

Taking a distribution from your retirement plan account can be a big decision.

Understanding whether your distribution is permissible under current regulations will help you to limit any tax consequences. To help get you started, we have provided a general summary of a few methods to distribute your money. For additional information, please consult with a tax advisor and/or go to the IRS website, <https://www.irs.gov>.

Distributions to another company

Rollover

A rollover is the movement of assets between two different retirement plans. You can elect a rollover if you:

- Are no longer employed with the employer administering this plan.
- Are retired.
- Meet the age requirements for an in-service withdrawal. (Check with Lincoln or your plan administrator/employer for age restrictions.)
- Are totally and permanently disabled.
- Are an alternate payee due to a Qualified Domestic Relations Order.

Refer to the Special Tax Notice (RPS33691) for more information about what types of transactions are eligible for rollover.

Contract exchange

A contract exchange is only available to 403(b) plans. It is a tax-free transfer of one 403(b) account to another 403(b) account within the same 403(b) retirement plan.

No reason for distribution is necessary, but an exchange must be permitted by the plan.

(A contract exchange may not be available in your plan. Please contact Lincoln or your plan administrator/employer to see if this option is available.)

Plan-to-plan transfer

A plan-to-plan transfer is a transfer of assets from one retirement plan to another retirement plan. You can elect a plan-to-plan transfer if:

- The transfer is between the same plan type, such as from a 403(b) plan to another 403(b) plan.
- Both plans allow for the transfer.

Please note: This type of transfer is usually used when you are not eligible for a distribution/rollover but wish to consolidate your retirement assets within a single plan.

(A plan-to-plan transfer may not be available to your plan. Please contact Lincoln or your plan administrator/employer to see if this option is available.)

Transfer

A transfer is used to change investment

carriers with the same plan type, but assets remain in the same employer's plan. A distributable event is not required. This is only available for 401(a), 401(k), and 457(b) governmental plans and requires your plan sponsor's approval.

Permissive service credit transfer

A permissive service credit transfer is a type of plan-to-plan transfer used to purchase additional service in a government defined benefit plan.

You may be eligible to transfer money from your current retirement plan to a government defined benefit plan. This money would be used to purchase additional service or benefits under that plan. No reason for distribution is necessary. You will need to attach supporting documentation from your employer.

(Transfer to purchase service credits may not be available to your plan. Please contact Lincoln or your plan administrator/employer to see if this option is available.)

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- Automatic withdrawals (AWS)
- Hardship
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- Qualified birth and adoption (QBAD)
- Death Claims (where you have not set up your beneficiary account)

For use with:

- *Multi-fund*[®] Group variable annuity
- Lincoln Group Variable Annuity

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Required minimum distributions (RMD)

An RMD is the minimum amount that you must withdraw annually when you reach the RMD Age or, if later, the year in which you retire, depending on the terms of your plan.

What is RMD Age?

RMD Age is age 70½, if you were born before July 1, 1949, or is age 72, if you were born after June 30, 1949.

When should I start my annual RMD?

- Your Required Beginning Date is the date that RMDs must start and is April 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year that you attain RMD Age and retire. However, if you are a 5% owner, this date is determined without regard to whether you have retired.
- If you are a 5% owner, you are required to take your first withdrawal for the year that you reach RMD Age, regardless of employment status. Church plans are the exception to this rule.

- If you are subject to the RMD rules for a calendar year, you may choose to take your first RMD in the calendar year prior to your Required Beginning Date. However, your first minimum distribution may be paid as late as April 1st of the following calendar year.
- If you delay your first RMD then you will be required to take 2 minimum distributions in that calendar year.

What is a 5% owner?

You are considered a 5% owner if you own or are deemed to own more than 5% of the employer (or a member of the employer's related group), although this does not apply to church nor governmental plans.

What happens if I do not take my RMD by the required deadline?

If you fail to withdraw the full amount of your RMD by the deadline, the amount that was not withdrawn may be subject to a penalty tax of 50%.

Required minimum distributions (RMD) continued

Is the RMD required if the participant has passed away before or after beginning their RMD?

Please know, Lincoln is sorry for your loss. Please contact Lincoln or your Retirement Plan Representative to discuss your circumstances to determine the course of action required.

How is my RMD calculated?

For most individuals, the RMD amount is calculated by dividing the previous December 31 balance by the age-appropriate factor described in the life expectancy table published by the IRS.

Can I take my RMD from one of my plans instead of separately from each of my plans?

Generally, you must take an RMD from each retirement plan with an account balance.

Some 403(b) plans may allow you to:

- Aggregate the total RMD amount from all 403(b) plans with a positive account balance, then
- Take the total amount from one 403(b) plan.

401(a), 401(k), and 403(b) plans

What if my plan is subject to the Qualified Joint and Survivor (QJSA) rules?

If, at your required begin date (or earlier depending on your plan) you do not make an election regarding your distributions, then your account balance may be used to purchase a lifetime annuity on your behalf.

If you are married, the annuity will be a joint and survivor annuity unless both you and your spouse consent to another form of payment.

To determine if your plan is subject to QJSA you can call Lincoln, contact your Retirement Plan Representative, or refer to your Summary Plan Description.

Unforeseeable emergency

What is an unforeseeable emergency distribution?

An unforeseeable emergency distribution is allowed if you have an immediate and heavy financial need. In order to receive an unforeseeable emergency distribution you must meet the minimum requirements defined by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), including but not limited to the following:

- You must be actively employed with the employer administering this retirement plan.
- You have taken all other available distributions and exhausted all available money sources (including personal savings).
- You must stop deferrals if stopping deferrals will relieve the emergency.
- You may be required to take all non-taxable loans from any plan of the employer. Contact Lincoln or your plan administrator/employer for more information.

What reasons qualify me for an unforeseeable emergency distribution?

- Medical expenses for you, your spouse, or you dependent.
- Payment(s) to prevent your eviction from your primary residence or foreclosure on the mortgage on your primary residence.

- Payment(s) for burial or funeral expenses for your deceased parent, spouse, child, or other dependent
- Expenses for the repair of any damage to your primary residence to the extent not covered by insurance. This includes damage, destruction, or loss of property resulting from an identifiable event that is sudden, unexpected or unusual. (For example: fire, earthquake, hurricane, tornado, or electrical storm.)

Please note: All reasons are not available to every plan. Contact Lincoln or your plan administrator/employer for more information.

What is not considered an unforeseeable emergency?

- Payment of income taxes unrelated to this distribution
- Expenses related to home purchase
- Tuition and related expenses
- Credit card expenses
- Baby sitting or child care
- Medically unnecessary cosmetic surgery
- Health club/weight loss program
- Veterinary expenses
- Purchase of non-primary residences
- Eviction from land
- Insect damage/removal

Please note: Reimbursement of paid expenses is not allowed. Distributions must be for unpaid or outstanding expenses.

What portion of my retirement account is available for distribution?

Your entire account balance may not be available for an unforeseeable emergency. Reference your online account or contact Lincoln or your plan administrator/employer for more information.

What documentation can be used as "proof of relationship"?

- Spouse: Marriage certificate or IRS income tax return
- Parent: Birth certificate, IRS income tax return, adoption certificate, or legal guardianship documentation.
- Dependent: IRS income tax return or legal guardianship documentation
- Beneficiary: This is determined by the information we have on file at the time we receive your unforeseeable emergency request.

