

LONG-TERM CARE PLANNING

Lincoln MoneyGuard® solutions

Advanced Planning with Trusts

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Agenda

- 1. Revocable trusts can usually buy Lincoln MoneyGuard® solutions insuring the trust grantor(s).
- 2. Irrevocable trusts generally cannot own Lincoln *MoneyGuard*® solutions insuring the trust grantor(s).
- 3. Irrevocable trusts may be able to own Lincoln *MoneyGuard*® solutions insuring a trust beneficiary.
- 4. How to identify which irrevocable trusts can own Lincoln *MoneyGuard*® solutions on a trust beneficiary.

Revocable trusts can generally own Lincoln *MoneyGuard*® solutions

- Popular way to own property that can avoid the cost of probate.
- Assets in a revocable trust are treated as if they are owned by the individual trust grantor(s).
- Usually, the trust grantor(s) are the original trustee(s).
- Successor trustee(s) automatically take over the trust if the trust grantor(s) become incapacitated.
- Assets owned by a revocable trust are included in the taxable estate of the grantor(s).
- Since individuals can own a Lincoln *MoneyGuard* solutions contract individually, so can their revocable trust.



Revocable trusts and Lincoln *MoneyGuard®* solutions



Issue

What happens if the individual owns a Lincoln *MoneyGuard* solutions on his or her own life, and they become unable to manage his or her affairs?

Approach

Without a durable power of attorney, a court needs to appoint a guardian for the insured. With a revocable trust, a successor trustee should automatically take over.

Lincoln *MoneyGuard*® solutions in an irrevocable life insurance trust?

- Irrevocable life insurance trusts have always been an attractive way to leverage a relatively small gift into a life insurance death benefit outside of the grantor's taxable estate.
- In many cases, the annual premiums can be funded with annual gifts of less than \$15,000 per beneficiary, which removes the death benefit from the grantor's taxable estate.



Can the typical irrevocable trust own a Lincoln *MoneyGuard*® solutions on the trust grantor?

A • No.

When a grantor sets up an irrevocable trust, they usually include language that specifically states that the grantor will never receive anything from the trust.



Issue

With the changes to the federal estate tax, many people feel they no longer need a life insurance policy inside an irrevocable trust.

Looking for alternatives for the trust

Would consider a 1035 exchange inside the trust for a Lincoln *MoneyGuard*® solutions



Issue

The typical irrevocable trust cannot provide any benefits to the Grantor—benefits have to go to the trust beneficiaries.

Alternate Approach

Could consider buying Lincoln *MoneyGuard*® solutions on a spouse or other trust beneficiary, but it is not a tax free exchange unless the owner and insured are the same before and after the exchange.



Issue

Because of large gain on surrender in original contract strong preference for a tax free exchange solution

Alternate approach

Can trustee distribute the original contract to a trust beneficiary (for example, spouse or children) and have them do the 1035 exchange to Lincoln *MoneyGuard®* solutions?

Family ownership of Lincoln *MoneyGuard*® solutions Options



Parent owns
Lincoln MoneyGuard
solutions on children or
grandchildren



Individual owns
Lincoln MoneyGuard
solutions policy on parents,
brothers, sisters or other
family members

Parents use Lincoln *MoneyGuard*® solutions to insure an adult child

We allow a parent to be the owner and beneficiary of a Lincoln *MoneyGuard* solutions policy insuring their children.

Paying the premiums is not a gift because the parent is the owner of the policy.

The tax laws allow a person to pay anybody's medical or educational expenses without being considered to have made a gift.

You can't give the cash to the child. The payment of educational or medical expenses has to be directly to the medical or educational service provider.

We also allow a parent to pay the premiums on a Lincoln *MoneyGuard* solutions policy owned by the child.

When the child owns the Lincoln *MoneyGuard* solutions contract, each premium paid by the parent is a gift.

Trust beneficiary as the insured for Lincoln *MoneyGuard*® solutions

Insuring beneficiary of an irrevocable trust

 Parent or other person funded an irrevocable trust for a son or daughter. Trustee wants to buy Lincoln *MoneyGuard* solutions on trust beneficiary.

Probably okay as long as the trust has an appropriate distribution standard, such as health, education, maintenance and support.

How to review a trust to determine if the trust can own Lincoln *MoneyGuard*® solutions

- Is the trust revocable or irrevocable?
- Is the trust grantor the proposed insured?
- Is a trust beneficiary the proposed insured?
- Is the trustee the proposed insured?
- Are the distribution standards different before and after the death of the trust grantor?

Or send me a copy of the trust to review?

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