Constant annual rate of return is 7.89\% gross $/ 5.74 \%$ net ${ }^{9}$

| Anniversary | Carl's <br> Age | Beth's <br> Age | Benefit <br> Base | Annual Return <br> (Net of Cash Flows) | Account <br> Value | Withdrawal <br> Amount | Cumulative <br> Withdrawals |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Issue | 56 | 54 | $\$ 100,000$ | - | - | Renefit ${ }^{11}$ |  |

## Here's what would happen in a flat market.

## Zero annual rate of return is <br> $0.00 \%$ gross / -2.00\% net ${ }^{9}$

| Anniversary | Carl's Age | Beth's Age | Benefit Base | Annual Return (Net of Cash Flows) ${ }^{10}$ | Account Value | Withdrawal Amount | Cumulative Withdrawals | Death Benefit ${ }^{11}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Issue | 56 | 54 | \$100,000 | - | \$100,000 | - | - | \$100,000 |
| 1 | 57 | 55 | \$105,000 | -3.42\% | \$96,583 | \$0 | \$0 | \$100,000 |
| 2 | 58 | 56 | \$110,250 | -3.54\% | \$93,163 | \$0 | \$0 | \$100,000 |
| 3 | 59 | 57 | \$115,763 | -3.68\% | \$89,737 | \$0 | \$0 | \$100,000 |
| 4 | 60 | 58 | \$121,551 | -3.83\% | \$86,302 | \$0 | \$0 | \$100,000 |
| 5 | 61 | 59 | \$127,628 | -4.00\% | \$82,853 | \$0 | \$0 | \$100,000 |
| 6 | 62 | 60 | \$134,010 | -4.18\% | \$79,387 | \$0 | \$0 | \$100,000 |
| 7 | 63 | 61 | \$140,710 | -4.39\% | \$75,900 | \$0 | \$0 | \$100,000 |
| 8 | 64 | 62 | \$147,746 | -4.63\% | \$72,387 | \$0 | \$0 | \$100,000 |
| 9 | 65 | 63 | \$155,133 | -4.89\% | \$68,845 | \$0 | \$0 | \$100,000 |
| 10 | 66 | 64 | \$162,889 | -5.19\% | \$65,270 | \$8,552 | \$8,552 | \$100,000 |
| 11 | 67 | 65 | \$162,889 | -5.88\% | \$53,385 | \$8,552 | \$17,104 | \$86,898 |
| 12 | 68 | 66 | \$162,889 | -6.97\% | \$41,707 | \$8,552 | \$25,656 | \$72,978 |
| 13 | 69 | 67 | \$162,889 | -8.72\% | \$30,264 | \$8,552 | \$34,208 | \$58,014 |
| 14 | 70 | 68 | \$162,889 | -12.27\% | \$19,049 | \$8,552 | \$42,760 | \$41,621 |
| 15 | 71 | 69 | \$162,889 | -23.23\% | \$8,058 | \$8,552 | \$51,312 | \$22,936 |
| 16 | 72 | 70 | \$162,889 | - | \$0 | \$7,249 ${ }^{12}$ | \$58,561 | \$0 |
| 17 | 73 | 71 | \$162,889 | - | - | For Life | \$65,809 | - |
| 18 | 74 | 72 | \$162,889 | - | - | - | \$73,058 | - |
| 19 | 75 | 73 | \$162,889 | - | - | - | \$80,306 | - |
| 20 | - | 74 | \$162,889 | - | - | - | \$87,555 | - |
| 21 | - | 75 | \$162,889 | - | - | - | \$94,803 | - |
| 22 | - | 76 | \$162,889 | - | - | - | \$102,052 | - |
| 23 | - | 77 | \$162,889 | - | - | - | \$109,301 | - |
| 24 | - | 78 | \$162,889 | - | - | - | \$116,549 | - |
| 25 | - | 79 | \$162,889 | - | - | - | \$123,798 | - |
| 26 | - | 80 | \$162,889 | - | - | - | \$131,046 | - |
| 27 | - | 81 | \$162,889 | - | - | - | \$138,295 | - |
| 28 | - | 82 | \$162,889 | - | - | - | \$145,544 | - |
| 29 | - | 83 | \$162,889 | - | - | - | \$152,792 | - |
| 30 | - | 84 | \$162,889 | - | - | - | \$160,041 | - |
| 31 | - | 85 | \$162,889 | - | - | - | \$167,289 | - |
| 32 | - | 86 | \$162,889 | - | - | - | \$174,538 | - |
| 33 | - | 87 | \$162,889 | - | - | - | \$181,786 | - |
| 34 | - | 88 | \$162,889 | - | - | - | \$189,035 | - |
| 35 | - | 89 | \$162,889 | - | - | - | \$196,284 | - |
| 36 | - | 90 | \$162,889 | - | - | - | \$203,532 | - |

The values provided in this hypothetical illustration are based on annual 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 1.15\%, 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 $0.87 \%$. 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.
${ }^{12}$ In this scenario, both Carl and Beth are alive at the time the account value reaches zero. The Joint Lifetime Guarantee Rate is selected and they receive $4.45 \%$ of the Benefit Base for life.