Please note: If none of the above are applicable to you, please contact Lincoln or your plan administrator/employer for additional instructions.

Distribution request

If you have questions or need assistance completing this form, call the Lincoln Customer Contact Center at 1-800-341-0441, option 3 or contact your retirement plan representative.

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For use with:

- Multi-fund® Group variable annuity
- Lincoln Group Variable Annuity

Restrictions may apply to options (where noted) on this form depending on your plan.

Please contact Lincoln or your plan administrator/employer to discuss what options are available.

Marital status: Please provide your marital status in order to ensure timely processing of your distribution.

Qualified Domestic Relations Orders: A copy of the court order, divorce, or legal separation is required.

Qualified Reservist distribution and Deemed Severance due to Military Service: A copy of your active duty paperwork indicating active duty dates and a copy of your state issued ID is required.

If you are totally and permanently disabled: A letter from the Social Security Administration is required.

Deemed Severance due to Military Service: Once you receive your distribution, your contributions will be suspended for 6 months.

For an in-service withdrawal from an account with a balance of \$5,000 or less (457(b) governmental plans only): This must be your first distribution of this type and you cannot have made deferrals to this plan for the past two years.

RMD Age: RMD Age is defined as 70½ (if the participant was born before July 1, 1949) or 72 (if the participant was born after June 30, 1949).

1 Tell us about yourself.

I am the (choose one): Contract owner/participant Beneficiary account holder Alternate payee

Contract/account number (refer to your statement) Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

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Name (first, MI, last, suffix) SSN

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Mailing address Mobile

- -

City State Zip Phone

- -

Email

Marital status

I do not have a living spouse.

I have a living spouse.

Spouse's date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

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Choose the distribution reasons that apply.

Please read "Requesting a Distribution" included at the beginning of this form for more information on Required Minimum Distributions (RMD), Unforeseeable Emergencies, and Distributions to Another Company. If you want to take a distribution and none of the options below apply to you, please reference the Lincoln website or call Lincoln to assist with your request.

CURRENT EMPLOYEE

Qualified Domestic Relations Order

Qualified Reservist distribution
I have been activated to military service for _____ days. (must be minimum of 180 days)

Total and permanent disability

FORMER OR NON-EMPLOYEE

No longer working for the employer that administers this plan
Date of severance (mm/dd/yyyy)

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I am retired as of (mm/dd/yyyy)

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Death (you are the beneficiary with an established beneficiary account)

Qualified Domestic Relations Order

Total and permanent disability

RMD (Applicable only if RMD Age or older)

CURRENT EMPLOYEE RESTRICTED REASONS

(The distribution options below may not be available in your plan or may have additional restrictions.)

Age 59½ or older

Prior to age 59½ (401(a), 403(b), 401(k) plans only) (may not apply to employee deferral money)

Account balance of \$5,000 or less (457(b) governmental plans only)

Deemed Severance due to Military Service
I have been activated to military service for _____ days. (must be minimum of 30 days)

Plan termination (401(a), 403(b), 401(k) plans only)

RMD (If you are RMD Age but still employed, you do not need to begin your RMDs upon reaching RMD age unless you are a 5% owner.)

Unforeseeable emergency (457(b) governmental plans only; provide your employer with supporting documentation)

Distribution request

2 How much should we send?

Amounts will be distributed from your available vested balance and may be limited to certain contribution types. The total amount you receive may be less than the amount requested, depending on your available balance and tax withholding.

Amount options (choose one option from all options in Step 2)

A. CASH DISTRIBUTION TO YOU

Send me 100% of my current available account balance. I understand that this may surrender my account.

Send me a one-time partial payment of \$ _____ .
If I have the available balance, please increase the amount of my distribution to account for tax withholding.

Send me _____ % of my current vested account balance as a one-time partial payment.

B. DISTRIBUTION TO ANOTHER COMPANY

If this is a 403(b) plan, Lincoln will distribute your RMD before processing a rollover unless you check this box: _____ I will be taking or have taken my RMD from another financial institution to satisfy my RMD for this 403(b) plan for the year in which this form was signed.

Send 100% of my account balance to another company as described in Step 4B.

Send part of my account balance in the amount of \$ _____ to another company as described in Step 4B and leave the remainder in my account. (Dollar amount must be provided.)

Send me a partial cash payment of \$ _____ as described in Step 4A and send the remainder of my vested account balance to another company as described in Step 4B. I understand that this will surrender my account. (Dollar amount must be provided.)

i One-time partial payment: If you select RMD as the distribution reason and do not provide an amount, your RMD will be automatically calculated.

i Tax withholding on loans: If one or more of your active loan balances will be withdrawn from your account balance, the amount will be reported to the IRS as a taxable event on Form 1099-R for the year of the distribution.

We will not withhold taxes on an active loan payoff unless one of the following occurs:

- You request a cash distribution along with the loan payoff, or
- You elect a withholding amount or percentage in Step 5.

Defaulted loans: If you have a defaulted loan, the loan balance will be deducted automatically from your account balance once you've satisfied an eligible reason for distribution.

The amount you receive:

The total amount you receive from this distribution will be reduced by the total amount of taxes withheld. Depending on your available balance, you may adjust your requested distribution amount to account for additional taxes that may be assessed as part of your tax liability.

i Direct Deposit: If your bank account information is illegible or incomplete, Lincoln will issue a check and mail to your address on file.

Please note: We cannot direct deposit to reloadable bank cards.

📄 If you direct deposit to a checking account: To ensure accuracy, please include a photo copy of a voided check.

If you direct deposit to a savings account: To ensure accuracy, please include a verification of deposit from your financial institution.

3 How should we handle your loan(s)?

If you have an active loan balance, please select an option here:

Leave my loan(s) with Lincoln.

Close my active loan(s) listed here and withdraw the remaining balance from my account. (only applicable if you have a distributable event)

Loan number

4 How should we distribute your funds?

A. CASH DISTRIBUTION TO YOU (choose one and complete if any portion of your distribution will be paid to you)

1. Direct deposit to my personal bank account as described here: **i** **📄**

Select this box if this is a savings account:

Name as it appears on your account

Bank transit/ABA number (9-digits)

Financial institution

Account number

2. Check, mailed to my address on file.

➔ **Continue to the next page for the remainder of Step 4.**

Distribution request

i **RMD:** Lincoln is required to distribute your required minimum distribution (RMD) before processing a rollover unless you opt out by selecting the box in Step 2B. **If you have Roth and/or after tax money,** please verify that your receiving company will accept your rollover.

When requesting a rollover of pre-tax money to a Roth IRA you will still be liable for payment of federal and state income tax, if applicable, at the time you prepare your personal tax filing. You may wish to discuss your personal tax liability with a qualified tax advisor.

Receiving company information: If your receiving company information is incomplete or inaccurate, we will issue the check to the receiving company, but mail it to your address. You will be responsible for mailing the check to the receiving company to complete the rollover.

If you are a non-spouse beneficiary of the participant and you want to roll over a portion or all of your benefit you must roll the funds into an Inherited IRA.

Permissive service credit transfer: Attach supporting documentation provided to you from your employer.

i **Mandatory federal tax withholding:** If you elect to withhold taxes and you provide a federal tax withholding rate that is less than 20%, we are still required to withhold the applicable minimum.

