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**2020-2021**



**Comprehensive Inherited  
Roth IRA  
Amendment**

Dear Inheriting Roth IRA Beneficiary:

You have an inherited Roth IRA. Originally, this IRA had been established for an IRA account holder who has died. You were designated as his or her beneficiary. We, as your IRA custodian, are updating or amending the IRA documents (IRS Form 5305-RA, as modified, and the Disclosure Statement) previously furnished to you.

We are furnishing you this Comprehensive Inherited Roth IRA Amendment. The general rule is that the IRA plan agreement must authorize the transaction being made by an IRA grantor or an inheriting IRA beneficiary. The Roth IRA Disclosure Statement has been revised to set forth the Roth IRA rules applying for the 2020-2021 tax years.

On December 20, 2019, a new law was enacted which included a number of IRA law changes. The new law is the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2020. Included in this law was the SECURE Act which contained the IRA changes.

Also, President Trump signed the "CARES Act", "Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act" on Friday, March 27, 2020. It sets forth additional law changes regarding required minimum distributions and certain disaster distributions.

The law requiring certain Roth IRA account holders and beneficiaries to be distributed a required minimum distribution (RMD) for 2020 has been waived. No one is required to take an RMD for 2020. There will be RMDs for 2021 and subsequent years.

The new law requires that one set of rules apply to beneficiaries of Roth IRA account holders who died before January 1, 2020 and another set of rules apply to beneficiaries of Roth IRA account holders who die on or after January 1, 2020.

If you inherited your inherited Roth IRA prior to January 1, 2020, then you are not affected by the new tax laws. You have been grandfathered and you may continue to stretch out distributions over your life expectancy. If you are not the first inheriting beneficiary, but you are a successor beneficiary, then you may continue the initial beneficiary's RMD schedule. Upon your death your beneficiary must close the inherited Roth IRA under the 10-year rule as long as your beneficiary is a person. The 5-year rule will apply if your beneficiary is not a person.

If you are the beneficiary of a Roth IRA account holder who dies on or after January 1, 2020, then in general, you will have to close the inherited Roth IRA within ten years. However, there are some beneficiaries who will still be entitled to stretch out distributions. The rules for spouse beneficiaries have not changed.

In general, certain beneficiaries are still entitled to stretch out their withdrawal of the inherited Roth IRA funds over their life expectancy. These beneficiaries are called Eligible Designated Beneficiaries (EDB). To be an Eligible Designated Beneficiary the beneficiary must be disabled, chronically ill, not more than 10 years younger than the Roth IRA account holder, must be child who has not yet attained the age of majority, or must be a trust which has a beneficiary a person who is disabled or chronically ill. The 10-year rule will apply to a child once he or she attains the age of majority. Upon your death your beneficiary must close the inherited Roth IRA under the 10-year rule as long as your beneficiary is a person. The 5-year rule will apply if your beneficiary is not a person.

In general, other non-EDB beneficiaries are no longer entitled to stretch out their withdrawal of the inherited Roth IRA funds over their life expectancy. They must withdraw the inherited Roth IRA funds within a 10 year time period commencing with the death of a Roth IRA owner. Upon your death your beneficiary must finish your 10-year schedule.

2020 is not to be considered in applying the 5-year rule for a beneficiary using the 5-year rule when the Roth IRA account holder died before January 1, 2020.

Summary of other important Inherited Roth IRA rules

1. Since the late 1970's, federal tax law has expressly prohibited a nonspouse inheriting Roth IRA beneficiary from rolling over a distribution from an inherited IRA. In 2018 an exception to this law was enacted. If the IRS levies the inherited IRA, but later returns the funds to the individual, the individual may rollover such funds and has until the tax filing deadline for the year the repayment occurred.
2. If you have not done so, you want to designate your beneficiary or beneficiaries with respect to this inherited Roth IRA.
3. You cannot take a distribution from the inherited Roth IRA and then roll it over into another inherited Roth IRA or your own Roth IRA. You are able to have your inherited IRA transferred from an existing Roth IRA custodian/trustee to another IRA custodian/trustee. An inherited IRA transfer form should be used.
4. If you inherit 401(k) funds as a nonspouse beneficiary, you are eligible to have such funds directly rolled over from the 401(k) plan to an inherited Roth IRA which you would establish. The rules do not allow you to take a distribution and then roll it over.

There will be times when you will want to conduct additional research, and you will want to contact a tax professional for advice. You will find helpful information at the IRS website, [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

We suggest you keep this Comprehensive Inherited Roth IRA Amendment in your personal files for safekeeping. The revised and updated Inherited Roth Individual Retirement Account (Roth IRA) and Disclosure Statement are both set forth in this Comprehensive Inherited Roth IRA Amendment and they replace any previously furnished forms.

Sincerely,

Your Roth IRA Custodian

# Introduction and Instructions

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## INTRODUCTION

You have elected to establish an Inherited Roth Individual Retirement Custodial Account with us. We appreciate your decision to choose us as your IRA custodian and we look forward to serving you. We hereby furnish you with the following IRA documents: an Inherited Roth IRA application page and this Inherited Roth IRA Plan Agreement, Disclosure Statement and Schedule of Fees, if any. We strongly suggest that you take the time to read these materials. It is important that you understand both the tax and non-tax aspects of your Roth IRA. This Roth IRA is an Inherited Roth IRA and special rules apply. You are not allowed to make any contributions to this Inherited Roth IRA unless you would transfer in other Inherited Roth IRA funds with respect to the same deceased Roth IRA accountholder. That is, you are not allowed to make annual or rollover contributions to this Inherited Roth IRA.

If you have any questions, you may certainly contact our personal banking staff, but we strongly recommend that you consult with your tax or legal advisor for most questions.

Set forth in this booklet are the Inherited Roth IRA Plan Agreement and the Disclosure Statement. To the extent it is necessary, the terms of the original depositor's Roth IRA plan agreement are incorporated by reference.

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

*(Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.)*

## PURPOSE OF FORM

Form 5305-RA is a model custodial account agreement that meets the requirements of section 408(a) and has been pre-approved by the IRS. A Roth individual retirement account (traditional Inherited Roth IRA) is established after the form is fully executed by both the individual and the trustee. This account must be created in the United States for the exclusive benefit of a Roth IRA beneficiary who has Inherited a Roth IRA because the Roth IRA owner died and designated you as his or her beneficiary.

**Do not** file Form 5305-RA with the IRS. Instead, keep it with your records.

For more information on Inherited Roth IRAs, including the required disclosures the custodian must give, see **Pub. 590**, Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs).

## DEFINITIONS

**Custodian**—The Custodian must be a bank or savings and loan association, as defined in section 408(n), or any person who has the approval of the IRS to act as custodian.

**Owner**—The Owner is the beneficiary who has succeeded to ownership because the person for whom the original Roth IRA was established has died or a subsequent beneficiary has died.

## IDENTIFYING NUMBER

The owner's social security number will serve as the identification number of his or her Inherited Roth IRA. An employer identification number (EIN) is required only for an Inherited Roth IRA for which a return is filed to report unrelated business taxable income. An EIN is required for a common fund created for Inherited Roth IRAs.

## SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

**Article IV.**—Distributions made under this article may be made in a single sum, periodic payments, or a combination of both.

**Article IX.**—Article IX and any that follow it may incorporate additional provisions that are agreed to by the owner and trustee to complete the agreement. They may include, for example, definitions, investment powers, voting rights, exculpatory provisions, amendment and termination, removal of the trustee, trustee's fees, state law requirements, beginning date of distributions, accepting only cash, treatment of excess contributions, prohibited transactions with the owner, etc. Attach additional pages if necessary.

# Individual Retirement Custodial Account

**Special Note.** This is an Inherited Roth IRA. An Inherited Roth IRA is different from a Roth IRA established for an accountholder, in the following ways: (1) annual contributions are no longer permissible; (2) a nonspouse beneficiary does not have the right to roll over a distribution from this Inherited Roth IRA to his or her own Roth IRA or to another Inherited Roth IRA; and (3) special required distribution rules apply to this Inherited Roth IRA. Therefore, it is desirable to have a Roth IRA plan agreement form which clearly states the special rules which apply to an Inherited Roth IRA. The IRS has not written such a special form. Set forth below is the IRS Model Form 5305-RA which is written primarily from the viewpoint that the depositor/acountholder will make additional contributions. Be aware that those provisions describing the rights of the depositor are no longer applicable, since the Depositor has died. The Disclosure Statement has been written to discuss only those rules which apply to you as a beneficiary, and to your beneficiary(ies) after your death.

## FORM

This is Form 5305-RA as issued by the Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service in April of 2017. Do not file with the IRS. This Roth IRA account is established under section 408A of the Internal Revenue Code.

## NOTICE OF AGREEMENT

Since your name appears on the application, you understand that you are establishing a Roth Individual Retirement Custodial Account (Roth IRA) (under section 408A of the Internal Revenue Code) to provide for your retirement and for the support of your beneficiaries after your death. The Custodian named on the application has given you the disclosure statement under the Income Tax Regulations under section 408(i) of the Code. You have deposited in cash the sum indicated on the application. You and the custodian make the following agreement with the following terms:

### ARTICLE I

Except in the case of a rollover contribution described in section 408A(e), a recharacterized contribution described in section 408A(d)(6), the custodian will accept only cash contributions up to \$5,500 per year for 2013 through 2017. For individuals who have reached the age of 50 by the end of the year, the contribution limit is increased to \$6,500 per year for 2013 through 2017. For years after 2017, these limits will be increased to reflect a cost-of-living adjustment, if any.

### ARTICLE II

1. The annual contribution limit described in Article I is gradually reduced to \$0 for higher income levels. For a grantor who is single or treated as single, the annual contribution is phased out between adjusted gross income (AGI) of \$118,000 and \$133,000; for a married grantor filing jointly, between AGI of \$186,000 and \$196,000; and for a married grantor filing separately, between AGI of \$0 and \$10,000. These phase-out ranges are for 2017. For years after 2017, the phase-out ranges, except for the \$0 to \$10,000 range, will be increased to reflect a cost-of-living adjustment, if any. Adjusted gross income is defined in section 408A(c)(3).
2. In the case of a joint return, the AGI limits in the preceding paragraph apply to the combined AGI of the depositor and his or her spouse.

