

#### **UNDERSTANDING LONG-TERM CARE**

#### MARKETS

#### Millions Bought Insurance to Cover Retirement Health Costs. Now They Face an Awful Choice

Battered by losses, long-term-care insurers hit policyholders with steep rate increases that many never saw coming



David and Sally Wylie walk their dog, Finn, in Owls Head, Maine. The annual cost of their long-term-care insurance has jumped more than 90% in the past two years. PHOTO: SARAH RICE FOR THE WALL STREET JOURNAL



#### **American Armed Forces Mutual Aid Association:**

- Founded in 1879
- Non-profit, tax-exempt, member owned mutual association
- Open to all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces
- Life Insurance, Financial Planning, Investment Management, Trust Services and Mortgages
- Over 90,000 members



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#### Today's Agenda

- What is Long-Term Care?
- Is there a problem?
- What are my options?





- Long term care (LTC) is care that you need if you can no longer perform everyday tasks (activities of daily living) by yourself due to a chronic illness, injury, disability or the aging process.
- Activities of Daily Living (ADL):
  - o Bathing
  - o Dressing
  - o Transferring
  - o Eating
  - o Toileting
  - o Continence



LTC is NOT hospital, doctor, or rehabilitation care (Those are provided by Medicare, VA, Health Insurance)



#### What is the need?

- Nearly 41% of LTC is provided to people under age 65
- About 70% of people turning age 65 will need long term care services at some point in their lives





#### Who Provides Long Term Care?

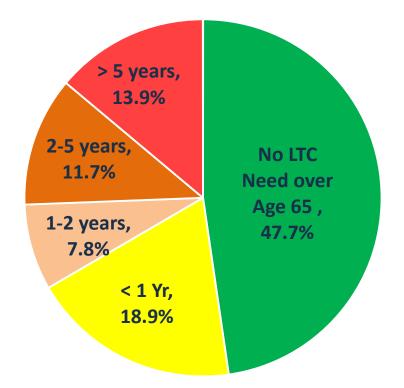


"The value of family caregiving exceeds the total value of all paid LTSS. Family caregiving was estimated to be worth \$450 billion ... as compared to \$211 billion in spending on all paid caregiving." -- LTC Commission



#### How Long is "Long" in LTC?

#### Projected LTC Need for 65 year olds



		Average
		years,
	Average	given any
	years	need
Men	1.5	3.2
Women	2.5	4.4



#### What does LTC cost?

- Heavily dependent on location
- National averages:
  - o Home health aide
  - Adult day care center
  - Assisted living facility
  - Nursing home (semiprivate room)
  - Nursing home (private room)
- Home care: 6 hrs/day, 5 days/week = \$32,760/year
- Semi-private nursing home room

\$21/hour \$79/day \$3,922/month \$251/day \$282/day

= \$91,615/year

### Why so much (national) attention?

#### The Bad Bet That Insurers Can't Shake

GE disclosed \$6.2 billion charge related to billions of dollars of coverage for long-term care policies



By Leslie Scism

General Electric Co.'s GE -2.05% ▼ looming \$6.2 billion charge in its GE Capital unit is one of the biggest yet in a corner of the insurance industry that has reeled from pricing miscalculations made decades ago. About 7.3 million of the policies are in consumers' hands, some with generous lifetime benefits.

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### Why so much (national) attention?

- Many planned on or rely on LTC insurance for LTC costs
- Rising premiums → WSJ example faced 90% premium increase
  - o Aging population (more
  - o Cost for elderly medicine more expensive than for young
  - Costs of care rising
- Providers dropping out of market





### What are my options?

- Family care providers
- Self-funding through financial planning
- Long-term Care insurance
- VA Geriatrics and Extended Care
- Accelerated benefits option as part of life insurance policy (or as a policy rider)



## LTC Care Insurance Characteristics

- Daily benefit, lifetime benefit
- Medical certification/recertification of inability to meet specified number of Activities of Daily Living (ADL)
- Waiting periods, on average 90 120 days
- Inflation protection options
- Future purchase options



# Department of Veterans Affairs

#### Veteran Geriatric Care:

- Eligibility based on clinical need and availability
- Generally, for 70% + disability
- Part of VA Health Care System
- State & community dependent
- For veteran only, not spouse

Community Living Centers Community Nursing Homes



**Adult Day Health Care** 



**Home Based Primary Care** 

State Veterans Homes



Homemaker and Home **Health Aide Care** 







Veteran-Directed Care



Source: https://www.va.gov/GERIATRICS/ **Community Residential Care** 



**Adult Family Homes** 





Assisted Living





**Skilled Home Health Care** 





**Telehealth Care** 









- AAFMAA Value Added Whole Life or Wealth Builder policy, over age 60, in force two or more years
- Doctor certifies inability to perform two or more ADLs;
- AAFMAA pays 2% of death benefit for up to 50 months
- Unused benefit paid to beneficiary
- Annual re-certification by doctor

Great Life Insurance – with Long Term Care Settlement Option built in



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#### **QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION**



#### Takeaways

- There are multiple options for addressing Long-term care needs
- These include self-funding through prudent planning, LTC insurance, and accelerated death benefits in a life insurance policy
- LTC insurance costs are rising
- You don't necessarily need LTC insurance, but you do need a plan!









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