Early withdrawal penalty: For plans other than 457(b) governmental plans, your distribution may be subject to an additional 10% early distribution penalty tax. This penalty tax will be assessed when you file your tax returns as part of your tax liability and is not automatically included in your tax withholding for this distribution.

State tax withholding:

- If required by your state of tax residence, please submit the applicable state issued withholding election form.
- If your state requires mandatory withholding, we will withhold the required amount, even if you opt-out.
- If your state does not allow withholding, we will not withhold state tax, even if you specify an amount.
- Residents of these states are required to complete and return the following forms to withhold more than the minimum or to opt out: North Carolina (Form NC-4P); Michigan (Form MI W-4P).

4 How should we distribute your funds? (continued) **i**

B. DISTRIBUTION TO ANOTHER COMPANY (complete each section)

Please read "Distributions to Another Company" in "Requesting a Distribution" included at the beginning of this form.


1. Distribution method (choose one)

Rollover (If you have after tax contributions and you elect a rollover, Lincoln will automatically include your after tax contributions unless you tell us otherwise by checking this box: Do not include my after tax contributions in this rollover.)

Contract exchange

Plan-to-plan transfer

Transfer

Permissive service credit transfer 

2. Type of receiving plan/account (choose one)

401(k) 403(b) 401(a) 457(b) governmental Roth IRA

Defined benefit plan Individual Retirement Account (IRA) (Traditional, SEP, SIMPLE, Inherited, etc.)

3. Receiving company information.

Employer name (applicable if your new account is sponsored by a different employer)

Receiving company name (payable to)

Contract number

Street address

City, State, Zip

5 How do taxes impact your distribution?

Lincoln will withhold taxes from your distribution at the rates detailed below and automatically send the withholding to the IRS on your behalf. For additional information, refer to the Special Tax Notice, consult with a tax advisor, and/or go to the IRS website, <http://www.irs.gov>.

Taxes withheld from your distribution will include:

A. Federal tax (if applicable) **i** (Choose one)

1. Mandatory withholding: distributions eligible for rollover (unforeseeable emergencies and RMDs are not eligible for rollover and therefore not subject to mandatory withholding)

- Please withhold federal taxes at the rate of (20% or more) %.

2. Voluntary withholding: unforeseeable emergency and RMD only

- Please withhold federal taxes at the rate of (10% or more) %.
- Do not withhold taxes. I understand that I am responsible for any payment of federal taxes due on my distribution when I file my annual federal income tax return.

B. State tax (if applicable) **i** (Choose one)

- Please withhold state taxes at the rate of \$ or %.

- Do not withhold taxes. I understand that I am responsible for any payment of state taxes due on my distribution.

Distribution request

6 Sign and date this form.

Did you know?

If you move this year: Please update your address to receive your tax documents for use when you file your income taxes.

To update your address call Lincoln.

By signing below, I certify that:

- I have read and understand the Requesting a Distribution section, the Important Information section and the Important Fraud Notice (RPS33692) included with this form.
- I have received the Special Tax Notice (RPS33691), and if applicable, I waive the required 30-day notice period before receiving my distribution.
- My answers on this form and any documents I have attached are true and accurate.
- If you are still contributing to the plan, please notify your employer to stop your payroll deduction prior to your full withdrawal.
- If there are not enough funds in the retirement account for the amount requested, Lincoln will process the withdrawal from the amount available.
- If applicable to this contract, I have received the Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity (QJSA) notice; waive the normal QJSA form of payment; and instead, elect to receive a distribution as detailed on this form.
- If I have elected an unforeseeable emergency, I confirm that I have exhausted all other sources of money and qualify for this distribution based on one of the reasons listed in the "Unforeseeable Emergency" information included at the beginning of this form.
- If I am a New York resident, I understand that any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information, or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime and shall also be subject to civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars and the stated value of the claim for each such violation.

Your signature (Please sign with a pen. We cannot accept electronic signatures.)

Today's date (mm/dd/yyyy)

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7 Your spouse's signature may be required.

In some instances, your spouse may be required to sign this form. Please call Lincoln or your plan administrator/employer to determine if this is required for your plan. This section is not needed for distributions due to Qualified Domestic Relations Order.


By signing below, I certify that I am the spouse of the individual named above and that:

- If applicable to this plan, I have received the QJSA notice, consent to my spouse's election to waive the normal QJSA form of payment, and consent to my spouse's election to an immediate distribution as detailed on this form.

Spouse's signature (if required)

Today's date (mm/dd/yyyy)

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Plan administrator's signature or notary's signature 


Today's date (mm/dd/yyyy)

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Notary seal/stamp

Notary's commission expires (mm/dd/yyyy)

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 **If spousal consent is required** and if your plan administrator does not sign here as a witness to your spouse's signature, you must have a notary sign, seal, and date where noted to the right.

 **Continue to the next page for Plan Administrator signature (if applicable)**

Distribution request



Participant information:

If participant information is incomplete, Lincoln will use the information currently on file.

Plan administrator/employer use only.

Complete the following participant information:

- If the employee is no longer working, provide the date of severance

(mm/dd/yyyy) / / .

- Is the employee 100% vested? Yes No

If no, please provide the vested percentage:

- The employee's vested percentage in employer match contributions is %.
- The employee's vested percentage in other employer contributions is %.

If the plan is subject to ERISA or is a church/governmental plan, I authorize Lincoln to proceed with the elections made on this form. If the plan is non-ERISA, I am not approving this request, but acknowledging that this request is accurate to the best of my knowledge and in compliance with all provisions of the plan.

- If the participant has elected an unforeseeable emergency distribution, I have verified that the participant is eligible for such a distribution.
- If the plan's forfeiture account is not with Lincoln, please send applicable unvested amounts to:

Plan administrator's name

Plan administrator's signature

Today's date (mm/dd/yyyy)

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Did you remember to:

- Obtain the plan administrator or employer signature, if required?
- Print, sign and date this form?
- Attach any necessary documents?
- If faxing, include both the front and back of ALL pages of the form?

Questions?



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What you can expect:

- **Log in to your account** at LincolnFinancial.com to verify when funds are removed from your retirement account.
- **For ACH deposits**, it takes up to two business days to see your payment posted to your bank account once the funds have left your retirement account.
- **For checks**, your payment will arrive depending on the United States Postal Service delivery schedule. This generally takes 2-5 business days once the funds have left your retirement account.

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Important fraud notice

Residents of all states except Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, District of Columbia, Florida, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia and Washington, please note: Any person who knowingly, and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person, files or submits an application or statement of claim containing any materially false or deceptive information, or conceals, for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime and may subject such person to criminal and civil penalties.

For Alabama residents only: Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or who knowingly presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to restitution fines or confinement in prison, or any combination thereof.

For Arkansas, Louisiana, and Rhode Island residents only: Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or knowingly presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in prison.

For Colorado, Kentucky, Maine, and Tennessee residents only: Any person who, knowingly and with intent to injure, defraud or deceive any insurance company or other person, files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime and may subject such person to criminal and civil penalties, fines, imprisonment, or a denial of insurance benefits.

For District of Columbia residents only: WARNING: it is a crime to provide false or misleading information to an insurer for the purpose of defrauding the insurer or any other person. Penalties include imprisonment and/or fines. In addition, an insurer may deny insurance benefits if false information materially related to a claim was provided by the applicant.