# Withdrawal Rates 

## The amount available for withdrawal is based on the age of the owner, or older owner if jointly owned, at the time of the first withdrawal after age $591 / 2$.

FlexChoice Access provides a level amount of payments for your lifetime guaranteed. Even if the account value reduces to zero, you'll still receive the same amount of income for life if single lifetime income is elected. ${ }^{13}$ See the prospectus for complete details.

| Age at 1st Withdrawal | Withdrawal Rate | AFTER ACCOUNT VALUE REDUCES TO ZERO |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Single Lifetime Guarantee Rate | Joint Lifetime Guarantee Rate |
| $5911 / 2$ to less than 60 | 4.25\% | 4.25\% | 3.60\% |
| 60 to less than 65 | 4.25\% | 4.25\% | 3.60\% |
| 65 to less than 70 | 5.25\% | 5.25\% | 4.45\% |
| 70 to less than 75 | 5.65\% | 5.65\% | 4.80\% |
| 75 to less than 80 | 6.15\% | 6.15\% | 5.20\% |
| 80 to less than 85 | 6.75\% | 6.75\% | 5.70\% |
| 85 to less than 90 | 7.45\% | 7.45\% | 6.30\% |
| 90 to less than 95 | 8.35\% | 8.35\% | 7.10\% |
| $95+$ | 9.55\% | 9.55\% | 8.10\% |

All rates are a percentage of the Benefit Base.

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## Fees and Charges

## Our goal is to be transparent in explaining the fees and charges that may apply to your variable annuity.

Standard Fees and Charges
(Class S)

| Type | Amount | Definition |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Annual Contract Fee | $\$ 30$ | Covers contract maintenance and is deducted on the contract anniversary. Waived if the contract value is $\$ 50,000$ or more. |
| Mortality \& Expense and Administration Charge | $1.15-1.85^{\%}$ | Covers the insurance company's cost for guaranteeing to provide lifetime income annuity payments or a standard death benefit if the unexpected happens. |
| Current Fund Expenses | $0.51-1.19^{\%}$ | Similar to the charges assessed by mutual fund companies for managing mutual funds, these fees are imposed at the fund level and pay the investment firm for the fund manager's expertise and other expenses. |

Fees and Charges for Optional Features

| Type | Amount <br> FlexChoice Access <br> Living Benefit Charge |
| :--- | :--- |
| Pays to ensure lifetime income payments off the <br> Benefit Base, regardless of the performance of the <br> investment options selected. May be increased if <br> Automatic Step-Ups occur but will not exceed $2.00 \%$ |  |
| Withdrawal Charges | The insurance company may impose a withdrawal <br> charge on any amount that exceeds the annual Free <br> Withdrawal Amount in the first years of the contract <br> for each purchase payment. The charge declines over <br> time and disappears after a certain number of years. <br> Example: $7 \%, 6 \%, 6 \% 5 \%, 4 \%, 3 \%, 2 \%, 0 \%$ |



## Personalized Investment Strategy

One way to help ensure you have enough money to last throughout your retirement is to invest in a portfolio that has the potential to weather a variety of market conditions.

FlexChoice Access offers the opportunity to design an investment strategy that works for you - select from the available asset allocation and risk managed global multi-asset portfolios, or choose to build a more customized portfolio from the individual investment options available. Please refer to our Investment Worksheet for more information.

# What Else Do I Need to Know About the Rider? 

## If your needs change, you can cancel the FlexChoice Access rider on the 5th, 10th, or later contract anniversaries.

If you cancel the rider on the 10th or later contract anniversary, and your original account value (adjusted proportionately for withdrawals) has dropped due to market performance, you'll receive a Guaranteed Principal Adjustment (GPA) to your account value.

What happens if you cancel the rider on the 10th or later contract anniversary and your account value has decreased?

We bring the account value back to its original amount, which equals purchase payments made in the first 120 days of the contract, adjusted proportionately for withdrawals. 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.


Hypothetical example for illustrative purposes only.

# Terms and Definitions 

Account Value

Annual Benefit
Payment
-

Benefit Base

Guaranteed
Principal
Adjustment

Initially equals your purchase payment. Represents the value of your investments, adjusted for performance, less withdrawals, fees, and charges.

