## **RMD Income Conversion:**

# A strategic approach to securing retirement income



With traditional pension plans on the decline, retirees are increasingly responsible for managing their own retirement savings. As a result, financial advisors are well-positioned to guide clients toward optimizing their portfolios to meet retirement minimum distributions (RMDs) at age 73 and beyond.

#### Why choose RMD Income Conversion?

The RMD Income Conversion strategy leverages fixed index annuities (FIAs) with guaranteed lifetime withdrawal benefits (GLWB), such as Midland National Capital Income® FIA, to convert part of a Traditional IRA into a structured income stream. This approach not only helps meet RMD obligations but also enables the remaining portfolio to stay invested, promoting growth and delivering more predictable financial outcomes.

Let's look at how creating an RMD Income Conversion can create opportunities beyond the minimum requirements.

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

As of January 2023, the Employee Benefit Research Institute reported nearly \$12 trillion in assets across defined benefit and defined contribution plans.

Nearly \$8 trillion of these assets are in defined contribution plans, highlighting a significant shift from defined benefit to defined contribution plans.

Source: Employee Benefit Research Institute, 2023

### Create an RMD Income Conversion with Capital Income FIA and invest the rest

**\$1,000,000** Traditional **IRA** Assets IRA owner age: 73; spouse age 73

> \$37.736 Annual RMD amount1

SINGLE + LEVEL INCOME<sup>2</sup> \$460.000 Purchase payment **8.25%** Withdrawal rate Annual lifetime \$37.950 payment amount \$37.950 \$540,000 Continues for life Invest the rest

SINGLE + **INCREASING INCOME<sup>3</sup> \$705,000** Purchase payment **5.36%** Withdrawal rate **37.806** Initial payment amount (-(\$)-) \$37.806+ \$295,000

JOINT + LEVEL INCOME<sup>2</sup> \$482,000 Purchase payment 7.84% Withdrawal rate \$37,777 Annual lifetime payment amount \$37.777

\$518,000 Continues for life Invest the rest

JOINT + **INCREASING INCOME<sup>3</sup> \$741,000** Purchase payment 5.09% Withdrawal rate \$37,749 Initial payment amount (•(§)•)



This strategy meets the RMD obligations for the first year and can help to reduce the RMD obligation for the remaining assets, so the remaining assets can stay invested and hopefully continue to grow. It also demonstrates how leveraging an FIA, such as Capital Income, can provide clients with a reliable and tax-efficient income solution they can't outlive. Hypothetical examples and illustrations are for illustrative and educational purposes only and not intended to predict future performance. The use of alternate assumptions could produce significantly different results.

Invest the rest

Continues for life

## **Key benefits of RMD Income Conversion:**

- Efficient taxable income generation: Provide clients with a tax-efficient strategy that meets RMD obligations, allowing their portfolios to remain invested and grow.
- **Portfolio drag reduction:** By employing an FIA to satisfy most RMD requirements, advisors can minimize the potential negative impact on the investment portfolio.
- Predictable and reliable income streams: Offer clients structured options for level
  or increasing income payments, ensuring they cannot outlive their resources and
  align fully with their broader retirement goals.

### Important points to remember:

- 1. When calculating Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs), it's important to consider the Fair Market Value. The hypothetical example provided shows how to calculate a premium amount to cover most of the RMD, but it may not cover the full amount due to changes in the fair market value over time.
- **2.** As the client gets older, the RMD amount will change as well. While this strategy aims to cover most of the RMD, fluctuations in the RMD amount may require distributions from the remaining IRA assets.
- **3.** While we are not tax professionals, we understand the challenges that retirees face. Our expertise lies in insurance and providing guarantees that can help alleviate client concerns and fears during the later years of retirement. Each situation is unique, and the example given is purely hypothetical and intended for illustrative purposes only.

With \$8 trillion in defined contribution plans poised for distribution, there's a significant opportunity to position clients for taxable income rather than no income at all, ensuring they have the financial security they want throughout their retirement.

# Have questions? Connect with an annuity expert today.

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- 2. Level lifetime payments: These payments provide a fixed income amount that remains the same for the rest of the covered individual's life.
- 3. Increasing lifetime payments: These payments increase annually based on the weighted average percentage change in the fixed and indexed accounts. Initial payments are lower compared to level payments.

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