For Florida residents only: Any person who knowingly and with intent to injure, defraud, or deceive any insurer files a statement of claim or an application containing any false, incomplete, or misleading information is guilty of a felony of the third degree.

For Kansas residents only: Any person who knowingly, and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person, files or submits an application or statement of claim containing any materially false or deceptive information, or conceals, for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, may be guilty of fraud as determined by a court of law.

For Maryland residents only: Any person who knowingly or willfully presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or who knowingly or willfully presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in prison.

For New Jersey residents only: Any person who includes any false or misleading information on an application for an insurance policy is subject to criminal and civil penalties.

For New Mexico residents only: Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or knowingly presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to civil fines and criminal penalties.

For New York residents only: Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information, or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime and shall also be subject to civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars and the stated value of the claim for each such violation.

For Ohio residents only: Any person who, with intent to defraud or knowing that he is facilitating a fraud against an insurer, submits an application or files a claim containing a false or deceptive statement is guilty of insurance fraud.

For Oklahoma residents only: WARNING: Any person who knowingly, and with intent to injure, defraud or deceive any insurer, makes any claim for the proceeds of an insurance policy containing any false, incomplete or misleading information is guilty of a felony.

For Oregon residents only: Any person who knowingly, and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person, files or submits an application or statement of claim containing any materially false or deceptive information, or conceals, for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, may commit a fraudulent insurance act, which may be a crime and may be subject such person to criminal and civil penalties.

For Pennsylvania residents only: Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime and subjects such person to criminal and civil penalties.

For Vermont residents only: Any person who knowingly presents a false statement in an application for insurance may be guilty of a criminal offense and subject to penalties under state law.

For Virginia residents only: Any person who, with the intent to defraud or knowing that he is facilitating a fraud against an insurer, submits an application or files a claim containing a false or deceptive statement may have violated the state law.

For Washington residents only: It is a crime to knowingly provide false, incomplete, or misleading information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding the company. Penalties include imprisonment, fines, and denial of insurance benefits.

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Special tax notice regarding plan payment from non-Roth and designated Roth accounts

Your rollover options

You are receiving this notice because all or a portion of a payment you are receiving from an employer-sponsored retirement plan ("Plan") may be eligible to be rolled over to an IRA, an employer plan, or Roth IRA. This notice is intended to help you decide whether to do such a rollover.

This notice describes the rollover rules that apply to payments that are from a "designated Roth account" (an account for after-tax, Roth elective deferral contributions) and payments from a "non-Roth account" (generally an account with pre-tax employee and employer contributions). If you are only receiving a payment from one of these types of accounts, you need only read the sections of this notice that apply to that type of account. If you are receiving payments from both types of accounts, you should read the entire notice. In addition, the Plan administrator or payor will tell you the amount that is being paid from each account if you are receiving payments from both types of accounts.

Rules that apply to most payments from a plan are described in the "General Information About Rollovers" section. Special rules that only apply in certain circumstances are described in the "Special Rules and Options" section.

General information about rollovers

How can a rollover affect my taxes?

Non-Roth account

You will be taxed on a payment from a non-Roth account under the Plan if you do not roll it over. If you are under age 59½ and do not do a rollover, you will also have to pay a 10% additional income tax on early distributions (generally distributions made before age 59½), unless an exception applies. However, if you do a rollover, you will not have to pay tax until you receive payments later and the 10% additional income tax will not apply if those payments are made after you are age 59½ (or if an exception to the 10% additional income tax applies).

Designated Roth account

After-tax contributions included in a payment from a designated Roth account are not taxed, but earnings might be taxed. The tax treatment of earnings included in the payment depends on whether the payment is a qualified distribution. If a payment is only part of your designated Roth account, the payment will include an allocable portion of the earnings in your designated Roth account.

If the payment from the Plan is not a qualified distribution and you do not do a rollover to a Roth IRA or a designated Roth account in an employer plan, you will be taxed on the portion of the payment that is earnings. If you are under age 59½, a 10% additional income tax on the early distributions (generally distributions made before age 59½) will also apply to the earnings (unless an exception applies). However, if you do a rollover, you will not have to pay taxes currently on the earnings and you will not have to pay taxes later on payments that are qualified distributions.

If the payment from the Plan is a qualified distribution, you will not be taxed on any part of the payment even if you do not do a rollover. If you do a rollover, you will not be taxed on the amount you roll over and any earnings on the amount you roll over will not be taxed if paid later in a qualified distribution.

A qualified distribution from a designated Roth account in the Plan is a payment made after you are age 59½ (or after your death or disability) and after you have had a designated Roth account in the Plan for at least 5 years. In applying the 5-year rule, you count from January 1 of the year your first contribution was made to the designated Roth account. However, if you did a direct rollover to a designated Roth account in the Plan from a designated Roth account in another employer plan, your participation will count from January 1 of the year your first contribution was made to the designated Roth account in the Plan or, if earlier, to the designated Roth account in the other employer plan.

What types of retirement accounts and plans may accept my rollover?

Non-Roth account

You may roll over the payment to either an IRA (an individual retirement account or individual retirement annuity) or an employer plan (a tax-qualified plan, section 403(b) plan, or governmental section 457(b) plan) that will accept the rollover. The rules of the IRA or employer plan that holds the rollover will determine your investment options, fees, and rights to payment from the IRA or employer plan (for example, IRAs are not subject to spousal consent rules, and IRAs may not provide loans). Further, the amount rolled over will become subject to the tax rules that apply to the IRA or employer plan.

Designated Roth account

You may roll over the payment from a designated Roth account to either a Roth IRA (a Roth individual retirement account or Roth individual retirement annuity) or a designated Roth account in an employer plan (a tax-qualified plan, section 403(b) plan or governmental 457(b) plan) that will accept the rollover. The rules of the Roth IRA or employer plan that holds the rollover will determine your investment options, fees, and rights to payment from the Roth IRA or employer plan (for example, Roth IRAs are not subject to spousal consent rules, and Roth IRAs may not provide loans). Further, the amount rolled over will become subject to the tax rules that apply to the Roth IRA or the designated Roth account in the employer plan. In general, these tax rules are similar to those described elsewhere in this notice, but differences include:

- If you do a rollover to a Roth IRA, all of your Roth IRAs will be considered for purposes of determining whether you have satisfied the 5-year rule (counting from January 1 of the year for which your first contribution was made to any of your Roth IRAs).
- If you do a rollover to a Roth IRA, you will not be required to take a distribution from the Roth IRA during your lifetime and you must keep track of the aggregate amount of the after-tax contributions in all of your Roth IRAs (in order to determine your taxable income for later Roth IRA payments that are not qualified distributions).
- Eligible rollover distributions from a Roth IRA can only be rolled over to another Roth IRA.

How do I do a rollover?

There are two ways to do a rollover. You can either do a direct rollover or a 60-day rollover.

Non-Roth account

If you do a direct rollover, the Plan will make the payment directly to your IRA or an employer plan. You should contact the IRA sponsor or

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the administrator of the employer plan for information on how to do a direct rollover.