The maximum amount you can withdraw during a contract year without reducing the Benefit Base and any lifetime income payments you would receive from the rider if your account value reduces to zero. Prior to age $59 \frac{1}{2}$, there is no Annual Benefit Payment.

Used to determine the maximum amount of withdrawals - known as the Annual Benefit Payment - that you can take in a contract year without reducing benefits, including future lifetime income payments. The annual rider charge is also based on this amount. The Benefit Base is not available for withdrawal as a lump sum or payable as a death benefit.
If the contract's account value is reduced to zero due to a withdrawal before age $591 / 2$, or due to an excess withdrawal, you will not be eligible for lifetime income, no further benefit will be payable under the FlexChoice Access rider, and the rider will terminate.

If you cancel the rider on the 10th or later contract anniversary and your account value has decreased due to market performance, we will bring your account value back to its original amount, which equals your purchase payments made in the first 120 days of the contract, adjusted proportionately for withdrawals.

In order to purchase a variable annuity with the FlexChoice Access rider, the owner (or older owner, if jointly owned) must be between the ages of 50 and 85 .

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A Brighthouse Financial variable annuity with the optional FlexChoice Access living benefit rider lets you turn a portion of your savings into guaranteed income that can last for life.

Take the next step toward a retirement portfolio that provides growth opportunities and income that can last for life. Learn more at brighthousefinancial.com.

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Withdrawals of taxable amounts are subject to ordinary income tax. Withdrawals made before age $591 / 2$ may be subject to a $10 \%$ federal income tax penalty. Distributions of taxable amounts from a non-qualified annuity may also be subject to the $3.8 \% \mathrm{Net}$ Investment Income Tax that is generally imposed on interest, dividends, and annuity income if the modified adjusted gross income exceeds the applicable threshold amount. Withdrawals will reduce the living and death benefits and account value. Withdrawals may be subject to withdrawal charges.
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[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ FlexChoice Access is referred to as the Guaranteed Lifetime Withdrawal Benefit (GLWB) in the prospectus and is available for an additional annual charge.
    2 Buying an annuity to fund a qualified retirement plan or IRA should be done for the annuity's features and benefits other than tax deferral. Tax deferral is generally a feature of a qualified retirement plan or IRA, so an annuity would not provide an additional tax deferral benefit. References throughout this material to tax advantages, such as tax deferral and tax-free transfers, are subject to this consideration. The product described in this material is not made available to employer-sponsored qualified retirement plans. For non-qualified annuities, tax deferral is not available to corporations and certain other entities.

[^1]:    ${ }^{3}$ 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.

[^2]:    ${ }^{4}$ Upon step-up, the annual charge may increase to the rate applicable to new annuity purchasers but will not exceed a maximum of 2.00\% of the Benefit Base.

[^3]:    ${ }^{5}$ Age Differences Among Coresidential Partners. United States Census Bureau, April 14, 2023.
    ${ }^{6}$ Initial withdrawal rate refers to the rate established by the first withdrawal after age $591 / 2$ (age $591 / 2$ of the older owner if jointly owned) and prior to the contract's account value reducing to zero. If the account value reduces to zero due to market performance or an allowable withdrawal, you 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.

[^4]:    7 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 you would receive under the rider if your account value reduces to zero.
    ${ }^{8}$ 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.

[^5]:    ${ }^{9}$ Net rate reflects the gross rate of return reduced by the asset-based fees: 1) the Investment Management Fee and other expenses; 2) the Mortality \& Expense and Administration Charge. Net rate does not include charges for the selected living and death benefits.
    ${ }^{10}$ Annual return reflects the gross rate of return reduced by the asset-based fees: 1) the Investment Management Fee and other expenses; 2) the Total Separate Account Annual Charge; 3) 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. Annual return does not take into account any tax that may be due if you take withdrawals from this contract, but it does reflect applicable withdrawal charges.
    ${ }^{11}$ The standard death benefit is included in the above illustration. Additional death benefit features can be elected for an additional charge. See the prospectus for more details.

[^6]:    ${ }^{13}$ With FlexChoice Access, if the account value is reduced to zero because of market performance or an allowable withdrawal, the withdrawal rate used to calculate the Annual Benefit Payment will be the same immediately before and after the account value is reduced to zero unless joint lifetime income is elected. Conditions apply prior to age $591 / 2$. See the prospectus for complete details.

[^7]:    ${ }^{14}$ Ranked by 2021 admitted assets. Best's Review ${ }^{\text {© }}$ Top 200 U.S. Life/Health Insurers. AM Best, 2022.

