

## HOW INVESTMENT AND TAX SURCHARGES INCREASE THE COST OF LONG TERM HEALTH CARE

Most financial advisors and insurance agents overlook the fact that there are two **surcharges** on long term health care that easily double its costs:

1. **The Investment Surcharge:** When individuals say they are going to self-insure what they mean is this: “If I ever need long term health care I’ll liquidate assets to pay for it.” But after saying that, they fail to ask themselves, “What assets am I going to liquidate?”

Regardless of the answer, liquidation always means the **loss** of earnings on the money spent on care costs. For example, liquidating \$1,000,000 of assets to pay care costs always means the loss of the million dollars to the family **plus** the perpetual loss of earnings on it. For example, at 5% interest in 15 years, nearly \$1,000,000 of investment earnings have been lost – in addition to the principal – and in 30 years nearly \$3,000,000 of earnings will be lost.

2. **The Tax Surcharge:** When investments are liquidated at a profit, there can be a tax surcharge because the **gain** will be subject to either income or capital gains taxes. And when qualified retirement plan assets – or nonqualified deferred compensation accounts – are liquidated, there will be an even more serious tax surcharge because these distributions are taxed at **ordinary** income tax rates. That means that, in a top bracket, an individual will have to distribute \$1,600,000 in qualified or deferred compensation assets to pay \$1,000,000 in care costs.

Our new *CLTC-WealthSecure* System will be able to illustrate these surcharges in the very near future, and to access three powerful presentation pages on the subject [click here](#).

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