If you do not do a direct rollover, you may still do a rollover by making a deposit into an IRA or eligible employer plan that will accept it. Generally, you will have 60 days after you receive the payment to make the deposit. If you do not do a direct rollover, the Plan is required to withhold 20% of the payment for federal income taxes (up to the amount of cash and property received other than employer stock). This means that, in order to roll over the entire payment in a 60-day rollover, you must use other funds to make up for the 20% withheld. If you do not roll over the entire amount of the payment, the portion not rolled over will be taxed and will be subject to the 10% additional income tax on early distributions if you are under age 59½ (unless an exception applies).

Designated Roth account

If you do a direct rollover, the Plan will make the payment directly to your Roth IRA or designated Roth account in an employer plan. You should contact the Roth IRA sponsor or the administrator of the employer plan for information on how to do a direct rollover.

If you do not do a direct rollover, you may still do a rollover by making a deposit (generally within 60 days) into a Roth IRA, whether the payment is a qualified or nonqualified distribution. In addition, you can do a rollover by making a deposit within 60 days into a designated Roth account in an employer plan if the payment is a nonqualified distribution and the rollover does not exceed the amount of the earnings in the payment. You cannot do a 60-day rollover to an employer plan of any part of a qualified distribution. If you receive a distribution that is a nonqualified distribution and you do not roll over an amount at least equal to the earnings allocable to the distribution, you will be taxed on the amount of those earnings not rolled over, including the 10% additional income tax on early distributions if you are under age 59½ (unless an exception applies).

If you do a direct rollover of only a portion of the amount paid from the Plan and a portion is paid to you at the same time, the portion directly rolled over consists first of earnings.

If you do not do a direct rollover and the payment is not a qualified distribution, the Plan is required to withhold 20% of the earnings for federal income taxes (up to the amount of cash and property received other than employer stock). This means that, in order to roll over the entire payment in a 60-day rollover to a Roth IRA, you must use other funds to make up for the 20% withheld.

How much may I roll over?

The following rules are the same for both non-Roth and designated Roth accounts.

If you wish to do a rollover, you may roll over all or part of the amount eligible for rollover. Any payment from the Plan is eligible for rollover, except:

- Certain payments spread over a period of at least 10 years or over your life or life expectancy (or the joint lives or joint life expectancies of you and your beneficiary)
- Required minimum distributions after age 70½ (if you were born before July 1, 1949), after age 72 (if you were born after June 30, 1949) or after death
- Hardship distributions

- Payments of employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) dividends
- Corrective distributions of contributions that exceed tax law limitations
- Loans treated as deemed distributions (for example, loans in default due to missed payments before your employment ends)
- Cost of life insurance paid by the Plan
- Payments of certain automatic enrollment contributions that you request to withdraw within 90 days of your first contribution
- Amounts treated as distributed because of a prohibited allocation of S corporation stock under an ESOP (also, there generally will be adverse tax consequences if you roll over a distribution of S corporation stock to an IRA)
- Distributions of certain premiums for health and accident insurance.

The Plan administrator or the payor can tell you what portion of a payment is eligible for rollover.

If I don't do a rollover, will I have to pay the 10% additional income tax on early distributions?

Non-Roth account

If you are under age 59½, you will have to pay the 10% additional income tax on early distributions for any payment from the Plan (including amounts withheld for income tax) that you do not roll over, unless one of the exceptions listed below applies. This tax applies to the part of the distribution that you must include in income and is in addition to the regular income tax on the payment not rolled over.

Designated Roth account

If the payment is not a qualified distribution and you are under age 59½, you will have to pay the 10% additional income tax on early distributions with respect to the earnings allocated to the payment that you do not roll over (including amounts withheld for income tax), unless one of the exceptions listed below applies. This tax is in addition to the regular income tax on the earnings not rolled over.

Both Non-Roth accounts and designated Roth accounts

The 10% additional income tax does not apply to the following payments from the Plan:

- Payments made after you separate from service if you will be at least age 55 in the year of the separation
- Payments that start after you separate from service if paid at least annually in equal or close to equal amounts over your life or life expectancy (or the joint lives or joint life expectancies of you and your beneficiary)
- Payments from a governmental retirement plan made after you separate from service if you are a qualified public safety employee and you will be at least age 50 in the year of the separation. The term "qualified public safety employee" means public safety employees of a state, political subdivision of a state; and specified federal law enforcement officers, federal customs and border protection officers, federal firefighters and air traffic controllers
- Payments made due to disability
- Payments after your death
- Payments of ESOP dividends
- Corrective distributions of contributions that exceed tax law limitations

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- Cost of life insurance paid by the Plan
- Payments made directly to the government to satisfy a federal tax levy
- Payments made under a qualified domestic relations order (QDRO)
- Payments of up to \$5,000 made to you from a defined contribution plan if the payment is a qualified birth or adoption distribution
- Payments up to the amount of your deductible medical expenses (without regard to whether you itemize deductions for the taxable year)
- Certain payments made while you are on active duty if you were a member of a reserve component called to duty after September 11, 2001 for more than 179 days
- Payments of certain automatic enrollment contributions that you request to withdraw within 90 days of your first contribution
- Payments excepted from the additional income tax by federal legislation relating to certain emergencies and disasters
- Phased retirement payments made to federal employees (non-Roth)

If I do a rollover to an IRA (or Roth IRA for payments from a designated Roth account) will the 10% additional income tax apply to early distributions from the IRA?

Non-Roth account

If you receive a payment from an IRA when you are under age 59½, you will have to pay the 10% additional income tax on early distributions on the part of the distribution that you must include income, unless an exception applies. In general, the exceptions to the 10% additional income tax for early distributions from an IRA are the same as the exceptions listed above for early distributions from a plan. However, there are a few differences for payments from an IRA including:

- The exception for payments made after you separate from service if you will be at least age 55 in the year of separation (or age 50 for qualified public safety employees) does not apply.
- The exception for qualified domestic relations orders (QDROs) does not apply (although a special rule applies under which, as part of a divorce or separation agreement, a tax-free transfer may be made directly to an IRA of a spouse or former spouse).
- The exception for payments made at least annually in equal or close to equal amounts over a specified period applies without regard to whether you have had a separation from service.

Additional exceptions apply for payments from an IRA, including:

- Payments for qualified higher education expenses
- Payments up to \$10,000 used in a qualified first-time home purchase
- Payments for health insurance premiums after you have received unemployment compensation for 12 consecutive weeks (or would have been eligible to receive unemployment compensation but for self-employed status).

Designated Roth account

If you receive a payment from a Roth IRA when you are under age 59½, you will have to pay the 10% additional income tax on early distributions on the earnings paid from the Roth IRA, unless an exception applies or the payment is a qualified distribution. In general, the exceptions to the 10% additional income tax for early distributions from a Roth IRA listed above are the same as the exceptions for early distributions from a

plan. However, there are a few differences for payments from a Roth IRA, including:

- The exception for payments made after you separate from service if you will be at least age 55 in the year of separation (or age 50 for qualified public safety employees) does not apply.
- The exception for qualified domestic relations orders (QDROs) does not apply (although a special rule applies under which, as part of a divorce or separation agreement, a tax-free transfer may be made directly to a Roth IRA of a spouse or former spouse).
- The exception for payments made at least annually in equal or close to equal amounts over a specified period applies without regard to whether you have had a separation from service.

