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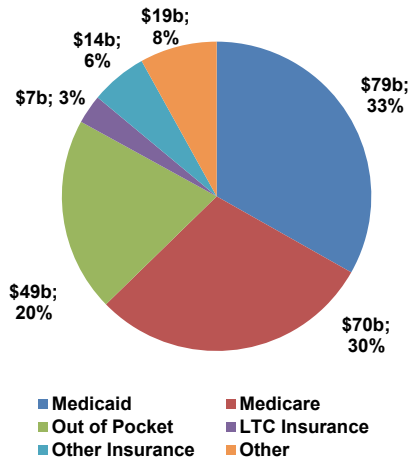
## **State of the Long-term Care Insurance Industry**

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### Agenda

- What made LTCi successful in the early days?
- What happened to traditional LTCi?
- Attitudes of a new buyer generation
- Are hybrid products the answer?
- What else can we do?

## Funding of LTC Expenses



- US spending on LTC was \$239 billion in 2014
- 63% was funded by two social programs:
  - Medicare: Limited post-acute care
  - Medicaid: Once assets are spent down
- 20% from direct out of pocket spending
  - Most represents asset spend-down
- Only 3% from private LTC insurance
  - 7 million insureds out of 86 million age 55+

Source: National Health Expenditure (NHE) Amounts by Type of Expenditure and Source of Funds: Calendar Years 1965-2014, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services



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## The Need for Private LTC Insurance

- Asset spend-down most common funding scheme
  - Savings are first exhausted or moved via loopholes
  - Migration to public welfare (Medicaid) afterwards
- Strain on social program funding
  - Medicaid's mission is to provide a safety net to the poor
  - Not meant to fund lack of LTC planning for the middle class
- Clear need for individual financial planning / private insurance
  - Demographics result in an unsustainable burden on public resources
  - Preserve assets / legacy funding
  - Higher quality of care when privately funded



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## Consumer Attitudes

- Biggest fears about retirement<sup>1</sup>:
  - 11%: Will have too much debt
  - 18%: Won't be able to afford daily expenses
  - 23%: Exhaust savings
  - 28%: High medical (LTC) expenses
- Most are aware of Medicaid as a safety net, but worry that it won't allow an acceptable lifestyle

<sup>1</sup>Source: Bankrate.com Money Pulse Survey, Feb. 18, 2015



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## Consumer Attitudes

- Private financing of LTC is strongly preferred<sup>1</sup>
  - 59% agree that individuals should be responsible
  - 66% agree that owning private LTC insurance would give them peace of mind
  - 51% don't trust the government to run an LTC insurance plan
- Knowledge of LTC costs and risks is relatively low<sup>1</sup>
  - Most greatly underestimate the chance of needing LTC
  - 20% can correctly estimate costs in their state
  - 44% have "other priorities" for money other than LTC insurance

<sup>1</sup>Source: 2014 Survey of Long-Term Care Awareness and Planning, U.S. Dept. of HHS



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## Unique Distribution Challenges

- Example of a product that is “sold not bought”
- Lack of awareness of risk and gaps in coverage
- Unfamiliar product features
- Expensive
- Broad distribution channels did not push
  - Lack of understanding of product; discomfort selling
  - Already successful selling other products



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## How the Industry Responded

- We answered this challenge with specialty distribution
  - Agents that are trained to sell LTC almost exclusively
- Small distribution pockets produced a majority of sales
  - Initial specialists were captive
  - Independent specialists later emerged and dwarfed captives
- Agents were trained to:
  - Patiently sit with customer leads – often several hours
  - Educate customers about risks and complex products
  - Have rational responses to premium amounts
- Specialists often worked with broader distribution to chase leads they encountered (split commissions or referral fees)



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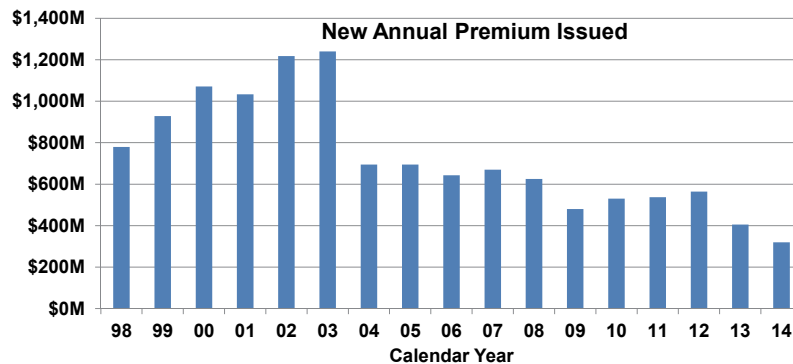
## Specialists: Key to Success

