

THE ANNUITY REVIEW CHECKLIST

Name: _____

Date: _____

This is designed for both current annuity owners and people contemplating the purchase of an annuity. You should have clear and definite answers to all of these questions before purchasing any annuity. If you have already purchased an annuity, these questions should help you better understand your contract.

- Is your annuity fixed, indexed, or variable?
- What is the current interest rate?
- Is the interest rate fixed for the entire term of the annuity?
- Can your interest rate decrease during the term of the annuity?
- Is there a “Bonus” on your deposit? (beware of these)
- Is your principal and interest guaranteed?
- What is the surrender period and surrender charges for your annuity?
- Can you withdraw money from your annuity without penalty?
- How much can you withdraw without penalty?
- What are your options at the end of the annuity term (ie, when it matures)?
- Will you be forced to take income from your annuity to realize the full value?
- What are the financial ratings of the insurance company issuing your annuity?
- Who is the beneficiary on your annuity?
- What options will your beneficiary have with your annuity if you die?
- What happens to your annuity if the insurance company goes bankrupt?
- What is the commission paid to the agent for your purchase?
- Does your agent or planner have a system in place to notify you of your annuity anniversary date, interest rate changes (if any), and annuity maturity date?
- How does an annuity fit onto your overall financial plan? Does it improve your financial well-being?
- Are there other non-annuity strategies that may work better for you?