Additional exceptions apply for payments from an IRA, including:

- Payments for qualified higher education expenses
- Payments up to \$10,000 used in a qualified first-time home purchase
- Payments for health insurance premiums after you have received unemployment compensation for 12 consecutive weeks (or would have been eligible to receive unemployment compensation but for self-employed status).

Will I owe State income taxes?

This notice does not address any State or local income tax rules (including withholding rules).

Special rules and options

If your payment includes after-tax contributions

After-tax contributions included in a payment are not taxed. If you receive a partial payment of your total benefit, an allocable portion of your after-tax contributions is included in the payment, so you cannot take a payment of only after-tax contributions. However, if you have pre-1987 after-tax contributions maintained in a separate account, a special rule may apply to determine whether the after-tax contributions are included in a payment. In addition, special rules apply when you do a rollover, as described below.

You may roll over to an IRA a payment that includes after-tax contributions through either a direct rollover or a 60-day rollover. You must keep track of the aggregate amount of the after-tax contributions in all of your IRAs (in order to determine your taxable income for later payments from the IRAs). If you do a direct rollover of only a portion of the amount paid from the Plan and at the same time the rest is paid to you, the portion rolled over consists first of the amount that would be taxable if not rolled over. For example, assume you are receiving a distribution of \$12,000, of which \$2,000 is after-tax contributions. In this case, if you directly roll over \$10,000 to an IRA that is not a Roth IRA, no amount is taxable because the \$2,000 amount not directly rolled over is treated as being after-tax contributions. If you do a direct rollover of the entire amount paid from the Plan to two or more destinations at the same time, you can choose which destination receives the after-tax contributions.

Similarly, if you do a 60-day rollover to an IRA of only a portion of a payment made to you, the portion rolled over consists first of the amount that would be taxable if not rolled over. For example, assume you are receiving a distribution of \$12,000, of which \$2,000 is after-tax

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contributions, and no part of the distribution is directly rolled over. In this case, if you roll over \$10,000 to an IRA that is not a Roth IRA in a 60-day rollover, no amount is taxable because the \$2,000 amount not rolled over is treated as being after-tax contributions.

You may roll over to an employer plan all of a payment that includes after-tax contributions, but only through a direct rollover (and only if the receiving plan separately accounts for after-tax contributions and is not a governmental section 457(b) plan). You can do a 60-day rollover to an employer plan of part of a payment that includes after-tax contributions, but only up to the amount of the payment that would be taxable if not rolled over.

If you miss the 60-day rollover deadline

Generally, the 60-day rollover deadline cannot be extended. However, the IRS has the limited authority to waive the deadline under certain extraordinary circumstances, such as when external events prevented you from completing the rollover by the 60-day rollover deadline. Under certain circumstances, you may claim eligibility for a waiver of the 60-day rollover deadline by making a written self-certification. Otherwise, to apply for a waiver, you must file a private letter ruling request with the IRS. Private letter ruling requests require the payment of a nonrefundable user fee. For more information, see IRS Publication 590-A, *Contributions to Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)*.

If your payment includes employer stock that you do not roll over

Non-Roth account

If you do not do a rollover, you can apply a special rule to payments of employer stock (or other employer securities) that are either attributable to after-tax contributions or paid in a lump sum after separation from service (or after age 59½, disability, or the participant's death). Under the special rule, the net unrealized appreciation on the stock will not be taxed when distributed from the Plan and will be taxed at capital gain rates when you sell the stock. Net unrealized appreciation is generally the increase in the value of employer stock after it was acquired by the Plan. If you do a rollover from a payment that includes employer stock (for example, by selling the stock and rolling over the proceeds within 60 days of the payment), the special rule relating to the distributed employer stock will not apply to any subsequent payments from the IRA or, generally, the Plan. The Plan administrator can tell you the amount of any net unrealized appreciation.

Designated Roth account

If you receive a payment that is not a qualified distribution and you do not roll it over, you can apply a special rule to payments of employer stock (or other employer securities) that are paid in a lump sum after separation from service (or after age 59½, disability, or the participant's death). Under the special rule, the net unrealized appreciation on the stock included in the earnings in the payment will not be taxed when distributed to you from the Plan and will be taxed at capital gain rates when you sell the stock. If you do a rollover to a Roth IRA for a nonqualified distribution that includes employer stock (for example, by selling the stock and rolling over the proceeds within 60 days of the distribution), you will not have any taxable income and the special rule relating to the distributed employer stock will not apply to any subsequent payments

from the Roth IRA or, generally, the Plan. Net unrealized appreciation is generally the increase in the value of the employer stock after it was acquired by the Plan. The Plan administrator can tell you the amount of any net unrealized appreciation.

If you receive a payment that is a qualified distribution that includes employer stock and you do not roll it over, your basis in the stock (used to determine gain or loss when you later sell the stock) will equal the fair market value of the stock at the time of the payment from the Plan.

If you have an outstanding loan that is being offset

Non-Roth account

If you have an outstanding loan from the Plan, your Plan benefit may be offset by the outstanding amount of the loan, typically when your employment ends. The offset amount is treated as a distribution to you at the time of the offset. Generally, you may roll over all or any portion of the offset amount. Any offset amount that is not rolled over will be taxed (including the 10% additional income tax on early distributions, unless an exception applies). You may roll over offset amounts to an IRA or an employer plan (if the terms of the employer plan permit the plan to receive plan loan offset rollovers).

How long you have to complete the rollover depends on what kind of plan loan offset you have. If you have a qualified plan loan offset, you will have until your tax return due date (including extensions) for the tax year during which the offset occurs to complete your rollover. A qualified plan loan offset occurs when a plan loan in good standing is offset because your employer plan terminates, or because you sever from employment. If your plan loan offset occurs for any other reason (such as a failure to make level loan repayments that result in a deemed distribution), then you have 60 days from the date the offset occurs to complete your rollover.

Designated Roth account

If you have an outstanding loan from the Plan, your Plan benefit may be offset by the outstanding amount of the loan, typically when your employment ends. The offset amount is treated as a distribution to you at the time of the offset. Generally, you may roll over all or any portion of the offset amount. If the distribution attributable to the offset is not a qualified distribution and you do not roll over the offset amount, you will be taxed on any earnings included in the distribution (including the 10% additional income tax on early distributions, unless an exception applies). You may roll over the earnings included in the loan offset to a Roth IRA or designated Roth account in an employer plan (if the terms of the employer plan permit the plan to receive plan loan offset rollovers). You may also roll over the full amount of the offset to a Roth IRA.

How long you have to complete the rollover depends on what kind of plan loan offset you have. If you have a qualified plan loan offset, you will have until your tax return due date (including extensions) for the tax year during which the offset occurs to complete your rollover. A qualified plan loan offset occurs when a plan loan in good standing is offset because your employer plan terminates, or because you sever from employment. If your plan loan offset occurs for any other reason, then you have 60 days from the date the offset occurs to complete your rollover.

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If you were born on or before January 1, 1936

If you were born on or before January 1, 1936 and receive a lump sum distribution that you do not roll over, special rules for calculating the amount of the tax on the payment might apply to you. If the lump sum distribution is a nonqualified distribution from a designated Roth account that you do not roll over, special rules for calculating the amount of the tax on the earnings in the payment might apply to you. For more information, see IRS Publication 575, *Pension and Annuity Income*.