- Of the 177 carriers that entered the LTCI market
  - 74 sold less than 1,000 policies
  - Only 56 sold 10,000 or more
- Most carriers did not train or access trained distribution and exited the market early
- Carriers that used specialists saw large sales volumes
- Key to understanding how we succeeded and how we might reenergize the market



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## Sales Volumes



- Early success!: 20%+ growth during the 1990s
- Short-lived: Sales began to decline in 2001  
(after netting out 2002-2003 FEP enrollment)



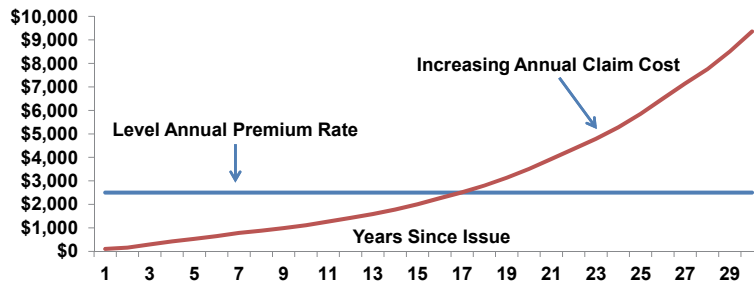
Source 1999 – 2015 Broker World Surveys

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## What Caused the Crash of Traditional LTCI?

Reason 1: LTCI's design makes it a very risky product

- Level premium pre-funds an increasing cost



- Four forces contribute to increasing claim costs:
  - Older people more likely to need long-term care
  - Wear-off of underwriting effect
  - Benefits increase for policies with inflation protection
  - Married people becoming widows and widowers (which have higher costs)



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## What Caused the Crash of Traditional LTCI?

Reason 2: Environmental developments

- Very low lapse and mortality rates
  - LTCI's pre-funding nature makes it lapse supported
  - Early pricing assumptions of 4% turned out to be almost zero
  - Mortality rates are lower than annuitant mortality tables
- Unforeseen drop in interest rates
  - LTCI's pre-funding nature makes it very sensitive to interest rates
  - Early assumptions of 5%-8% turned out to be 2%-4%
- Emergence of assisted living facilities ("ALFs")
  - Immaterial care delivery sector when early products were priced
  - Expensive ALF stays are not embedded in early pricing data
  - Almost half of current confinements now occur in ALFs



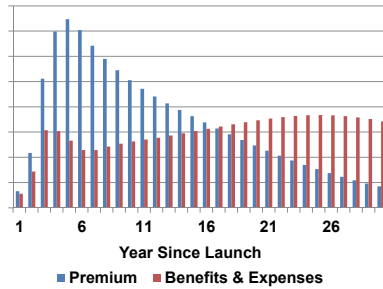
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## What Caused the Crash of Traditional LTCI?

### Reason 2: Environmental developments

Cash flow mismatch causes corrective rate increases to grow over time

Cash Flows By Year Since Product Launch



Rate Increase Required to Offset Future Losses

Deviation	Yr. 5	Yr. 10	Yr. 15	Yr. 20
+10% Claims	7%	11%	18%	27%
-1% Lapse	10%	16%	24%	34%
-1% Interest	8%	14%	20%	27%
<b>All Three</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>92%</b>

- Regulators resist large rate increases (>25%)
- Often cannot offset losses completely, resulting in reserve corrections
- Creates uncertainty for distribution and potential new customers



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## What Caused the Crash of Traditional LTCI?