### ARTICLE III

The depositor's interest in the balance in the custodial account is nonforfeitable.

### ARTICLE IV

1. No part of the custodial account funds may be invested in life insurance contracts, nor may the assets of the custodial account be commingled with other property except in a common trust fund or common investment fund (within the meaning of section 408(a)(5)).
2. No part of the custodial account funds may be invested in collectibles (within the meaning of section 408(m)) except as otherwise permitted by section 408(m)(3), which provides an exception for certain gold, silver, and platinum coins, coins issued under the laws of any state, and certain bullion.

### ARTICLE V

1. If the depositor dies before his or her entire interest is distributed to him or her and the depositor's surviving spouse is not the designated beneficiary, the remaining interest will be distributed in accordance with (a) below or, if elected or there is no designated beneficiary, in accordance with (b) below:
  - (a) The remaining interest will be distributed, starting by the end of the calendar year following the year of the depositor's death, over the designated beneficiary's remaining life expectancy as determined in the year following the death of the depositor.
  - (b) The remaining interest will be distributed by the end of the calendar year containing the fifth anniversary of the depositor's death.
2. The minimum amount that must be distributed each year under paragraph 1(a) above is the account value at the close of business on December 31 of the preced-

ing year divided by the life expectancy (in the single life table in Regulations section 1.401(a)(9)-9) of the designated beneficiary using the attained age of the beneficiary in the year following the year of the depositor's death and subtracting 1 from the divisor for each subsequent year.

3. If the depositor's surviving spouse is the designated beneficiary, such spouse will then be treated as the depositor.

### ARTICLE VI

1. The depositor agrees to provide the custodian with all information necessary to prepare any reports required by sections 408(i) and 408A(d)(3)(E), Regulations sections 1.408-5 and 1.408-6, or other guidance published by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).
2. The custodian agrees to submit to the IRS and depositor the reports prescribed by the IRS.

### ARTICLE VII

Notwithstanding any other articles which may be added or incorporated, the provisions of Articles I through IV and this sentence will be controlling. Any additional articles inconsistent with section 408A, the related regulations, and other published guidance will be invalid.

### ARTICLE VIII

This agreement will be amended as necessary to comply with the provisions of the Code, the related regulations, and other published guidance. Other amendments may be made with the consent of the persons whose signatures appear on the application.

### Introduction

In this Article, the words "you" and "your" mean the person for whose benefit the Inherited Roth IRA has been established. The words, "we," "us," and "our" mean the Trustee of your Inherited IRA. In addition to the provisions of Articles I-VIII, you and we agree that your Inherited Roth IRA will be governed by these terms.

### 1. Your Duties and Rights

**1.1 Notice and Address Change.** You and your beneficiaries must deliver or mail any required information to our office unless we ask that you send it elsewhere. Any notice or election is effective only upon actual receipt. You or your beneficiaries must notify us of any change in address.

**1.2 Tax Consequences.** Because Inherited Roth IRAs are so influenced by tax laws, you expressly acknowledge that you should consult with your tax advisor before making almost any Inherited Roth IRA transaction. You are responsible for the tax consequences of any distributions or transfers, as well as any prohibited transactions. You acknowledge that you have not relied upon us for any advice concerning such tax consequences.

**1.3 Investments.** You are to instruct us in writing to invest your Inherited Roth IRA funds into one or more of the savings or time deposit instruments or money market instruments or similar instruments which we are offering at the time. We will inform you what these instruments are. If you do not instruct us, we will invest the assets on your behalf. Again, you acknowledge that you are opening a custodial Inherited Roth IRA and that it expressly requires that your Inherited Roth IRA funds be invested in various deposit accounts offered by us (i.e. the Institution serving as the Custodian as defined on the application page). Such accounts must bear a reasonable rate of interest as determined by the terms of the instruments or accounts and the short and long term economic conditions. The terms of any such account(s) are incorporated by reference into this agreement.

**1.4 Withdrawals/Termination.** You may withdraw any amount of money from your Roth IRA at any time. You must, however, complete our distribution form and furnish us with the reason for your distribution. If you indicate the distribution is because of a disability or death or a substantially equal periodic payment, then you must provide us with the necessary verification in the format we require. With any distribution, including transfers, you will be required to pay from your Roth IRA funds, if applicable, the interest penalty for the early surrender of a time deposit(s) and/or any fees related to the distribution.

#### **1.5 Intentionally Blank.**

**1.6 Naming Beneficiaries and Method of Payment.** You may name one or more beneficiaries to receive your Inherited Roth IRA assets after your death. We require that you use our beneficiary form to designate your beneficiary or beneficiaries and that you sign this form and file it with us during your lifetime. You are deemed to have furnished us with your beneficiary designation if you furnished such a form to an entity with respect to which we are considered to be a successor custodian and we have such designation in our files. You may change your beneficiaries at any time, and the consent of a beneficiary is not required unless you reside in a state with community or marital property laws. When you sign a new beneficiary form, you revoke all prior beneficiary designations. If you do not name a beneficiary, or if none of the named beneficiaries are alive on the date of your death, your Inherited Roth IRA assets will be paid to your estate. As the beneficial owner of the Inherited Roth IRA assets, you can instruct how and when these assets will be paid to the beneficiaries. If you don't instruct, your beneficiaries will have the right to choose how and when the assets will be paid. Any method of payment must satisfy the provisions of Article IV and other governing law.

Should any beneficiary pre-decease you, his or her share of the Roth IRA is distributed pursuant to the selection you made on the account application in the Designation of Beneficiary section. The first choice, the pro rata method, terminates the interest of the deceased beneficiary and distributes those funds pro rata according to the remaining beneficiary's share percentage(s). The second choice (a per stirpes method) transfers the deceased beneficiary's share equally to the next generation of his or her living issue. Living issue is defined first as children, then grandchildren, then great-grandchildren (natural and/or adopted). If the predeceased primary beneficiary does not have any living issue, then his or her share shall be transferred to the other primary beneficiary(ies) on a pro rata basis based on their respective percentage shares unless you indicate on the Roth IRA application that the share of the predeceased primary beneficiary is to go to his or her surviving spouse, if any.

In order that your funds be distributed according to your wishes, we strongly recommend you complete a new beneficiary designation as soon as possible when a beneficiary dies before you.

After your death, each primary beneficiary who acquires an interest in your Inherited Roth IRA shall have the right to designate his or her own beneficiary(ies) with respect to his or her share. The procedures for designating a beneficiary(ies) which apply to you as the accountholder shall also apply to your beneficiary. When a beneficiary signs a new or revised beneficiary designation form, your beneficiary revokes all of his or her prior beneficiary designations. If the beneficiary does not designate his other beneficiary(ies), or if a designated beneficiary is not alive when the beneficiary dies, then the remaining Inherited Roth IRA assets will be paid to such beneficiary's estate. Any method of payment must satisfy the provisions of Article V and other governing law.

**1.7 Special Distribution Rules to Ensure Compliance with Required Distribution Rules by Beneficiaries and Special Provisions for an Inherited Roth IRA(s).** You agree to inform any person who is your beneficiary that he or she is your beneficiary and he or she must inform us of your death. We have the right to require that your beneficiary(ies) furnish us with a certified copy of your death certificate or other documentation as we feel appropriate to verify your death.

An inheriting beneficiary is subject to these terms of your Inherited Roth IRA. Your beneficiary is required to complete such forms and furnish such information as we deem appropriate in order to handle a distribution request, including a transfer distribution.

After your death, there are rules which mandate that your Inherited Roth IRA funds be distributed to your beneficiary(ies) on or be-

fore certain time deadlines. These deadlines are explained in the Disclosure Statement portion of this Roth IRA booklet.

**Note.** The CARES Act waives all RMDs for 2020. RMD rules will again apply for 2021 and subsequent years.

If a time deadline is not met and the applicable required distribution is not withdrawn, an inheriting beneficiary will owe the 50% excise tax. The rules and time deadlines which apply depend upon whether the Roth IRA owner died on or before December 31, 2019 or whether he or she died after December 31, 2019 and whether or not you as the beneficiary are an eligible designated beneficiary as defined in the SECURE Act or you are not an eligible designated beneficiary. These rules and deadlines are discussed in the Roth IRA Disclosure Statement. You acknowledge that these rules are complex and that you should discuss with your own advisers.

Upon your death, your Inherited Roth IRA will be converted into one or more Inherited Roth IRAs. The number of Inherited Roth IRAs to be created depends upon the number of your primary beneficiaries alive as of the date of your death. There will be an Inherited Roth IRA created for each such beneficiary. The following rules will govern such Inherited Roth IRAs. These rules are in addition to the other rules of this agreement and will govern if there is a conflict.

You agree that we have the right to establish an Inherited Roth IRA account for each beneficiary on our data processing system even before a beneficiary instructs us as to how he or she will take withdrawals. We will have the authority to move the funds from your Roth IRA to one or more new Inherited Roth IRA accounts. We will have the right, if necessary, because of data processing or administrative requirements to surrender the savings and time deposits which comprised your account and establish new ones for the Inherited Roth IRAs.

Each beneficiary will be required to instruct us in writing as to how he or she will withdraw funds from his or her inherited IRA so that the required minimum distributions rules will be satisfied.

We have forms available which can be used by your beneficiary to instruct us which option he or she elects, and to establish a distribution schedule. Alternatively, the beneficiary may elect to use the alternative certification method. The beneficiary must furnish us a written notice of his or her intent to use the alternative certification method. We will furnish the beneficiary a form which can be used to make this election, upon his or her request.

We shall have the authority but not the duty to distribute any required minimum distribution to your beneficiary(ies). Any beneficiary shall be solely responsible to make sure that the required minimum distributions take place on a timely basis.

There will be earnings (or losses) from the time of your death until the time the separate Inherited Roth IRAs are set-up. Such earnings (or losses) will be allocated on a pro rata basis in a reasonable and consistent manner. An inheriting beneficiary is only entitled to receive a distribution with respect to his or her Inherited Roth IRA.

There may be times when your estate will be the beneficiary of your Inherited Roth IRA upon your death and your personal representative requests that separate Inherited Roth IRAs be established for the beneficiary(ies) of your estate. We will have the discretion whether or not we will do so. We may ask that the estate's attorney furnish us a legal opinion that under federal and state law it is permissible for the estate to pass-through to its beneficiary(ies) the estate's right to withdraw the Inherited Roth IRA funds using a divisor as based on the deceased Roth IRA grantor. You agree that we and/or any affiliate may serve concurrently as the personal representative of your estate and also as the Roth IRA trustee.