If your payment is from a governmental section 457(b) plan (applicable to both non-Roth and designated Roth accounts)

If the Plan is a governmental section 457(b) plan, the same rules that are described elsewhere in this notice generally apply, allowing you to roll over the payment to an IRA or an employer plan that accepts rollovers. One difference is that, if you do not do a rollover, you will not have to pay the 10% additional income tax on early distributions from the Plan even if you are under age 59½ (unless the payment is from a separate account holding rollover contributions that were made to the Plan from a tax-qualified plan, a section 403(b) plan, or an IRA). However, if you do a rollover to an IRA or to an employer plan that is not a governmental section 457(b) plan, a later distribution made before age 59½ will be subject to the 10% additional income tax on early distributions (unless an exception applies). Other differences include that you cannot do a rollover if the payment is due to an “unforeseeable emergency” and the special rules under “If your payment includes employer stock that you do not roll over” and “If you were born on or before January 1, 1936” do not apply.

If you are an eligible retired public safety officer and your payment is used to pay for health coverage or qualified long-term insurance

If the Plan is a governmental plan, you retired as a public safety officer, and your retirement was by reason of disability or was after normal retirement age, you can exclude from your taxable income Plan payments (including nonqualified distributions from a designated Roth account) paid directly as premiums to an accident or health plan (or a qualified long-term care insurance contract) that your employer maintains for you, your spouse, or your dependents, up to a maximum of \$3,000 annually. For this purpose, a public safety officer is a law enforcement officer, firefighter, chaplain, or member of a rescue squad or ambulance crew.

If you are not a Plan participant

Non-Roth account

Payments after death of the participant. If you receive a distribution after the participant’s death that you do not roll over, the distribution generally will be taxed in the same manner described elsewhere in this notice (the sections applicable to payments from non-Roth accounts). However, the 10% additional income tax on early distributions and the special rules for public safety officers do not apply, and the special rule described under the section “If you were born on or before January 1, 1936” applies only if the deceased participant was born on or before January 1, 1936.

If you are a surviving spouse. If you receive a payment from the

Plan as the surviving spouse of a deceased participant, you have the same rollover options that the participant would have had, as described elsewhere in this notice. In addition, if you choose to do a rollover to an IRA, you may treat the IRA as your own or as an inherited IRA.

An IRA you treat as your own is treated like any other IRA of yours, so that payments made to you before you are age 59½ will be subject to the 10% additional income tax on early distributions (unless an exception applies) and required minimum distributions from your IRA do not have to start until after you are age 70½ (if you were born before July 1, 1949) or age 72 (if you were born after June 30, 1949).

If you treat the IRA as an inherited IRA, payments from the IRA will not be subject to the 10% additional income tax on early distributions. However, if the participant had started taking required minimum distributions, you will have to receive required minimum distributions from the inherited IRA. If the participant had not started taking required minimum distributions from the Plan, you will not have to start receiving required minimum distributions from the inherited IRA until the year the participant would have been age 70½ (if the participant was born before July 1, 1949) or age 72 (if the participant was born after June 30, 1949).

If you are a surviving beneficiary other than a spouse. If you receive a payment from the Plan because of the participant’s death and you are a designated beneficiary other than a surviving spouse, the only rollover option you have is to do a direct rollover to an inherited IRA. Payments from the inherited IRA will not be subject to the 10% additional income tax on early distributions. You will have to receive required minimum distributions from the inherited IRA.

Payments under a QDRO. If you are the spouse or a former spouse of the participant who receives a payment from the Plan under a qualified domestic relations order (QDRO), you generally have the same options and the same tax treatment the participant would have (for example, you may roll over the payment to your own IRA or an eligible employer plan that will accept it). However, payments under the QDRO will not be subject to the 10% additional income tax on early distributions.

Designated Roth account

Payments after death of the participant. If you receive a distribution after the participant’s death that you do not roll over, the distribution generally will be taxed in the same manner described elsewhere in this notice (the sections applicable to payments from designated Roth accounts). However, whether the payment is a qualified distribution generally depends on when the participant first made a contribution to the designated Roth account in the Plan. Also, the 10% additional income tax on early distributions and the special rules for public safety officers do not apply, and the special rule described under the section “If you were born on or before January 1, 1936” applies only if the deceased participant was born on or before January 1, 1936.

If you are a surviving spouse. If you receive a payment from the Plan as the surviving spouse of a deceased participant, you have the same rollover options that the participant would have had, as described elsewhere in this notice. In addition, if you choose to do a rollover to a Roth IRA, you may treat the Roth IRA as your own or as an inherited Roth IRA.

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A Roth IRA you treat as your own is treated like any other Roth IRA of yours, so that you will not have to receive any required minimum distributions during your lifetime and earnings paid to you in a nonqualified distribution before you are age 59½ will be subject to the 10% additional income tax on early distributions (unless an exception applies).

If you treat the Roth IRA as an inherited Roth IRA, payments from the Roth IRA will not be subject to the 10% additional income tax on early distributions. An inherited Roth IRA is subject to required minimum distributions. If the participant had started taking required minimum distributions from the Plan, you will have to receive required minimum distributions from the inherited Roth IRA. If the participant had not started taking required minimum distributions, you will not have to start receiving required minimum distributions from the inherited Roth IRA until the year the participant would have been age 70½ (if the participant was born before July 1, 1949) or age 72 (if the participant was born after June 30, 1949).

If you are a surviving beneficiary other than a spouse. If you receive a payment from the Plan because of the participant's death and you are a designated beneficiary other than a surviving spouse, the only rollover option you have is to do a direct rollover to an inherited Roth IRA. Payments from the inherited Roth IRA, even if made in a nonqualified distribution, will not be subject to the 10% additional income tax on early distributions. You will have to receive required minimum distributions from the inherited Roth IRA.

Payments under a QDRO. If you are the spouse or a former spouse of the participant who receives a payment from the Plan under a QDRO from a designated Roth account, you generally have the same options and the same tax treatment the participant would have (for example, you may roll over the payment to your own Roth IRA or a designated Roth account in an eligible employer plan that will accept it).

If you are a nonresident alien

Non-Roth account

If you are a nonresident alien and you do not do a direct rollover to a U.S. IRA or U.S. employer plan, instead of withholding 20%, the Plan is generally required to withhold 30% of the payment for federal income taxes. If the amount withheld exceeds the amount of tax you owe (as may happen if you do a 60-day rollover), you may request an income tax refund by filing Form 1040NR and attaching your Form 1042-S. See Form W-8BEN for claiming that you are entitled to a reduced rate of withholding under an income tax treaty. For more information, see also IRS Publication 519, *U.S. Tax Guide for Aliens*, and IRS Publication 515, *Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities*.

Designated Roth account

If you are a nonresident alien, you do not do a direct rollover to a U.S. IRA or U.S. employer plan, and the payment is not a qualified distribution, the Plan is generally required to withhold 30% (instead of withholding 20%) of the earnings for federal income taxes. If the amount withheld exceeds the amount of tax you owe (as may happen if you do a 60-day rollover), you may request an income tax refund by filing Form 1040NR and attaching your Form 1042-S. See Form W-8BEN for claiming that you are entitled to a reduced rate of withholding under an income tax treaty. For more information, see also IRS Publication 519, *U.S.*

Tax Guide for Aliens, and IRS Publication 515, *Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities*.

