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You Can Change Your Annuity Income Allocation

When you started receiving annuity income, you decided how your assets would be divided among the TIAA and CREF annuity accounts. The income you receive is based on the performance of those accounts. But you don't have to stick with that original investment strategy. You can modify it in response to market or economic conditions, changes in your financial situation or new account offerings.

If you want to make a switch, TIAA-CREF offers these options:

- Transfer among the TIAA-CREF variable accounts, or from the variable accounts to the Traditional Annuity, as often as once a calendar quarter
- Transfer up to 20% of your TIAA Traditional Annuity to the CREF equity accounts as often as once a year, or the entire amount in equal annual installments over five years. The portion of your Traditional Annuity that you transfer from TIAA to CREF can then be transferred among the CREF equity accounts as frequently as once per calendar quarter.

Note that this money can't be shifted back to TIAA Traditional, nor can it be shifted to the nonequity variable accounts (that is, the TIAA Real Estate, CREF Money Market, CREF Bond Market, and CREF Inflation-Linked Bond Accounts). Since a transfer from TIAA Traditional to the CREF equity accounts is irrevocable, it's best to evaluate the potential risks and rewards of increasing exposure in the equity markets when considering this type of transfer.

- Switch how you receive TIAA Traditional income from the Graded Payment Method to the Standard Payment Method (see box). (Note that you can't change from Standard to Graded.)

If you request a transfer, your *allocation* will change right away, but your *income* will change on May 1 — if it is revalued annually. If it is revalued monthly, you will see a change in either your next payment or the following one, depending on the day of the month when you made the change.

Need help? To better understand your choices and arrive at the best decision for you, call us at **800 842-2776**. You can also request our booklets "Adjusting Your Annuity Income" and "Transferring Income from a TIAA Traditional Payout Annuity to the CREF Equity Accounts."

Graded Versus Standard Payment Methods

With the Graded Payment Method, your TIAA initial income is based on a 4% interest rate (2½% guaranteed plus 1½ % from additional amounts earned in excess of the 2½% guaranteed rate). Any additional amounts above the initial 4% rate are reinvested and used to buy you more future income, which can help protect against inflation. (Additional amounts are declared each year by the TIAA Board of Trustees, effective January 1, and aren't guaranteed.) With the Standard Payment Method, any additional amounts are included in each payment. Your income amount will stay the same until the additional amounts change. Of the two methods, the Standard Method generally pays more initially.

Annuity account options are available through contracts issued by TIAA or CREF. These contracts are designed for retirement or other long-term goal, and offer a variety of income options, including life- time income. Payments from the variable annuity accounts are not guaranteed and will rise or fall based on investment performance.

Annuity products are issued by TIAA (Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association), New York, N.Y.

Consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses carefully before investing. Please call 800 842-2776 or go to www.tiaa-cref.org for a prospectus that contains this and other information. Please read the prospectus carefully before investing.

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