### Reason 3: Carrier exits

2001 Sales		
Company	Premium	Share
GE Capital	\$243M	23%
Bankers L&C	\$83M	8%
John Hancock	\$74M	7%
C.N.A.	\$61M	6%
UNUM	\$55M	5%
Penn Treaty	\$47M	5%
Allianz	\$42M	4%
IDS	\$28M	3%
Fortis	\$26M	3%
Life Investors	\$26M	3%
<b>Top 10</b>	<b>\$684M</b>	<b>66%</b>
<b>Others</b>	<b>\$349M</b>	<b>34%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,033M</b>	<b>100%</b>

2014 Sales		
Company	Premium	Share
Genworth <sup>1</sup>	\$90M	28%
Northwestern	\$57M	18%
Mutual of Omaha	\$32M	10%
John Hancock	\$31M	10%
Transamerica <sup>2</sup>	\$16M	5%
MedAmerica	\$15M	5%
New York Life	\$12M	4%
MassMutual	\$11M	3%
Bankers L&C	\$10M	3%
State Farm	\$10M	3%
<b>Top 10</b>	<b>\$284M</b>	<b>89%</b>
<b>Others</b>	<b>\$36M</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$320M</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>1</sup>Genworth is a former division of GE Capital  
<sup>2</sup>Excluding single premium sales

- 7 out of top 10 carriers writing at LTCI's zenith have exited
- Affects distribution's confidence in industry's commitment to LTCI



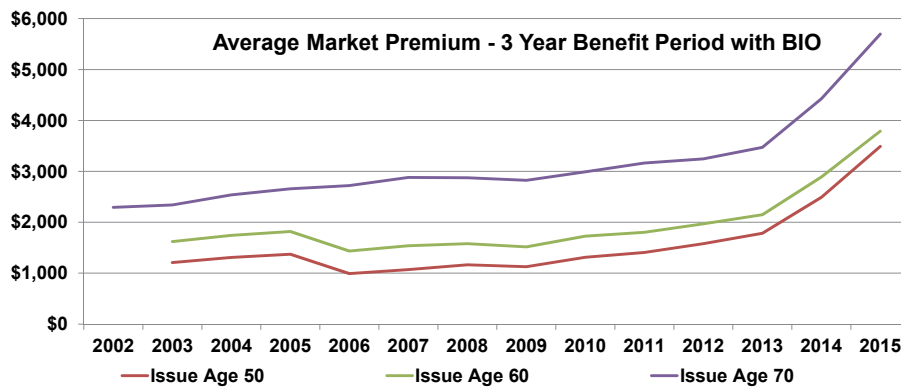
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## What Caused the Crash of Traditional LTCI?

Reason 4: High new business premium rates

LTCI premiums have climbed above a middle income price point



PA hearing consumer question: "Is LTCI only for the 1%?"



Source: 2002-2015 Broker World Surveys

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## What Caused the Crash of Traditional LTCI?

- Reason 5: The target market's generation "turned over"
- We were trying to sell a 30 year-old product to a new crowd



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## WWII Generation

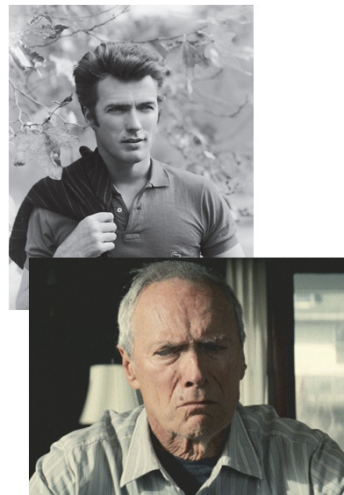
- Born 1900-1924
- Also called “G.I.” or “Greatest” Generation
- Endured the Great Depression and won World War II
- Value self-sacrifice
- Average of 2.4 children
- Low divorce rate: 20%
- Saved as much as they could
- Believed in traditional insurance products and trusted their agents
- Currently age 91+



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## The Silent Generation

- Born 1925-1944
- Born into a time of crisis: Great Depression and WWII
- Younger members grew up in the 50s
- Compliant; honored their elders and loyal to old institutions
- Average of 3.3 children
- Wanted a different childhood for their kids
- Learned how to save from parents
- Currently aged 71-91



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## Baby Boomers

- Born 1945-1964
- Also called the “Me” Generation
- Grew up with, but rejected their parents’ traditional ways
- Average of 2.0 children
- 40%+ divorce rate
- Redefined retirement
- More likely to view insurance products as investments
- Currently aged 51-71