There may be times when your trust will be the beneficiary of your Inherited Roth IRA upon your death and your trustee(s) may request that separate Inherited Roth IRAs be established for the beneficiary(ies) of your trust. We will have the discretion whether or not we will do so. We may ask that the attorney for the trust furnish us a legal opinion that under federal and state law it is permissible for the trust to pass-through to its beneficiary(ies) the trust's right to withdraw the Inherited Roth IRA funds using a divisor based on the life expectancy of the oldest trust beneficiary from an Inherited Roth IRA as established for a trust beneficiary. You agree that we and/or any affiliate may serve concurrently as the trustee of the trust and also as the Roth IRA trustee.

We will transfer an Inherited Roth IRA to another Roth IRA trustee or trustee, but only if the requesting beneficiary and the receiving Roth IRA custodian/trustee will furnish us with a special transfer of Inherited Roth IRA administrative form so it is clearly acknowledged that it is an "Inherited Roth IRA" which is being transferred. Inherited Roth IRAs are not eligible to be rolled over unless the beneficiary is a spouse.

If the 5-year option applies to the beneficiary, and he or she has failed to withdraw his or her Inherited Roth IRA funds by October 31 of the year containing the fifth anniversary of your death, then we shall have the right to issue a check to such beneficiary during the period of November 1 to December 31 on a day of our choice. We shall have the authority but not the duty to distribute any required distribution to your beneficiary(ies). Any beneficiary shall be solely responsible to make sure that the required distributions take place on a timely basis. A beneficiary who wishes to

disclaim his or her interest must do so within nine months of your death or by the attaining the age of 21, if later, and must comply with the requirements of Code section 2518 and applicable state law. Your beneficiary will be required to furnish us a written disclaimer as prepared by his or her attorney.

If your beneficiary fails to furnish us with his or her instruction as to how he or she will comply with the required distribution rules which apply to the situation, if applicable, then you hereby authorize us to mail a check to the beneficiary or to set-up a non-IRA savings account for such beneficiary and to deposit such funds into such account. We shall have the authority to make such a distribution by November 15 of the applicable year, but not the duty. Any beneficiary shall be solely responsible to make sure that required distributions take place on a timely basis so the 50% excise tax of Code section 4974(a) will not apply. A nonspouse beneficiary must remember that he or she has no rollover rights with respect to a distribution from an inherited IRA unless the exception enacted in 2018 for the return of an IRS levy would apply.

**1.8 Assignment Rights.** You, your beneficiaries, or anyone else may not borrow from your Inherited Roth IRA, or pledge any portion of it as security or otherwise assign or create a lien on any part of your Inherited Roth IRA account.

**1.9 Indemnification.** You hereby agree to release us from any and all liability with respect to your Inherited Roth IRA except if such liability arises from our intentional misconduct or gross negligence.

**1.10 Sale of Trustee-Successor Trustee.** If another institution should purchase this, the trustee institution, or any of our Roth IRA deposits, or we elect to change our corporate structure via a merger, consolidation or name change, then you hereby consent that the purchasing entity or the resulting corporate entity will be the successor trustee of your Roth IRA funds with all duties and rights listed in section 2.

**1.11 Insurance on Deposits.** If the custodian of your Roth IRA is an insured bank or savings and loan or similar entity, then your Roth IRA funds are insured separately from other deposit accounts within that financial institution pursuant to the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, up to \$250,000. For FDIC purposes, the insured institution must belong to the Deposit Insurance Fund. Any Roth IRA, most eligible deferred compensation plans described in section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code, a Keogh plan as described in Code section 401(d) and any individual account plan as defined in section 3(34) of ERISA shall be aggregated and insured in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 per participant per insured depository institution. This aggregation requirement applies to a Keogh

plan or an individual account plan only when the participant has the right to direct the investment of his or her account.

Deposits of a Roth IRA, traditional IRA, SEP-IRA and SIMPLE-IRA must be aggregated to count against the \$250,000 coverage limit. Amounts in excess of \$250,000 are not insured.

You expressly agree that we do not have the responsibility of notifying you that your Roth IRA fund or account balance may be or is in excess of the maximum insurance protection for such deposits.

The FDIC has stated that funds within an Inherited Roth IRA are insured separately from funds within your personal Roth IRA. The reason – the funds are held in a different right and capacity.

**1.12 Special Agreement Regarding Prohibited Transactions.** You acknowledge that the prohibited transaction rules set forth in Code section 4975 are complex and can result in harsh tax consequences. Generally, if you or your beneficiary engages in a prohibited transaction in connection with your Roth IRA account at any time during the year, the account stops being an Roth IRA as of the first day of that year. Therefore, you expressly, agree that you will consult with your attorney or tax advisor prior to any proposed transaction which might be a prohibited transaction. You shall furnish us with an attorney's written opinion that a prohibited transaction will not occur on account of the proposed transaction. You agree to hold us harmless for any prohibited transaction which occurs unless we would be principally at fault.

Generally, a prohibited transaction is any improper use of your Roth IRA account or annuity by you, your beneficiary, or any disqualified person.

Disqualified persons include your fiduciary and members of your family (spouse, ancestor, lineal descendant, and any spouse of a lineal descendant).

The following are examples of prohibited IRA transactions.

- Borrowing money from it.
- Selling property to it.
- Receiving unreasonable compensation for managing it.
- Using it as security for a loan.
- Buying property for personal use (present or future) with IRA funds.

**Fiduciary.** For these purposes, a fiduciary includes anyone who does any of the following.

- Exercises any discretionary authority or discretionary control in managing your Roth IRA or exercises any authority or control in managing or disposing of its assets.

- Provides investment advice to your Roth IRA for a fee, or has any authority or responsibility to do so.
- Has any discretionary authority or discretionary responsibility in administering your Roth IRA.

**1.13 Decedent's Plan Agreement.** In addition, this Inherited Roth IRA form incorporates by reference the terms of the Roth IRA plan agreement in effect as of the time the Roth IRA accountholder died. You agree, if necessary, to furnish us a copy of such Roth IRA plan agreement.

**1.14 Express Duty to Notify Us When You Become an Expatriate.** You acknowledge that you have the express duty to notify us (your IRA custodian/trustee) of your expatriation date when you become an expatriate or covered expatriate. In general, an expatriate is either a United States citizen who has relinquished his or her citizenship or is a long term resident who ceases residence in the United States.

You agree to complete such administrative forms as we believe necessary. In our sole discretion, we will have the right to deduct and pay from your Roth IRA assets any amount which reasonably might be owed to the United States Treasury regarding your expatriation. Refer to section 5.13G for a summary.

**1.15 Power of Attorney.** You may designate in writing one or more individuals to act as your power of attorney with respect to your Inherited Roth IRA. He or she will have the full authority to make contributions, take distributions and take other actions with respect to your Inherited Roth IRA on your behalf. There is one exception. He or she will not have the authority to name himself or herself as a beneficiary unless the power of attorney expressly grants this authority. You agree that this power of attorney continues in full force and effect even if you become incapacitated or unable to conduct your own affairs. You agree to assume all liability and responsibility for the acts of your power of attorney or for his or her failure to act. We shall have no liability for any loss of any kind incurred as a result of actions taken by your power of attorney. We shall have no duty or obligation to question any direction or instruction given by your power of attorney, including taking a distribution closing your inherited Roth IRA. This written power of attorney shall be furnished to us while you are alive. We must find it acceptable. We may rely on your power of attorney designation until we have been notified in writing that you have either revoked or changed such power of attorney. If we have a valid tax or business reason, we may decline to follow a direction or instruction as given by your power of attorney. The power of attorney designation is revoked by your death. The power of attorney no longer has any power to act with respect to your in-

herited Roth IRA once you die. You agree to inform your power of attorney that he or she has the duty to inform us in writing of your death, if he or she has knowledge of your death. We are not liable for the acts of your power of attorney after your death unless we have received written notification of your death.

**1.16 Required Information to Open this inherited Roth IRA.** When opening an inherited Roth IRA or any other banking account, you are required to provide your name, address of residence, date of birth, and your social security number or other tax identification number. We may ask for additional information to allow us to verify your identity. These requirements are designed to allow a financial institution to participate in the public policy goal of allowing the government to effectively fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities.

**1.17 Effective Date.** The effective date of this inherited Roth IRA plan agreement is the date that the inherited Roth IRA custodian signs or accepts the inherited Roth IRA application of the depositor.

**1.18 Counterparts.** The inherited Roth IRA application may be signed in any number of copies, each one shall be deemed to be an original even though the other copies are not available.

## **2. Our Duties and Rights.**

**2.1 Reports.** Each year we will provide you or your beneficiary with one or more reports showing the activity in your Roth IRA for the preceding year as required by IRS regulations.

We may furnish these reports by either providing a print version or an electronic version of the forms.

**2.2 Reporting Errors.** You or your beneficiary must carefully review each report for any errors. You are to notify us immediately if there are any errors. If you do not tell us of any errors within 90 days after the date we mailed the report, we are relieved of any responsibility for the error.

**2.3 Corrections of Errors.** We shall have the right to correct any error we make with respect to your IRA unless IRS rules and procedures would not permit us to do so. Such errors include both reporting errors and non-reporting errors.

**2.4 Agents.** We may use agents to assist us in fulfilling our duties under this agreement.

**2.5 Contribution Limitations.** For any tax year, we will only accept contributions to your Roth IRA which do not exceed the maximum dollar amount which a person may be eligible to contribute for federal income tax purposes (see Disclosure Statement Section 4.2). However, if you provide us with a certification, we may accept a rollover contribution, or a transfer contribution.

Your contribution will be reported as a contribution for the year in which it is made, unless you clearly instruct us, in writing, that it is for the prior year. This procedural rule also applies to a direct deposit of your tax refund into your Roth IRA.

**2.6 Fees.** You agree to pay us the fees specified in our current schedule of fees, if any, for establishing and maintaining your Inherited Roth IRA. We may replace or change our fee schedule at any time, upon giving you 30 days written notice. You hereby authorize us to deduct these fees from your Inherited Roth IRA assets. However, in the case of an administrative fee, we will allow you to pay such fee with nonRoth IRA funds, but we have no duty to inform you of this option other than herein.

