

## Estate Planning Beyond 2025

Time and time again, advisors and their clients revisit the same question - what will happen with estate taxes? Will there be a repeal? Will the estate tax exemption double or be cut in half? Many clients today probably don't see a need to worry about estate taxes with an \$11.4 million federal estate tax exemption.

## But why should the planning process continue even with a generous exemption?

The new federal exemption is temporary and is slated to sunset in 2026.

States have their own estate and inheritance tax rules that need to be considered.



A client's assets could appreciate over time and grow the estate beyond the federal tax exemption amount.

A client's health or financial situation could change, making it more difficult to put together an estate plan in the future.

## What are some of your client's options?

	Options	What if?	Then
	Wait and see what happens with estate taxes	Estate taxes increase.	Client still has an estate tax exposure, and is older now.
	Purchase a Guaranteed UL through a trust.	The estate tax is repealed or reduced further.	The trust may not need policy's death benefit, but can't access the value until client passes away.
rich Amor	Consider an Index UL through a trust	Estate taxes increase.	Many Index UL policies have a long term guaranteed death benefit up to age 100 and can carry to age 121 based on cash value.
	ican Life Insurance Company of N	The estate tax is repealed or reduced.	Index UL is a liquid asset – strong potential for cash value accumulation that the trust can access during client's life for other purposes <sup>1</sup> .

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