If you have a non-Roth account and you roll over your payment to a Roth IRA

If you roll over a payment from the Plan to a Roth IRA, a special rule applies under which the amount of the payment rolled over (reduced by any after-tax amounts) will be taxed. In general, the 10% additional income tax on early distributions will not apply. However, if you take the amount rolled over out of the Roth IRA within the 5 year period that begins on January 1 of the year of the rollover, the 10% additional income tax will apply (unless an exception applies).

If you roll over the payment to a Roth IRA, later payments from the Roth IRA that are qualified distributions will not be taxed (including earnings after the rollover). A qualified distribution from a Roth IRA is a payment made after you are age 59½ (or after your death or disability, or as a qualified first-time homebuyer distribution of up to \$10,000) and after you have had a Roth IRA for at least 5 years. In applying this 5-year rule, you count from January 1 of the year for which your first contribution was made to a Roth IRA. Payments from the Roth IRA that are not qualified distributions will be taxed to the extent of earnings after the rollover, including the 10% additional income tax on early distributions (unless an exception applies). You do not have to take required minimum distributions from a Roth IRA during your lifetime. For more information, see IRS Publication 590-A, *Contributions to Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)*, and IRS Publication 590-B, *Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)*.

If you do a rollover to a designated Roth account in the Plan

You cannot roll over a distribution to a designated Roth account in another employer's plan. However, you can roll the distribution over into a designated Roth account in the distributing Plan. If you roll over a payment from the Plan to a designated Roth account in the Plan, the amount of the payment rolled over (reduced by any after-tax amounts directly rolled over) will be taxed. In general, the 10% additional tax on early distributions will not apply. However, if you take the amount rolled over out of the Roth IRA within the 5-year period that begins on January 1 of the year of the rollover, the 10% additional income tax will apply (unless an exception applies).

If you roll over the payment to a designated Roth account in the Plan, later payments from the designated Roth account that are qualified distributions will not be taxed (including earnings after the rollover). A qualified distribution from a designated Roth account is a payment made both after you are age 59½ (or after your death or disability) and after you have had a designated Roth account in the Plan for at least 5 years. In applying this 5-year rule, you count from January 1 of the year your first contribution was made to the designated Roth account. However, if you made a direct rollover to a designated Roth account in the Plan from a designated Roth account in a plan of another employer, the 5-year period begins on January 1 of the year you made the first contribution to the designated Roth account in the Plan or, if earlier, to the designated Roth account in the plan of the other employer. Payments from the designated Roth account that are not qualified distributions will be taxed to the extent of earnings after the rollover, including the 10% additional income tax on early distributions (unless an exception applies).

Special tax notice regarding plan payment from non-Roth and designated Roth accounts

If your Plan does not provide for designated Roth Accounts, the above rules will not apply. See the "Designated Roth account" section under "What types of retirement accounts and plans may accept my rollover" above for the rules applicable to rollovers from a designated Roth account to a Roth IRA.

If your payment is subject to the mandatory cashout rules

Non-Roth account

Unless you elect otherwise, a mandatory cashout of more than \$1,000 (not including payments from a designated Roth account in the Plan) will be directly rolled over to an IRA chosen by the Plan administrator or the payor. A mandatory cashout is a payment from a plan to a participant made before age 62 (or normal retirement age, if later) and without consent, where the participant's benefit does not exceed \$5,000 (not including any amounts held under the plan as a result of a prior rollover made to the plan).

Not every plan provides for mandatory cashouts. If your Plan does not provide for mandatory cashouts, the above rules will not apply. Some plans may require mandatory rollover of \$1,000 or less be directly rolled over to an IRA. For more information about the Plan's cashout rules, check with the Plan administrator and/or refer to the Plan's summary plan description (SPD).

Designated Roth account

Unless you elect otherwise, a mandatory cashout from a designated Roth account in the Plan of more than \$1,000 will be directly rolled over to a Roth IRA chosen by the Plan administrator or the payor. A mandatory cashout is a payment from a plan to a participant made before age 62 (or normal retirement age, if later) and without consent, where the participant's benefit does not exceed \$5,000 (not including any amounts held under the plan as a result of a prior rollover made to the plan).

Not every plan provides for mandatory cashouts. If your Plan does not provide for mandatory cashouts, the above rules will not apply. Some plans may require mandatory rollover of \$1,000 or less be directly rolled over to a Roth IRA. For more information about the Plan's cashout rules, check with the Plan administrator and/or refer to the Plan's summary plan description (SPD).

Other special rules (applicable to both non-Roth and designated Roth accounts)

If a payment is one in a series of payments for less than 10 years, your choice whether to do a direct rollover will apply to all later payments in the series (unless you make a different choice for later payments).

If your payments for the year are less than \$200, the Plan is not required to allow you to do a direct rollover and is not required to withhold for federal income taxes. However, you can do a 60-day rollover.

You may have special rollover rights if you recently served in the U.S. Armed Forces. For more information, see IRS Publication 3, *Armed Forces' Tax Guide*.

You also may have special rollover rights if you were affected by a federally declared disaster (or similar event), or if you received a distribution on account of a disaster. For more information on special rollover rights related to disaster relief, see the IRS website at www.irs.gov.

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Are there consequences of failing to defer distributions until retirement?

Saving adequately for retirement is one of the most important decisions you will make during your employment years. For participants that have recently severed employment, (1) electing to leave your account in your former employer's retirement Plan, (2) rolling the account to a Roth IRA, IRA or new employer's plan, or (3) taking the distribution in cash is a decision that should be weighed very carefully in order to meet your long-term savings goals. Factors you should consider include:

- Generally, if your vested account balance is more than \$5,000, you may leave your retirement account with your previous employer's Plan until the later of age 62 or the date you reach the plan's normal retirement age.
- As an investor, with an ultimate goal of saving the maximum for retirement while also managing investment risk, you should review the investment fees and administrative costs associated with your current Plan, any future employer's Plan and various IRAs that are available in the marketplace. Such investment fees and administrative costs may be lower in your employer's plan than you will be able to find elsewhere.
- Electing to take a distribution in cash now may cause you to have insufficient funds to retire. In addition, distributions of non-Roth and earnings from designated Roth accounts are subject to federal income tax and, based on your specific circumstance, an additional 10% tax may apply. You should carefully consider how you will make up these contributions and accumulate adequate earnings in order to retire when you would like.

Additional information regarding payout options

This notice summarizes the federal tax rules that may apply to your payment. You are encouraged to obtain further information from your Plan administrator describing payout alternatives and expenses specific to your Plan. A Summary Plan Description (SPD), for 401(a), including 401(k), and ERISA 403(b) plans, can also be a valuable resource as you weigh your distribution/rollover options. Investment prospectus(es) or investment profiles are also a valuable source for fee/expense comparisons. To view information regarding fees and expenses, please visit LincolnFinancial.com.

For more information

You may wish to consult with the Plan administrator or payor, or a professional tax advisor, before taking a payment from the Plan. Also, you can find more detailed information on the federal tax treatment of payments from an employer plan in: IRS Publication 575, *Pension and Annuity Income*; IRS Publication 590-A, *Contributions to Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)*; IRS Publication 590-B, *Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)*; and IRS Publication 571, *Tax-Sheltered Annuity Plans (403(b) Plans)*. These publications are available from a local IRS office, on the web at www.irs.gov, or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM.