

Assuris upgrades its protection levels

Assuris is an independent not-for-profit organization that protects Canadian policyholders under an insolvency event by an insurer

- **Effective May 25, 2023, Assuris improved its protection levels to the following:**

	Monthly Pension	\$0 to \$2,000	\$2,000 to \$5,000	Greater than \$5,000
Prior Assuris Protection	Buy-in	85%	85%	85%
	Buy-out	100%	85% (or \$2,000 if greater)	85%
Current Assuris Protection	Buy-in	90%	90%	90%
	Buy-out	100%	100%	90% (or \$5,000 if greater)

- Existing policyholders are subject to this change
- No action is required from plan sponsors, policyholders or insurers
- **WTW's expectations**
 - We expect these new protection levels to remain the same for the next 5-10 years
 - We do not expect group annuity pricing from insurers to change as a result of these revised and improved protection levels
 - The new protection levels should cover 100% of the monthly pension for the vast majority of Canadian annuitants
- This is good news for the defined benefit plan industry across Canada as group annuities are an important tool to manage or transfer pension risk

Implications



Understand impact for your organization, if any



Consider if a communication to members would be beneficial (subject to the circumstances)