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## Generation X

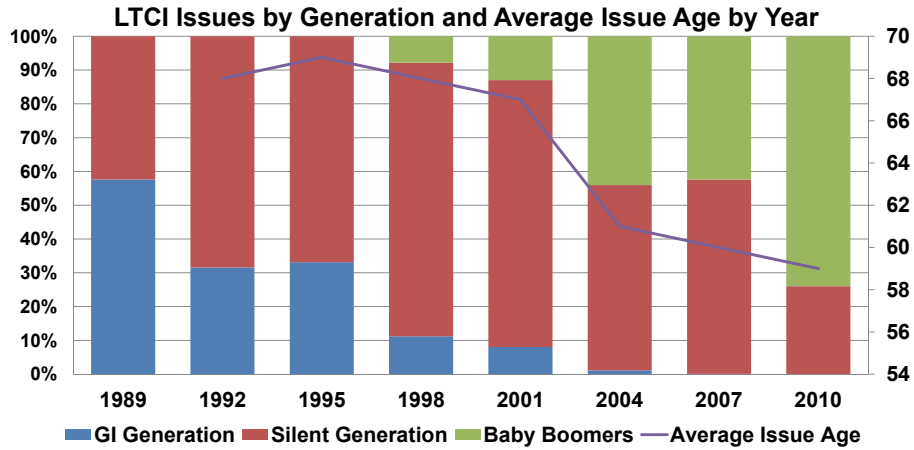


- Born 1965-1980
- The MTV Generation
- Grew up during prosperous times
- First generation of divorced parents
- First to use PCs
- Average of 2.0 children
- High rate of single parenting
- “Helicopter Parents”
- Out-earned parents, but saved less
- Don’t believe that Social Security will be there for them
- Currently aged 35-51



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# Generation Turnover

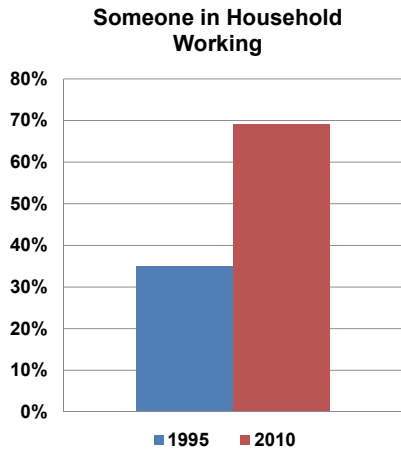


Source: 2000-2011 SOA Long Term Care Intercompany Experience Study and AHIP: Who Buys Long-Term Care Insurance in 2010-2011



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# Buyer Statistics



- Lower Issue age in 2010
- Baby Boomers working longer than the Silent Generation

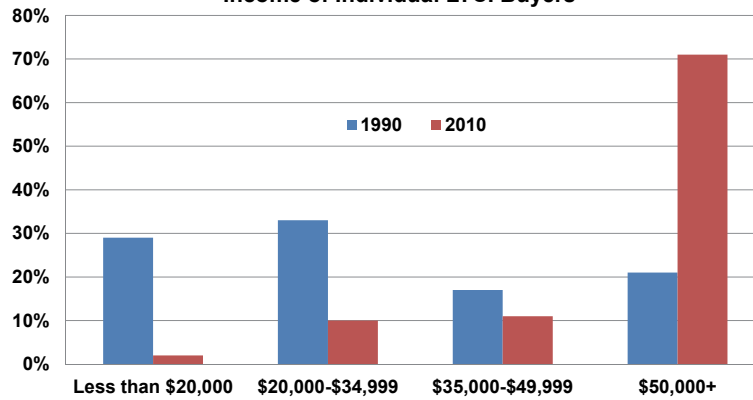
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## Buyer Statistics

Income of Individual LTCI Buyers



- Inflation partially accounts for shift (71%)
- Rest likely driven by big drop in retiree purchasers

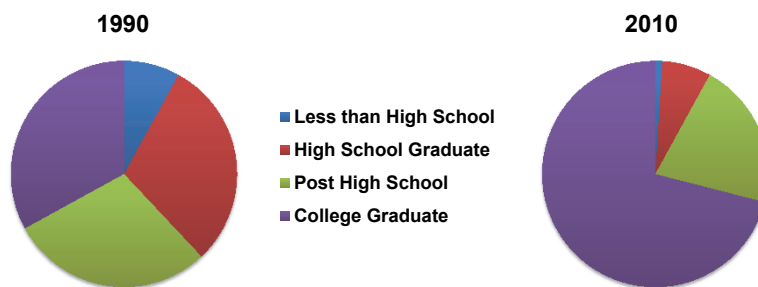
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## Buyer Statistics

