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Longevity: *Who* Pays

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The longevity economy treats longer lives as an industrial and fiscal stack—where healthcare demand, payer politics, and household balance sheets interact harder than any single stock story admits. Connect to

[three-bucket policy](#) for horizon shifts, [net worth tracking](#) when medical lines matter, [estate planning](#) as incapacity odds rise, and [the silver tsunami](#) when demographics amplify demand.

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LONGEVITY INVESTMENT CHECKLIST

01

Household health P and L

Premiums, out-of-pocket, caregiving—flow chart.

02

Thesis map

Science, reimbursement, competition—owners.

03

Concentration caps

Single name, sector, geography limits.

04

Estate and incapacity

POA, healthcare proxy—dated.

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