



# BRIDGE® | A CASE STUDY

Increased long-term care benefits with Coverage Ratios applied to premiums paid in years 1-5

## Meet Mike

**Age:** 65

**Retirement assets:**

\$300,000 in retirement accounts and other assets

**Assets applied to his contract:**

\$50,000 initial premium plus additional deposits

**Concerns:**

- Prepare for life's what-ifs, including the possibility of needing long-term care services
- Avoid burdening his children for assistance as he ages
- Preserve and grow his assets

### The advantage of Coverage Ratios

Mike is assigned a 315% Coverage Ratio based on his age and underwriting class, Preferred. This ratio is multiplied by his premium to determine his Long-Term Care Benefit Base. Mike's initial premium plus 3% roll-up interest results in a Benefit Base of \$162,225<sup>1</sup> at the end of year one. He plans to add \$10,000 annually in years two through five.

While some solutions only apply the Coverage Ratio to the initial premium, with Bridge, Coverage Ratios apply to all premiums paid during the first five years of the contract.<sup>2</sup>

### The impact of robust Coverage Ratios

Bridge compared to alternative hypothetical product that does not apply the Coverage Ratio after year one

End of year	Additional premium added	BRIDGE BY EQUITRUST Benefit Base <sup>1</sup> x 315% Coverage Ratio applied to additional premium	OTHER SIMILAR PRODUCT Benefit Base <sup>1</sup> — NO Coverage Ratio applied to additional premium
1	\$50,000 (initial premium; no other premiums added)	<b>\$162,225<sup>3</sup></b>	\$162,225
2	\$10,000	<b>\$199,537<sup>3</sup></b>	\$177,392
3	\$10,000	<b>\$237,968<sup>3</sup></b>	\$193,014
4	\$10,000	<b>\$277,552<sup>3</sup></b>	\$209,104
5	\$10,000	<b>\$318,323<sup>3</sup></b>	\$225,677

## See the difference Bridge makes

Mike's total 60-month long-term care benefit was **41% higher with Bridge** than it would have been with a solution that only applies Coverage Ratios in year one.

Let's look at the impact to his long-term care benefits six years later when Mike goes on claim.

<b>Bridge</b> LTC Benefit Base — Coverage Ratio applied in years 1 -5	\$318,323 <sup>3</sup>
<b>Alternative hypothetical product</b> LTC benefits — Coverage Ratio applied only in year 1	- \$225,677
<b>Total difference in LTC benefits if full LTC is paid out over 60 months</b>	<b>\$92,646 TAX-FREE<sup>4</sup></b>

In addition to the increase in his Benefit Base from the Coverage Ratio, Mike would also enjoy growth from Wellness Credits based on his participation in the NeverStop® Health Coaching & Rewards Program.

Plus, Bridge's fixed index annuity provides potential principal growth with protection from market losses when you don't need long-term care services. The Long-Term Care Rider provides benefits when you do.

## Balance your benefits and premium preservation

Your financial professional can help you find the right balance between anticipated long-term care benefits and the value of your annuity account.



<sup>1</sup> Before vesting.

<sup>2</sup> Any premiums added after the fifth contract year increase the LTC Benefit Base dollar for dollar.

<sup>3</sup> With annual 3% Benefit Base roll-up.

<sup>4</sup> Subject to daily IRS maximum; must be used for qualified long-term care services.

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