Education Level of Individual LTCI Buyers



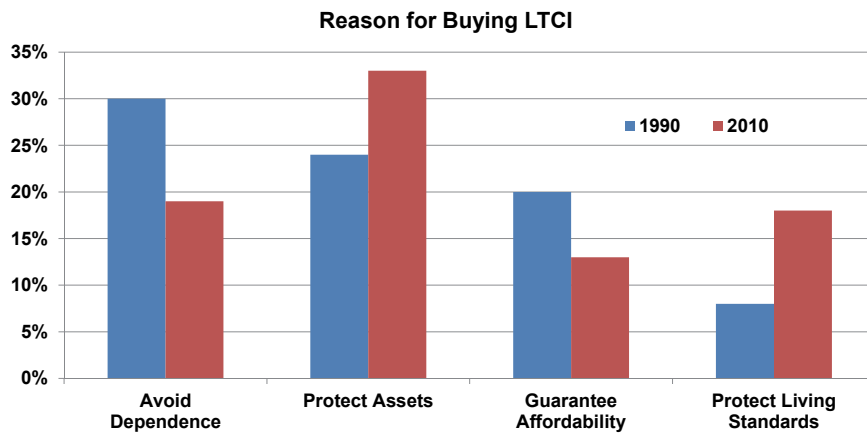
Boomers are more likely than Silents to have college degrees

Source: AHIP: Who Buys Long-Term Care Insurance in 2010-2011



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## Buyer Statistics



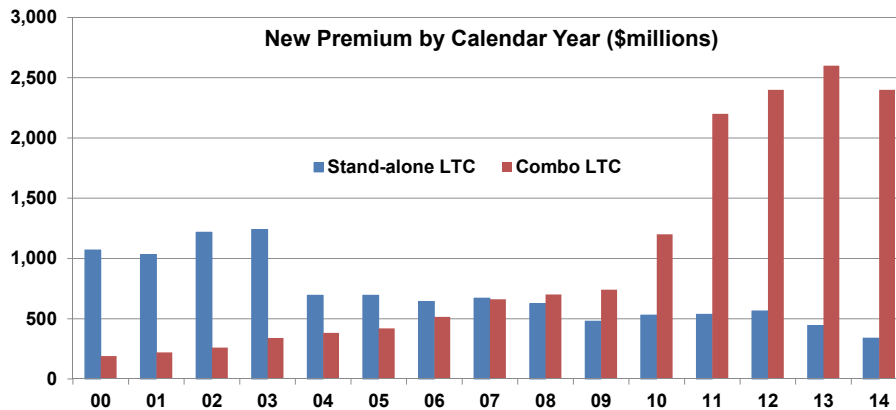
Motivations shifted to preserving assets and lifestyle

Source: AHIP: Who Buys Long-Term Care Insurance in 2010-2011



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## Transition to Hybrid Products



- Shift to hybrids correlates to shift to Boomers as purchasers
- Important to note that much of hybrid premium is single pay

Sources: 2001-2014 Broker World Surveys and LIMRA's Individual Life Combo Products Annual Reviews



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## Hybrid Product Sales

Hybrid products comprised

**12%** of new life insurance premium issued in **2014**

**100,000 policies**  
and **\$2.4 bn** issued in **2014**

Compared to **130,000** policies  
and **\$330m** in the Traditional  
LTC market

Carriers are  
entering the  
hybrid LTC market  
as opposed to  
continued exits in the  
Traditional LTC market



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## Hybrid Product Appeal

### Customers:

- **Easy to understand:** Access to a pot of money (death benefit)
- **Cost effective:** Add-on premiums are generally less than stand-alone
- **Equity exists** in base product's account value

### Carriers:

- **Mitigated risks:**
  - Exposure limited to life policy net amount at risk
  - Insured's equity in base coverage acts like a "co-pay"
  - Low mortality offsets life insurance risk
- **Easy to distribute:**
  - "Add-on" to the base policy sale; can be sold by broad distribution



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# Are Hybrids the Answer?

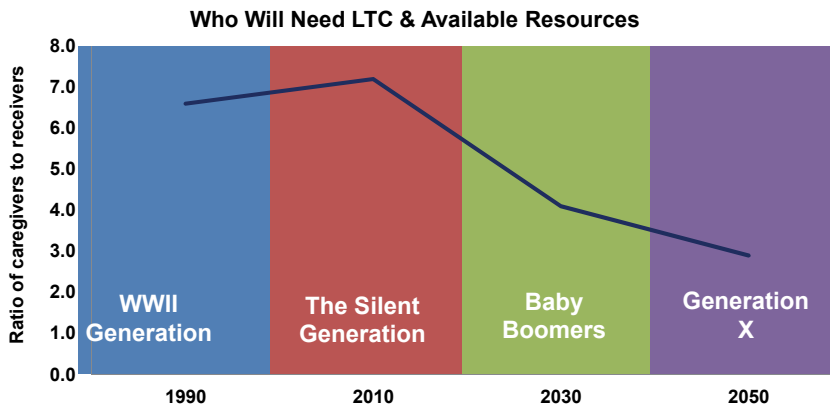
Still gaps that can be filled...

<div style="background-color: #4F81BD; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"><b>Customers:</b></div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not always interested in combining with life insurance</li> <li>Simplified purchase</li> <li>Modular solutions</li> <li>Flexibility of benefits as care delivery evolves</li> </ul>	<div style="background-color: #C0392B; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"><b>Carriers:</b></div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Better box” or eliminate <u>long-term</u> environmental risks:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Interest rates</li> <li>– Declining mortality rates</li> <li>– Disability incidence</li> <li>– Evolving care delivery</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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# Future Changes in Care Delivery



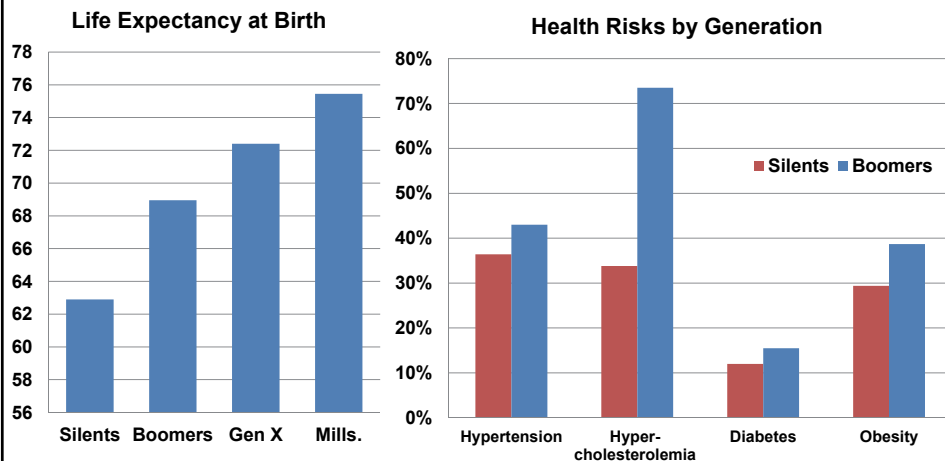
- Generation receiving care will start to flip to Baby Boomers
- Ratio of care givers to care receivers will drop dramatically
- Both will drive changes in care delivery



Source: US Census Bureau 2015 Projection Population

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## Generational Comparison – Baby Boomers



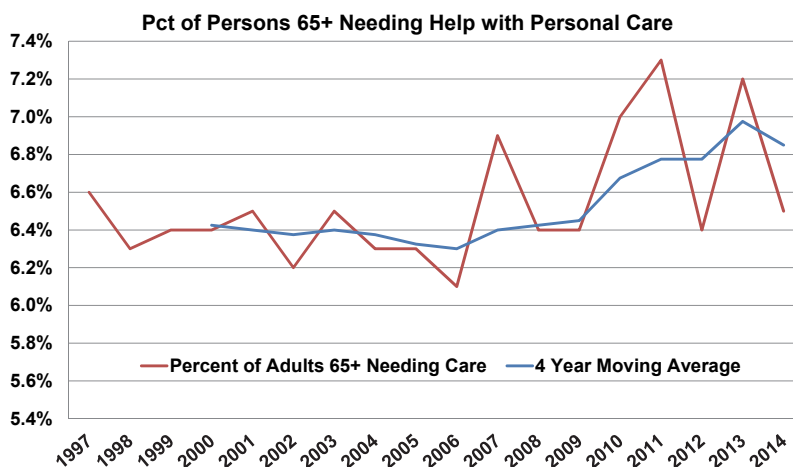
Boomers will live longer, but are generally less healthy



Source: CDC National Center for Health Statistics and The Journal of the American Medical Association

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## Generational Comparison – Baby Boomers



Source: CDC/NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, 1997–September 2015, Family Core component.



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## Current Care Landscape

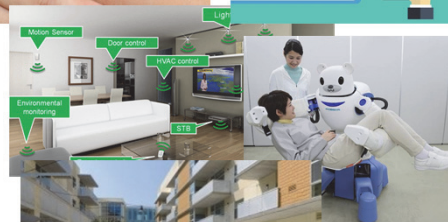
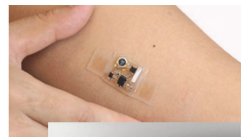
- Who:
  - Recipients: Silents
  - Informal caregivers: Boomers
  - Formal caregivers: GenXers
- Generational dynamic:
  - Silents accept how things are
  - Do not want to burden children
  - Children are busy and mobile
  - Will endure social isolation
  - Low tech, inefficient health system
- Where:
  - At home
  - Assisted living facilities
  - Nursing homes



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## Emerging Care Landscape

- Who:
  - Recipients: Boomers
  - Informal caregivers: GenXers
  - Formal caregivers: Millennials
- Generational dynamic:
  - Boomers will demand change
  - Will not expect help from children
  - Will not tolerate isolation
  - Will want to keep their toys
- Not “Where” but “How”:
  - Emerging tech deployed
  - At home via “smart homes”
  - More efficient, less labor intensive
  - Lifestyle preservation “places”
  - Amenities, mobility, social interaction



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## What are We Trying to Insure?

### A closer look at persons that need care....

- Averages for persons aged 80+
  - Net worth: \$275,000 including \$135,000 of home equity
  - Annual income: \$22,000
- Average annual nursing home cost: \$81,000
- Average income shortfall ~ \$60,000
- Average time to exhaust assets:
  - Out of cash in about 2 years
  - Burn through home equity in another 2 years
- Many panic and begin Medicaid planning

### Isn't this really a lifestyle preservation risk?



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## What if We Focus on Lifestyle Preservation?

### At the point of needing care...

- Care Annuity (UK version of LTC insurance)
  - Underwritten SPIA issued to newly disabled persons
  - Health conditions result in higher monthly benefit payments than traditional SPIAs
    - 2 year life expectancy for nursing home entrants
    - \$120,000 gets you \$60,000 per year for life instead of \$12,000
  - Removes longevity risk for the annuitant
  - Means that people just need to have enough assets to fund an average stay for persons with similar health conditions
  - Most 80+ year-olds have enough assets to do this

### Two U.S. carriers currently sell this product



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## What if We Really Changed Our Thinking?

### **From selling pre-defined benefits to contribution-based products?**

- Deferred annuities that are designated to fund Care Annuities
  - Lump sums or periodic deposits
- Simple, modular and flexible for the customer
  - Put in what you can when you can
  - Stop whenever you want; if you don't use it, you keep it
- Elimination of long-term environmental risks for the carrier
  - Only need to price for longevity of cohorts as they become disabled

### **If we could only change some laws...**

- Pre-tax contributions that are not taxed if used for LTC?
- "Term LTC" insurance while account builds up?
- Lever-up account balance if LTC is needed?



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## Signs of Hope

- Regulators / legislatures are receptive
  - Increased understanding of legacy block issues
  - Increasing pressure to solve the Medicaid LTC crisis
  - Understand the need for new solutions
  - Asking for industry input: What laws should we change?
- Carriers are evaluating market entry (and re-entry)
  - See an opportunity for an "against the grain" play
  - Want to sell a new value proposition
  - Looking for ways to distribute new product concepts
- Will someone from outside the industry leapfrog us?



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