If your Inherited Roth IRA is escheated to a state we will have the discretion to charge a \$50 fee. In addition, we will have the discretion to charge a \$50 fee if we use the IRS missing person programs or similar programs to find you or your beneficiary or to try to find you or a beneficiary. If state law does not permit such fee or fees, then these fees shall not apply. You expressly authorize us to use the IRS' program or similar programs if we have not had contact with you for a period of 12 months.

**2.7 Termination and Resignation as Trustee.** We may resign or terminate our position as trustee of your Inherited Roth IRA at any time by giving you written notice. You may then instruct us in writing to distribute your Inherited Roth IRA assets to you or transfer them to another Roth IRA trustee if done within 30 days of our written notice. If you fail to so instruct us in writing within 30 days of our written notice, the Roth IRA assets will be paid to you by mailing a check to you or by depositing such funds into a non-IRA checking account or savings account which you maintain with us. In addition, if you do not maintain such a non-IRA checking or savings account, then you hereby grant us the authority to establish a non-IRA savings account to receive this transfer.

**2.8 Amendments.** We may amend this agreement at any time in order to meet the requirements of the tax laws or regulations. We will send you a copy of any such amendment. You also agree that we may amend any provision of Article IX and it will become effective 30 days after it is mailed to you or your beneficiary.

**2.9 Good Faith Payments.** We are not liable for any payments we make in good faith. We can rely fully on any information or direction you give us or on any document which we believe sufficient to determine a person's identity. We can rely on the latest beneficiary form in our possession. We may presume that a beneficiary is fully competent until we are told otherwise. If a beneficiary is a minor or is incompetent, we may make payments to the

beneficiary's legal representative, or to the person with whom the beneficiary resides or to the beneficiary directly.

**2.10 Withholding Payments and Resolution of Disputes.** We shall have the right to withhold payments from your Roth IRA assets if there is any dispute or uncertainty with respect to these assets. For example, disputes could arise in a divorce situation, or different individuals could claim that they were entitled to be paid as your beneficiaries. This right of ours to withhold payment is expressly authorized until the dispute or uncertainty is settled to our satisfaction by all of the parties. At any time, we shall have the right (but not the duty) to request a judicial determination from a Court of law as to ownership of the assets. The Court's determination shall be binding upon us, you and all persons claiming an interest in the assets. You expressly authorize and agree that we have the right to be paid (i.e. deduct) from your Roth IRA assets any fees and expenses including but not limited to legal and accounting fees, whether internal or external, associated with resolving any dispute.

**2.10A Legal Claims Against Your inherited Roth IRA.** We will attempt to notify you if we are served with any type of legal process which affects or might affect your inherited Roth IRA. The provisions of section 2.10 will apply to this situation except rather than request a judicial determination as to the ownership of the assets there would be a request to determine the validity of the legal process against your inherited Roth IRA assets. Your inherited Roth IRA will be responsible for all fees and expenses associated with responding to the legal process claim.

**2.11 Notices.** We may give a notice or report to you or your beneficiary by mailing it to you or your beneficiary at the address last furnished to us. The notice or report is considered given when it is mailed by either an agent or us.

**2.12 Transfers, Rollovers, Conversions and Recharacterizations.** We may request certification acceptable to us before we will accept any transfer, rollover, conversion or recharacterization contribution. We reserve total discretion whether or not we will transfer your Roth IRA assets to another custodian or trustee. You also expressly state that you have the sole responsibility for complying with all IRS eligibility rules for conversions, recharacterizations and rollovers, including the rule that you are allowed only one rollover per Roth IRA per 12 months. Also, since the IRS has not expressly ruled whether an individual has until the following Monday or business day when the 60th day ends on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, you accept full responsibility if you make such a rollover contribution.

**2.13 Authority to Deduct Taxes.** In our sole

discretion, you authorize us to deduct and pay from your Roth IRA assets the amount necessary to pay any and all taxes which relate to this Roth IRA for which it may be liable.

### **3. General Provisions.**

**3.1 Entire Agreement/Reproductions.** This agreement is made up of two documents: (1) the application form and (2) the IRS model Form 5305-RA plan agreement along with Article IX. You and we have received or retained a copy of these documents. You also acknowledge the fact that we have given you a Roth IRA Disclosure Statement. A copy of these documents shall be admissible in evidence in any judicial or administrative proceeding as if they were originals. This agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties. It may not be changed orally; you and we must agree to any changes according to the procedure set forth in section 2.8.

**3.2 Controlling Law.** The laws of the state in which our principal office is located will govern this agreement for purposes of the relationship between us (i.e. the Roth IRA trustee and the Roth IRA accountholder or the inheriting beneficiary). However, if controlling law must be determined for another reason, then the laws of the state of the accountholder's domicile shall govern this agreement.

**3.3 Waiver of a Breach and Severability.** Your waiver or our waiver of a breach of any provision of this agreement by the other party shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach. If any provision of this agreement is held to be illegal or nonenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be construed as if that provision had not been included.

**3.4 Privacy Policies.** We will furnish you our privacy policies as required by applicable banking laws. We hereby incorporate into this Agreement the terms of our Privacy Policies.

**3.5 Special Plan Agreement Changes Authorizing Tax-Free Charitable Distributions.** To the extent necessary, the previous provisions are modified to authorize the special IRA tax benefits for tax years 2006 to 2015 relating to tax-free charitable distributions. These changes are discussed in the Disclosure Statement.

**3.6 Special Plan Agreement Change Authorizing Roth IRA Funds to be Transferred Tax-Free to Health Savings Accounts.** On or after January 1, 2007, a person who is eligible to make an HSA contribution, who has taxable funds within a Roth IRA may make a special election once during their lifetime to transfer a certain amount from their Roth IRA to their HSA. This type of special transfer is called a qualified HSA funding distribution. Such an election, once made, is irrevocable. The amount transferred in such a direct trustee-to-trustee transfer will be excluded from your income.

**3.7 Special Plan Agreement Changes Authorizing a New Type of Inherited Roth IRA as Set Forth in the Pension Protection Act of 2006.** To the extent necessary the previous provisions are modified to authorize the special Roth IRA tax benefits relating to the new type of inherited Roth IRA arising from direct rollovers of a designated Roth account of nonspouse beneficiaries.

**3.8 Special Plan Agreement Changes for Special Conversion/Rollover Contributions Arising from Certain Amounts Received in an Airline Carrier Bankruptcy.** To the extent necessary, the previous provisions are modified to authorize the special rollover or conversion contributions arising from the Airline Carrier Bankruptcy rules as set forth in the "Worker, Retiree, and Employer Recovery Act of 2008."

**3.9 Special Plan Agreement Changes for IRA Laws Enacted By The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 as signed into law by President Trump on February 9, 2018.** To the extent necessary, the previous provisions are modified effective for tax years commencing after December 31, 2017 to authorize the new rollover rule for a Roth IRA owner who has had their Roth IRA levied by the IRS and then the IRS has had to return some or all of the levied funds. Also victims of the California fires are to receive the special tax benefits. These changes are discussed in the Roth IRA Disclosure Statement.

**3.10 Special IRA Plan Agreement Changes for IRA Law Changes Enacted by the SECURE Act as incorporated into the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2020 as signed into law by President Trump on December 20, 2019.** To the extent necessary the preceding Roth IRA plan agreement provisions are modified to adopt the Roth IRA changes authorized by the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2020. In general, these changes apply for tax year commencing after December 31, 2019. The following changes (and also others) are discussed in the Roth IRA Disclosure Statement. In general, if you are a beneficiary of an Roth IRA accountholder who died before January 1, 2020, the RMD beneficiary rules applying to you (and your subsequent beneficiary) have not changed. You are to continue use the life distribution rule, if applicable or your must use the 5-year rule, if applicable. The new 10-year time period does not apply to you. In general, with respect to an Roth IRA accountholder dying on or after January 1, 2020, a nonspouse beneficiary who is more than 10 years younger than the Roth IRA owner will have 10 years in which to close the inherited Roth IRA. The rules for spouse beneficiaries have not changed.

**3.11 Special IRA Plan Agreement Changes for IRA Law Changes as Enacted within the "CARES Act".**



“Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act” on Friday, March 27, 2020. To the extent necessary the preceding Roth IRA plan agreement provisions are modified to adopt the Roth IRA changes authorized by the CARES Act. In general, these changes apply for the tax year commencing after December 31, 2019. The following changes are discussed in the Roth IRA Disclosure Statement. RMDs for 2020 are waived for both living Roth IRA accountholders and beneficiaries. 2020 is not to be considered in applying the 5-year rule for a beneficiary using the 5-year rule when the Roth IRA accountholder had died before January 1, 2020. Special tax relief was also enacted within the CARES Act related to the qualified disaster related to Coronavirus (COVID-19) for the time period commencing on or after January 1, 2020, and before December 31, 2020.

#### 4. Special Amendment to Article V.

4.1 The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in IRS Notice 98-49 states that the model Roth IRA forms may be amended to provide a designated spouse beneficiary with options to comply with the required distribution rules which apply to a Roth IRA which are different than those set forth in Article V.

Therefore, Paragraph 3 of Article V is amended to read as follows:

3. If the grantor's spouse is the sole beneficiary on the grantor's date of death, such spouse will then be treated as the grantor unless he or she expressly elects in writing on or before September 30 of the year following the year of the grantor's death to elect to be distributed the entire remaining interest either by December 31 of the year containing the fifth anniversary of the grantor's death or have it be distributed over his or her life expectancy starting no later than December 31 of the year the grantor would have attained age 70½. In addition, if a federal court construes the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, as providing the spouse beneficiary with more rights than set forth in regulation 1.408A or regulation 1.401(a)(9)-9 then the spouse beneficiary shall have such additional rights.

## Disclosure Statement

### Introduction

This Inherited Roth IRA Disclosure Statement is an explanation of the rules which govern the Inherited Roth IRA, because that is the type of IRA which you have inherited.

You have not established an Inherited traditional IRA, SIMPLE-IRA or a Coverdell Education Savings Account.

This summary or explanation of the Inherited Roth IRA is intended to be a nontechnical explanation. However, as with any plan or program created by the Internal Revenue Code,

these rules are complicated. Note that this is a summary, and you may well wish to conduct additional research. You are advised to always seek professional tax advice.

### Revocation Procedure

You are entitled to revoke or cancel your Inherited Roth IRA for any reason within seven (7) calendar days of the day you established it. You revoke your Inherited Roth IRA by mailing or delivering a written notice to the Custodian's representative as shown on the application page. If you mail your notice, it is deemed mailed on the postmark date if you deposited it, properly addressed, in the United States mail with first class postage. Your timely revocation within the first seven days will mean your original contribution will be returned to you without any adjustment.

### Statutory Requirements of an Inherited Roth IRA

**1. Cash Contributions. A beneficiary is not permitted to make any additional contributions to this Inherited Roth IRA.**

**2. Custodian/Trustee Requirements.** The custodian or trustee of your Inherited Roth IRA must be a bank, trust company, savings and loan association, a federally insured credit union, or other person approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

**3. No Life Insurance.** Funds in your Inherited Roth IRA cannot be invested in life insurance to any extent.

**4. Nonforfeitable.** Your Inherited Roth IRA funds are nonforfeitable.

**5. Segregated Funds.** Your Inherited Roth IRA funds must be kept separate from other property, although these assets may be combined with other property in a common Inherited IRA trust fund.

**6. Distributions Which Must Be Taken by a Roth IRA Beneficiary.** After the death of the depositor, the beneficiaries will be required to withdraw required minimum distributions according to the following rules.

**Have the RMD rules for certain beneficiaries changed?** Yes. With the enactment of the SECURE Act within the Further Consolidations Act of 2020 there are now different rules depending upon whether the Roth IRA owner died before January 1, 2020 or on or after January 1, 2020.

**What if I am the designated beneficiary of my spouse's Roth IRA?** As a spouse beneficiary you are an EDB as discussed and defined later. In general, you have three options, You may elect to treat your deceased

spouse's Roth IRA as your own Roth IRA. Or you may use the life distribution rule or when applicable the 5-year rule. Almost always you as a surviving spouse will elect to treat your deceased spouse's Roth IRA as your own because then you are not required to withdraw any RMDs because a living Roth IRA accountholder has no RMDs while alive.

**In 2020 and subsequent years must I as a non-spouse beneficiary determine if I am an EDB or a non-EDB?** Yes. You and other Roth IRA beneficiaries must determine if you are an eligible designated Roth IRA beneficiary (EDB) or if you are not an EDB. That is, you are a general Roth IRA beneficiary. You should discuss with your legal and financial planning advisers.

**What is the beneficiary RMD rule applying to me if I am not an EDB?** If you are a general Roth IRA beneficiary and not an EDB then you are required to close your inherited Roth IRA by December 31 of the year containing the 10th anniversary of the Roth IRA accountholder's death. No longer are you eligible to stretch out the tax-free distributions over your life expectancy. In general, you will earn tax-free income only for the 10/11 year period and then the inherited Roth IRA must be closed. The 10-year rule means that you as a beneficiary do not have an RMD for any year other than the year the inherited Roth IRA must be closed. During this 10/11 year period you may establish a periodic withdrawal schedule or you may take only nonperiodic withdrawals.

Upon your death, your designated beneficiary must close out the inherited IRA by completing the same 10-year rule applying to you.

**What is the beneficiary RMD rule applying to me if I am an EDB?** If you are an EDB, then you are not required to close your inherited Roth IRA by December 31 of the year containing the 10th anniversary of the IRA accountholder's death. The pre-2020 rules still apply to you and you are generally eligible to withdraw your RMDs over your life expectancy. In certain situations, the 5-year rule will apply.

**When do I qualify as an EDB?** There are five individuals or trusts who qualify as an eligible designated beneficiary.

1. A beneficiary who is disabled as defined for IRA and pension plan purposes.
2. A non-spouse beneficiary who is not more than 10 years younger than the deceased Roth IRA owner. For example, Jane age 65 has designated her brother John age 58 as her primary beneficiary.
3. A beneficiary who is a child of the Roth IRA owner who has not reached the age of majority. This exception is limited. Once the child attains the age of majority, she or will have 10 years in which to close the inherited Roth IRA. In most states, the age of majority is age 18.

- A beneficiary who is chronically ill. A certification must be provided showing a period of inability that is an indefinite one and which reasonably is expected to be lengthy.
- A beneficiary which is a trust which meets certain special rules. These rules are not the rules that must be met under pre-2020 rules to have a qualified trust. First, the trust must have multiple beneficiaries. Second, the trust must have at least one beneficiary who is either disabled or chronically ill. Third, all of the beneficiaries are treated as designated beneficiaries for purposes of determining the distribution period.

### Two Types of Trusts Will Qualify

First, upon the death of the Roth IRA owner, the trust is divided immediately into separate trusts for each beneficiary. There is to be a separate life distribution rule calculation for each beneficiary who is disabled or chronically ill.

Second, upon the death of the Roth IRA owner, the trust must provide that only a beneficiary who is disabled or a beneficiary who is chronically is entitled to be distributed such trust funds. Other beneficiaries may be distributed such funds only after all such eligible designated beneficiaries have died. However, in that situation any remaining beneficiary (not an eligible designated beneficiary) shall be treated as a beneficiary of an EDB.

If your EDB beneficiary dies during their life distribution RMD period and funds remain in the inherited Roth IRA, then the 10-year rule applies to any subsequent beneficiary.

**What is the beneficiary RMD rule applying to a beneficiary which is not a person and it is not an EDB?** The 5-year rule applies if the beneficiary is a charity, an estate or an entity which is not a person.

**What is the tax consequence for me if I fail to take an RMD by an applicable deadline?** You will owe the 50% excess accumulation tax. The IRS has the authority to waive this tax if special circumstances explain why you missed taking your RMD.

**If I am an EDB may I use the life distribution rule and not the 10-year rule?**

Yes. Each year commencing with the year following the death of the Roth IRA owner you must withdraw your annual RMD. You are entitled to take annual distributions over your life expectancy.

**What is the general RMD formula for a Roth IRA beneficiary who is an EDB?** It is the same formula which applies to a living IRA accountholder, except the life-expectancy table to be used is different. A Roth IRA beneficiary uses the Single Life Table.

The Formula:

$$\frac{12-31-XX \text{ of Preceding Year}}{\text{Current Year}}$$

Period from Single Life Table (As Adjusted)

**What IRS table is used to determine the initial RMD divisor?** The Single Life Table is used. Neither Uniform Lifetime Table nor the Joint Life Table is ever used for a beneficiary's RMD calculation. The initial divisor is based on your age during the initial year.

**What is the RMD divisor for years after the initial RMD year?** For each subsequent year, subtract 1.0 from the prior year's divisor. Note for subsequent years you do not re-determine the divisor based on your current age.

### Single Life Table

Age of IRA Beneficiary	Distribution Period (in yrs)	Age of IRA Beneficiary	Distribution Period (in yrs)	Age of IRA Beneficiary	Distribution Period (in yrs)	Age of IRA Beneficiary	Distribution Period (in yrs)
20	63.0	40	43.6	60	25.2	80	10.2
21	62.1	41	42.7	61	24.4	81	9.7
22	61.1	42	41.7	62	23.5	82	9.1
23	60.1	43	40.7	63	22.7	83	8.6
24	59.1	44	39.8	64	21.8	84	8.1
25	58.2	45	38.8	65	21.0	85	7.6
26	57.2	46	37.9	66	20.2	86	7.1
27	56.2	47	37.0	67	19.4	87	6.7
28	55.3	48	36.0	68	18.6	88	6.3
29	54.3	49	35.1	69	17.8	89	5.9
30	53.3	50	34.2	70	17.0	90	5.5
31	52.4	51	33.3	71	16.3	91	5.2
32	51.4	52	32.3	72	15.5	92	4.9
33	50.4	53	31.4	73	14.8	93	4.6
34	49.4	54	30.5	74	14.1	94	4.3
35	48.5	55	29.6	75	13.4	95	4.1
36	47.5	56	28.7	76	12.7	96	3.8
37	46.5	57	27.9	77	12.1	97	3.6
38	45.6	58	27.0	78	11.4	98	3.4
39	44.6	59	26.1	79	10.8	99	3.1

**Can you illustrate a situation where a beneficiary will be entitled to use the life distribution rule based on the life expectancy of the initial beneficiary?** Yes. Maria Adams established her Roth IRA in 2004. Her date of birth is March 13, 1967. Her Roth IRA has a balance of \$86,000 when she dies on July 4, 2020 when she is age 53. Her beneficiary is her disabled daughter Sarah whose date of birth is June 30, 1993.

Because Sarah is disabled she is an EDB and the life distribution rule will be used to calculate her RMD divisors. The first step is to determine the RMD divisor for 2021. Sarah will be age 28 in 2021. The divisor from the single life table is 55.3. The divisors for subsequent years will be determined by subtracting 1.0 for each elapsed year. If Sarah should die before the schedule has been completed Sarah's beneficiary continues to use the same schedule. This right to not have to close the Roth IRA under the 10-year rule is very valuable because there will be tax-free income for the full 55.3 years.

**Can you illustrate another situation where a beneficiary will be entitled to use the life distribution rule based on the life expectancy of the initial beneficiary?** Yes. Maria Adams established her Roth IRA in 2004. Her date of birth is March 13, 1967. Her Roth IRA has a balance of \$86,000 when she dies on July 4, 2020 when she is age 53. Her beneficiary is her brother Samuel whose date of birth is September 15, 1974. He will be age 46 in 2020 and age 47 in 2021.

Because Samuel is not more than 10 years younger than Maria, Samuel is an EDB and the life distribution rule will be used to calculate his RMD divisors. The first step is to determine the RMD divisor for 2021. Samuel will be age 47 in 2021. The divisor from the single life table is 37.0. The divisors for subsequent years will be determined by subtracting 1.0 for each elapsed year.

**What type of distributions may be made to me as a beneficiary from an inherited Roth IRA?** The distribution will be one of two types. It will either be qualified or non-qualified. If the 5-year rule has been met, the distribution will be qualified. If the 5-year rule has not been met, then the distribution will be non-qualified. A qualified distribution is never subject to being taxed. It is tax-free. A non-qualified distribution may be tax-free or it may be taxable. A nonqualified distribution from a Roth IRA will be tax-free as long as the amount being distributed is a return of basis (i.e. contributions) and not the return of earnings.

**Will all distributions from an inherited Roth IRA necessarily be tax-free?** No. If you withdraw the income from the Roth IRA and the 5-year rule has not been met, the income will be taxable.

**Will almost all distributions from an inherited IRA be tax-free?** Yes. The tax rules provide a specific order for the distribution of the contributions and the earnings from the Roth IRA. Annual contributions come out first and then conversion contributions. The earnings come out only after all of the contributions have been distributed. Even though a beneficiary may take some distributions before the 5-year rule has been met, these distributions most likely are not taxable because it is the contributions which will be distributed and these are not taxable.

**Must I, as an EDB, elect the life distribution rule or the 5-year rule?** The life distribution rule automatically applies to a beneficiary who is a person, unless the person elects to use the 5-year rule. One would think a person normally would not want to elect the 5-year rule as the right to earn tax-free income is lost as the funds must be paid out within the 5-year period.

**What happens if I, the inheriting Roth IRA beneficiary die?** If you are an EDB, then your beneficiary must close the inherited Roth IRA under the 10-year rule.

If you are not an EDB, then your beneficiary must close the inherited Roth IRA by continuing the same 10-year schedule applying to you.

**What if the original Roth IRA owner died before January 1, 2020?**

In general, you are treated as if you are an EDB. If you are taking RMD distributions over your life expectancy, you are entitled to continue to do so. Upon your death the inherited Roth IRA must be closed under the 10-year rule.

**What if I am a Non-designated Beneficiary and the Roth IRA Owner died on or before December 31, 2019?** The tax rules in effect prior to the enactment of the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2020 (including the SECURE Act) continue to apply. A summary is set forth.

**When must my beneficiary(ies) be paid a required distribution?** If an RMD had been calculated for you for the year you die, then your beneficiary(ies) will need to be paid an RMD by December 31 of such year to the extent it had not been paid to you prior to your death. An RMD is calculated for the year you attain age 70½ or would have attained age 70½ since for RMD purposes it is assumed you lived the entire year.

The RMD due for the years after the year of your death depend upon the RMD rules as discussed below. In general, your beneficiary(ies) must take an RMD by December 31 of every year after the year of your death. There are some exceptions as discussed later.

**What is the tax consequence for my beneficiary if he or she fails to take an RMD by December 31?** He or she will owe the 50% tax. For example, if the RMD is \$600, then the penalty tax amount owed is \$300. The IRS does have the authority to waive this tax if special circumstances explain why a beneficiary missed taking his or her RMD.

**What is the general RMD formula for an IRA beneficiary?** It is the same formula which applies to a living IRA accountholder, except the life-expectancy table to be used is different. A Roth IRA beneficiary uses the Single life Table. A Roth IRA beneficiary never uses either the Uniform Lifetime Table or the Joint and Last Survivor Table.

The Formula:

$$\frac{12-31-XX \text{ of Preceding Year}}{\text{Period from Single Life Table (As Adjusted)}} = \text{RMD for Current Year}$$

Period from Single Life Table (As Adjusted)

**What RMD rules apply to the beneficiary?** The RMD rules depend upon whether you die before or on/after your required beginning date. You and your beneficiary will want to understand the following four situations.

**Situation #1.** If your beneficiary is a living person other than your spouse, or your spouse is not your sole beneficiary, and you die before your required beginning date, then the beneficiary has two options:

**Five-Year Payout** – All funds must be distributed by December 31 of the year that contains the fifth anniversary of your death. As much or as little as the beneficiary desires can be removed each year, as long as the entire IRA balance is distributed by the deadline.

The fact that RMDs are waived for 2020 has the following impact on the 5-year rule. Year 2020 is not to be considered in the 5-year calculation. It is to be disregarded. The practical effect is, a beneficiary has one additional year before the inherited Roth IRA must be closed.

**Life-Distribution Rule** – Under this option, the distribution is based on the beneficiary's life-expectancy, using one-year reduction. This is the option which automatically applies unless your beneficiary elects the 5-year payout op-

tion on or before 12/31 of the year after the year of death.

If a beneficiary using the life-distribution rule neglects to take a distribution when required, normally a 50% excise tax would be owing on the amount which was required to be withdrawn but was not. The IRS is allowed to waive this excise tax if the beneficiary would agree to a total distribution of the IRA account by 12/31 of the year which includes the fifth anniversary of the accountholder's death. Although the IRS is allowed to waive the 50% excise tax, it is not required to do so.

**Situation #2.** If your beneficiary is a living person other than your spouse, or your spouse is not your sole beneficiary, and you die after your required beginning date, then the applicable distribution period for years after the year of your death will be based on the remaining life-expectancy of your designated beneficiary. The beneficiary's remaining life-expectancy is calculated using the age of your beneficiary in the year following the year of your death. For subsequent years, the initial factor is reduced by one for each subsequent year.

**Situation #3.** If you did not designate a living person as a beneficiary and you died before your required beginning date, then the estate or other beneficiary will be required to use the 5-year rule.

The fact that RMDs are waived for 2020 has the following impact on the 5-year rule. Year 2020 is not to be considered in the 5-year calculation. It is to be disregarded. The practical effect is, a beneficiary has one additional year before the inherited Roth IRA must be closed.

**Situation #4.** If you do not designate a living person as a beneficiary and you die on or after your required beginning date, then the applicable distribution period (i.e. the original factor) for years after the year of your death is based on your age and life-expectancy as determined as of December 31 of the year you die. For subsequent years, the original factor is reduced by one for each elapsed year.

**Special Exception.** Under Situation #2 or Situation #4, the distribution period will be based on the remaining life expectancy of the accountholder, as determined under Situation #6, rather than that of the beneficiary, if it results in a longer distribution period.

#### **Additional Discussion of RMD Distributions by a Roth IRA Beneficiary**

**Can I, as the inheriting beneficiary, withdraw more than the required distribution amount in any given year?** Yes. Unless restricted by the account owner, you have the right to withdraw as much as you want.

**How is it determined that the 5-year rule for a qualified distribution has been met?** The 5-year period has been met if the distribution to the beneficiary is made after the 5-year period beginning with the first tax year for which a contribution was made to a Roth IRA

of the deceased Roth IRA accountholder. If a Roth IRA accountholder established his or her Roth IRA for 2016, the 5-year rule is met with respect to any distribution made to his or her beneficiary only if the distribution occurs after December 31, 2020.

**Is it possible to transfer an inherited Roth IRA?** Yes. You as a beneficiary are eligible to instruct that your inherited Roth IRA funds be transferred from one Roth IRA custodian to another Roth IRA custodian.

**Do the tax rules authorize you to take or receive a distribution from your inherited Roth IRA and roll it over to another inherited Roth IRA?** No. You as a nonspouse beneficiary have no roll over rights with respect to a Roth IRA distribution. Under existing law there is no way to un-do the distribution.

**Does an individual who inherits an Inherited Roth IRA have the right to designate his or her own beneficiary(ies)?** Yes. The federal income tax laws certainly permit it.

**Can a person who is a beneficiary of a Roth IRA, but who also is taking required distributions from a traditional IRA, aggregate these required distributions and take the combined amount only from the traditional IRA?** No. The IRS changed the rules when it adopted its final RMD regulation in 2002. Prior to this law change, it was possible to combine the required distribution amount from inherited Roth IRAs and traditional IRAs and take the combined amount from the traditional IRA. The IRS changed the rule for an obvious reason. Additional tax-free income would otherwise be realized if the person was allowed to not take a distribution from his or her Roth IRA by taking a distribution from a traditional IRA.

#### **Federal Income Tax Consequences.**

##### ***Understanding the tax consequences of distributions from an Inherited Roth IRA***

There are numerous tax rules which apply to distributions from an Inherited Roth IRA. These rules are discussed and explained.

You, as the Roth IRA beneficiary, may begin withdrawals at any time unless the Roth IRA had imposed a restriction. However, you will want to understand the income tax consequences of taking distributions at certain times.

A distribution from an Inherited Roth IRA is not includable in your gross income if it is a qualified distribution. A qualified distribution is one that is both—made after a five-taxable year period; and made to a beneficiary or your estate on or after the date of your death.

The 5-year period for your Inherited Roth IRA begins on the first day of the taxable year for

which the first regular/annual contribution was made to any Roth IRA or, if earlier, the first day of the taxable year in which the first conversion contribution was made to any of the deceased accountholder's Roth IRAs.

This means if you inherit a Roth IRA, then you will have a separate 5-year period for the Inherited Roth IRA versus any Roth IRAs which you have established for yourself.

If you are a spouse beneficiary who elects or who is deemed to have elected your deceased spouse's Roth IRA as your own, then you will determine just one 5-year calculation. Your 5-year period will end on the earlier of the 5-year period which applied for the decedent or the 5-year period which applies to your own Roth IRAs.

A distribution from a Roth IRA is not includible in your gross income even if it is not a qualified distribution to the extent that the distribution, when added to the amount of all previous distributions (whether or not they were qualified distributions from the accountholder's Roth IRA) exceeds the contributions to all of his or her Roth IRAs.

A distribution from a Roth IRA is not includible in your gross income, even if it is not a qualified distribution, if it involves the withdrawal of an excess contribution in accordance with section 408(d)(4). The return of the contribution is not required to be included in income, but the related income must be included in income for the year in which the excess contribution was made.

A distribution from a Roth IRA can be comprised of one or more of the following: regular contributions, conversion contributions or earnings.

The law mandates the following order for distributions: (1) from regular/annual contributions; (2) from conversion contributions on a first-in-first-out basis and (3) from earnings. The order is determined as of the end of the taxable year, and each category must be exhausted before the next is used. With respect to a conversion contribution, it is treated as being made first from the portion, if any, that was includible in gross income as a result of the conversion.

To aid in administering this ordering, the IRS has created the following rules.

a. All distributions from all of an individual's Inherited Roth IRAs with respect to a specific beneficiary made during a taxable year are aggregated. There are two exceptions.

First, a distribution which is rolled over to another Roth IRA is disregarded.

Second, a distribution of an excess contribution along with the net income is disregarded.

b. All regular/annual contributions made for the same taxable year to all of the individ-

ual's Roth IRAs are aggregated and added to the undistributed total of regular/annual contributions for prior years. Note that there are two exceptions.

First, a rollover contribution from another Roth IRA is disregarded.

Second, the making of an excess contribution is disregarded if it is corrected in accordance with the rules.

c. All conversion contributions received during the same tax year by all of the individual's Roth IRAs are aggregated. Thus, if there are two conversion contributions in 1998 and three in 1999, then the two 1998 conversion contributions will be aggregated, as will the 1999 conversion contributions. However, there is a special rule. The conversion contributions received in 1999 must be segregated into two types. Type one is comprised of those Roth conversion contributions withdrawn in 1998 but recontributed in 1999 and with respect to which the 4-year spread method was selected. Type two is comprised of all other Roth conversions contributed in 1999.

There are three special rules.

First, a rollover contribution from another Roth IRA is disregarded.

Second, the making of an excess contribution is disregarded if it is corrected in accordance with the rules.

There is also a special rule arising from the recharacterization rules. If an individual recharacterizes a regular or a conversion contribution made to a Roth IRA by transferring it to a traditional IRA, then the original contribution to the Roth IRA and the recharacterizing transfer are disregarded in determining the amount of both contributions and distributions for the Roth IRA.

If the accountholder died before the 5-year requirement has been satisfied, then a portion of any distribution may be required to be included in income. If there are multiple beneficiaries, there must be a method to allocate the different types of contributions to the beneficiaries. The method to be used is a pro rata method. Assume the following: a Roth IRA accountholder dies in 2002; the Roth IRA contains regular/annual contributions of \$4,000; a conversion contribution of \$20,000 and earnings of \$2,000; beneficiary #1 is to receive 50%, beneficiary #2 is to receive 30% and beneficiary #3 is to receive 20%; and beneficiary #3 is distributed \$3,000. The share for beneficiary #3 is \$5,200 allocated as follows: \$800 ( $\$4,000 \times 20\%$ ) of regular contributions; \$4,000 ( $\$20,000 \times 20\%$ ) of conversion contributions; and \$400 ( $\$2,000 \times 20\%$ ) of earnings. Of the \$3,000 withdrawn, \$800 is allocated to regular contributions and the remainder of \$2,200 is allocated to conversion contributions.

**RMDs for Beneficiaries of an Inherited Roth IRA Arising from a Direct Rollover from a designated Roth Account with in a 401(k) Plan or Other Eligible Employer Retirement Plan (ERP).** On or after January 1, 2007, if you are a nonspouse beneficiary of a deceased plan participant, then you will be able to directly roll over your designated Roth account inherited funds into a new type of Inherited Roth IRA, if the plan is amended to authorize such a direct rollover. Prior to 2007, a nonspouse beneficiary of a pension plan participant was unable to roll over such inherited funds. He or she was required to take distributions from the pension plan as the plan stipulated.

You will be required to take required distributions from this new type of Inherited Roth IRA. The IRS has adopted the approach that the Inherited Roth IRA established to receive the direct rollover must apply the same required distribution rules as set forth in the ERP. That is, if the ERP mandated that the 5-year rule applies, then the 5-year rule must be applied by the Roth IRA, unless a special election has been made to use the life-distribution rule. If the ERP mandated the life-distribution rule, then the life-distribution rule must be applied by the Roth IRA.

**Special rule and election.** If the 5-year rule applies, the nonspouse beneficiary may elect to use the life-distribution rule rather than the 5-year rule. There are two requirements. First, the funds must be directly rolled over before the end of the year following the year of death. Secondly, the life-distribution rule must be determined using the same nonspouse beneficiary. Note that the amount ineligible to be directly rolled over includes the required distribution amount for any prior year and current year to the extent not distributed.

**Will the 10% excise tax ever be assessed?** No. All payments to an Inheriting Roth IRA Beneficiary escape the 10% tax.

**Do the withholding rules apply to distributions from a Roth IRA?** No. The law was retroactively changed as of December 21, 2000, so that a Roth IRA custodian/trustee is not required to withhold federal income tax from a Roth IRA distribution. President Clinton signed into law on December 21, 2000, the Consolidated Appropriations Act (Public Law 106-554) which retroactively adopted this technical correction effective as of January 1, 1998.

**Is it permissible for me as an inheriting Roth IRA beneficiary to correct an excess contribution as made by the Roth IRA accountholder?** Yes. You will need to comply with the time limits which the IRS has established. You should refer to Publication 590.

**Is it permissible for me as an inheriting Roth IRA beneficiary to recharacterize a contribution as made by the Roth IRA accountholder?** Yes. You will need to comply

with the rules as established by the IRS. You should refer to Publication 590.

**What happens to my Inherited Roth IRA once I die?** If you have named a beneficiary or beneficiaries, your beneficiary(ies) will have the right to continue to take the same required minimum distributions which you would have been required to take. That is, the distribution period over your life expectancy will continue to apply to your beneficiaries. Generally, they have the right to withdraw more than the required minimum amount.

#### **Special Taxes that Apply Even Though No Distribution.**

**A. Six Percent Excise Tax on Excess Contributions.** You must pay a 6% excise tax each year on excess amounts that remain in your Inherited Roth IRA. The tax cannot be more than 6% of the value of your Roth IRA as of the end of the tax year.

In general, an excess contribution is an impermissible contribution. It could have either been made by the original Roth IRA account holder or you.

If the excess contribution is made for the current tax year, you will not have to pay the 6% excise tax if you withdraw or eliminate the excess amount by the date, including extensions, your tax return is due for the current year.

If the excess contribution is attributable to a prior year, you will not have to pay the 6% excise tax if you withdraw or eliminate the excess by December 31 of the current year. The carryback concept does not apply in this situation.

**B. Fifty Percent Excise Tax on Excess Accumulations Within an Inherited Roth IRA.** There is a 50% excise tax on any excess accumulations which occur within your Inherited Roth IRA. An excess accumulation is the difference between the amount actually distributed to you, and the amount required to be distributed.

**Form 5329—Reporting Requirements When an Excise Tax Applies.** If you or your beneficiary(ies) owe the 6% excise tax on an excess contribution or the 50% excise tax for failing to satisfy the minimum distribution requirements, you or your beneficiary(ies) must file IRS Form 5329. If you only owe the 10% additional tax for premature distributions, and the payer properly shows the correct code on the Form 1099-R, you may not have to file Form 5329. See the instructions for Form 5329 for more information. You may be required to file Form 5329 even though your income level would not otherwise require the filing of an income tax return (i.e. Form 1040 or 1040A). If you engaged in a prohibited transaction and you were under age 59½ as of the first day of the year, then you must report the entire Roth IRA's value as of such day as being distributed.

**Reporting Requirements For a Roth IRA.** The IRS generally requires you to file the Form 8606 for a given tax year if any of the following apply: (1) you receive a distribution from your Inherited Roth IRA; (2) you recharacterize amounts that were converted to a Roth IRA; or (3) you have a recharacterization involving a Roth IRA contribution. You should review the IRS' instructions for the Form 8606 each year to see if the IRS has changed the filing requirements for the Form 8606.

**A Tax to Consider Before Withdrawing IRA Funds.** Effective as of January 1, 2013, a new 3.8% tax went into effect. The IRS has chosen to call this tax, the Net Investment Income Tax.

This 3.8% tax applies to certain individuals having net investment income and certain estates and trusts having net investment income. To determine the tax owing, a person will multiply 3.8% time the lesser of: (1) his or her net investment income (NII) or a person's modified adjusted gross income as reduced by a threshold amount as set forth in the following table:

Filing Status	Threshold Amount
Married filing jointly	\$250,000
Married filing separately	\$125,000
Single	\$200,000
Head of household (with qualifying person)	\$200,000
Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child	\$250,000

This tax will be owed only if an individual has net investment income and his or her modified adjusted gross income exceeds the applicable threshold amount.

The tax means an individual before taking an IRA distribution will want to determine if he or she will have to pay the 3.8% tax on account of such distribution. For most people and situations, a person will not owe the 3.8% tax on account of his or her IRA or pension distribution, but in some situations the tax would be owed.

There will be times, however, when a person's IRA distribution will mean the individual will have to pay the 3.8% tax on account of the IRA distribution.

There will also be times when a person will take an IRA distribution and he or she will be required to pay the 3.8% tax, but the amount owed does not increase because of such IRA distribution.

What types of income are defined to be non-investment income?

Distributions from IRAs, pension plans, 401(k) plans, tax sheltered annuities, etc. are not investment income. Social security benefits are not investment income. Wages and income or profits from a nonpassive business

including self-employment income are not investment income. Unemployment compensation and workers compensation are not net investment income.

What types of income are net investment income and so they might be subject to the 3.8% tax?

Investment income includes interest, dividends, gains from the sale of stocks, bonds, mutual funds, capital gain distributions from mutual funds, certain sales related to real estate, rental and royalty income, non-qualified annuities, income from businesses involved in trading of financial instruments or commodities, business income arising from certain passive activities, and the sale of an interest in a partnership and S corporations by an individual who had a passive interest. Such investment income is reduced by certain expenses properly allocable to the income. And any income or gain excluded from gross income for regular income tax purposes is also excluded from a person net investment income (e.g. \$250,000 exclusion for sale of primary residence).

This 3.8% tax is different from the new 9/10ths of 1 percent Additional Medicare tax which also went into effect on January 1, 2013.

If you have net investment income for a tax year, then you should review the IRS instructions for Form 8960, Net Investment Income Tax – Individuals, Estates and Trusts to determine if you are required to complete and file this form.

**Special Rules Applying To IRAs For Relief Related to Hurricanes, Storms, Floods and Tornadoes.** There are special rules applying to withdrawals and repayments from an IRA for taxpayers who suffered an economic loss as a result of certain federally declared disasters such as hurricanes, storms, floods and tornadoes. This is a complex tax topic. A person needs to determine if there is a public event which qualifies for the special rules and if he or she qualifies for the special tax rules. You should visit the IRS web site at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and review the guidance for tax relief in disaster situations. You should consult with your tax advisor. Most of the special tax relief laws applying to persons impacted by the 2005 Hurricanes - Katrina, Rita And Wilma will now apply to certain persons located in the Midwest impacted by storms, tornadoes and for floods occurring in 2008. The concept of the law is - many times an individual and the community, after suffering losses from a disaster, will benefit if he or she can access his or her IRA and/or other retirement funds within employer plans and not be subject to the same tax provisions applying to the non-disaster situation. There are special rules for "qualified storm damage distributions". An individual is still required to include the qualified storm damage distribu-

tion in income, but there are special rules allowing him or her to pay fewer taxes than he or she normally would.

Here is a short summary. A qualified storm damage distribution is any distribution received by an individual during a set period of time from a traditional IRA, Roth IRA, SIMPLE IRA or SEP IRA or other eligible retirement account/plan as long as the following conditions are met.

1. The distribution was made on or after the disaster date.
2. The individual's main home was located in a qualified storm damage disaster area as listed later on the date shown for the applicable storm area.
3. The individual sustained an economic loss because of such storms. Examples of an economic loss include, but are not limited to (a) loss, damage to, or destruction of real or personal property from fire, flooding, looting, vandalism, theft, wind or other causes; (b) loss related to displacement from their home; or (c) loss of livelihood due to temporary or permanent layoffs.

If an individual meets all of these conditions, he or she then has the right to designate a distribution as a qualified storm damage distribution. Note that the law does not require an individual to have suffered economic loss of a certain minimum amount. Actually, there is no minimum dollar limit. This means many individuals who were located in the storm damage area are able to take advantage of these new rules (tax planning opportunities) regardless of whether he or she incurred much damage or loss. The individual only needs to have incurred some loss.

What are the four (4) special IRA distribution rules applying to qualified storm damage distributions?

Special Rule #1. The 10% additional tax of Code section 72(t) does not apply to any qualified storm damage distribution.

Special Rule #2. There is a special income averaging mechanism. Unless a person elects otherwise and elects to include the entire amount in income for the year of the distribution, a person who receives a qualified storm damage distribution will include 1/3 of the distribution in income for the year of the distribution and then 1/3 of the distribution for each of the following two years. By spreading the distribution over 3 years, an individual will generally lessen the amount of income tax owing than if the entire amount is included in income in just one year.

Special Rule #3. Rather than being required to rollover a distribution within 60 days of receiving it, an individual who has received a qualified storm distribution from an IRA or other eligible retirement plan is given 3 years in which to complete the rollover. This special type of rollover is called a repayment.

Most qualified storm damage distributions are eligible for repayment to an IRA or other eligible retirement plan. It appears, however, that the IRS has adopted the approach that the standard rollover rules apply. For example, a required distribution is never eligible to be rolled over and thus could not be repaid even if a person designates it as a qualified storm damage distribution. Another example, a person is ineligible to rollover a periodic payment if the payout period is 10 years or more and thus one cannot repay a qualified storm damage periodic distribution. Since the IRS does not expressly discuss the situation, it is unclear if the once per year rollover rule also applies to qualified storm damage distributions from IRAs. The conservative approach is to assume it does apply.

An individual has 3 years from the day after the day he or she received the qualified storm damage distribution to repay all or part of it to an IRA or other plan to which it could be rolled over. Multiple repayments are permitted. The total amount repaid must equal or be less than the amount of the qualified storm damage distributions. Amounts repaid are treated as a qualified rollover and are not included in income. The way a person reports a repayment(s) on his or her tax return depends on whether the person reported the distributions under the 3-year method or the current year method.

Qualified storm damage distributions, when aggregated, must equal \$100,000 or less. Distributions in excess of \$100,000 (in the aggregate) will not be a qualified a qualified storm damage distribution and will be subject to the additional 10% tax, if applicable, and will not receive the other favorable tax treatments.

**General Discussion Of How The Special IRS Relief Rules and Procedures Impact IRAs.** The federal tax laws give the IRS broad authority to grant relief when the President declares a disaster and FEMA designates an area or areas for assistance. This authority is set forth in Code section 7508A and regulation 301.7508. The primary relief given by the IRS is to extend the time a taxpayer has to file various tax returns and pay the tax owing. However, there are many deadlines by which a taxpayer, such as an IRA account holder, must complete a tax transaction. However, it is possible, if there has been a disaster, that the IRS could extend a tax deadline. Regulation section 301.7508-1(c)(iii) provides for the postponement by the IRS of rules for making certain IRA contributions, taking certain distributions, recharacterizing IRA contributions or making rollovers. For example, if Jane Doe withdrew \$8,000 from her IRA on June 1, 2008, but she did not complete her rollover within the 60 days, the general rule is that she could not make the rollover contribution. However, if because of a disaster occurring in early June, the IRS had set a new

deadline as August 29, 2008, then Jane Doe could complete her rollover by August 29, 2008. An individual must consult with his or her tax advisor and the IRS for the special tax rules applying if there has been a disaster.

**Discussion of the Special Rules Applying to Tax-Free Charitable IRA Distributions/Contributions.** The federal income tax laws governing Qualified Charitable Distributions are now permanent as a result of a new budget and tax bill as signed into law by President Obama on December 18, 2015.

The IRS has issued guidance that a qualified charitable distribution will count towards your required minimum distribution.

A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) is a non-taxable distribution made directly by the trustee of your IRA (other than a SEP or SIMPLE-IRA) to an organization eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions. You must have been at least age 70½ when the distribution was made. Also, you must have the same type of acknowledgement of your contribution that you would need to claim a deduction for a charitable contribution. See Records To Keep in IPS Publication 526. Charitable Contributions. Your total QCDs of the year cannot be more than \$100,000. If you file a joint return, your spouse can also have a QCD of up to \$100,000. However, the amount of the QCD is limited to the amount of the distribution that would otherwise be included in income. If your IRA includes non-deductible contributions, the distribution is first considered to be paid out of otherwise taxable income.

**What requirements must I meet in order to take advantage of this charitable contribution law?** (a) You must be age 70½ or older; (b) You must have a traditional or Roth IRA; (c) You must be allowed to itemize deductions on your Form 1040 income tax return; (d) Your contribution to a qualifying charity must also have been able to qualify as an itemized deduction, but for this special charitable contribution rule under Code section 170 (disregard the percentage limits). **Caution:** You receive the tax-free charitable contribution treatment only if the entire amount would have qualified as a charitable deduction. Thus, if the contribution amount is reduced because of a benefit received by you in exchange, or because the custodian does not obtain sufficient substantiation, the exclusion is not available with respect to any part of the IRA distribution; (e) The distribution, but for this rule, must otherwise have been required to be included in your gross income. The withdrawal of basis (i.e. non-deductible contributions or nontaxable distributions) from a traditional IRA and/or Roth IRA is not includable in income, and consequently, such withdrawal does not qualify as a tax-free charitable contribution; and (f) Payment, no matter in what form (electronic transfer, check, etc.), must be made directly from the IRA to the qualifying

charitable organization. The instrument used for payment must not be negotiable by the IRA accountholder. The IRS has stated, however, that the accountholder may hand deliver the payment to the charity.

**IRS Reporting Tasks for QCDs.** There is no special reporting for QCDs by the IRA custodian. Many times IRA accountholders and their tax advisors think the IRA custodian should be preparing the Form 1099-R to show the distribution as being tax-free. This is not the IRS procedure. A QCD is to be reported as a "normal" distribution since you are older than age 59½. You will be required to complete lines 15a and 15b of your federal income tax return. The general rule is that most IRA distributions are fully taxable so line 15a is left blank and the taxable amount is inserted on line 15b. An exception applies to QCDs. If the total distribution is a QCD, enter 0 on line 15b and write QCD next to line 15b. If only part of the distribution is a QCD, enter the part that is not the QCD on line 15b. Enter QCD next to line 15b.

#### **What new QCD rule applies for 2020?**

Effective for QCDs made in 2020 and subsequent years, the QCD exclusion amount for the current year must be reduced by an amount (but not below zero) equal to the excess of: the aggregate of all deductions allowed for all tax years on or after attaining age 70½ over the aggregate amount of the QCD reductions for all tax years preceding the current year.

**Discussion of the Special Rules Applying to Tax-Free Transfers to Health Savings Accounts.** On or after January 1, 2007, a person who is eligible to make an HSA contribution and who has funds within a traditional IRA or Roth IRA may make a special election once during their lifetime to transfer a certain amount from such IRA to their HSA. This type of special transfer is called a qualified HSA funding distribution. Such an election, once made, is irrevocable. The amount transferred in such a direct trustee-to-trustee transfer will be excluded from the person's income.

This one-time transfer rule would allow a person to change funds which would be taxable (money distributed from an IRA) to funds which will escape taxation if they are withdrawn from the HSA and used to pay qualified medical expenses.

The right allowing a person to transfer funds from an IRA to an HSA tax-free applies even when the person has inherited an IRA. When a beneficiary transfers funds from his or her inherited IRA to an HSA, such a transfer will count to satisfy his or her IRA required distribution from the inherited IRA.

The amount contributed to an HSA, when transferred from an IRA, does count against the HSA contribution limit for such year.

The maximum amount which can be trans-

ferred tax-free is determined at the time of the transfer and not later in the year. A person who is covered under a HDHP in March of 2012 may transfer from an IRA to an HSA in March the "family" amount even though later in 2012 he switches to a "single" HDHP.

The amount to be excluded is limited. It shall not exceed the annual contribution limit for single or family coverage, as applicable, as based on the HDHP coverage as of the time of the special transfer, or, in some cases, the amount of an earlier qualified HSA funding distribution. Thus, the maximum amount eligible for this special transfer for 2012 will be \$3,100 for single coverage and \$6,250 for family coverage plus any applicable catch-up amount.

Any traditional IRA and/or Roth IRA funds may be transferred to an HSA, including non-taxable basis. However, if a person chooses to transfer his or her basis from either a traditional IRA and/or Roth IRA, the individual will not be able to carry over this basis to his or her HSA. The IRS has adopted the position that the general HSA distribution rule will be applied even if a person has transferred IRA basis into his or her HSA.

The general rule is that a person is allowed only one tax-free transfer during his or her lifetime. One means one. Therefore, if a person has two or more IRAs and wants to use amounts in multiple IRAs to make the tax-free transfer, if eligible, the individual must first make an IRA to IRA or Roth IRA to Roth IRA transfer of the amounts to be distributed into a single IRA, and then make the one tax-free transfer. A person who has both a traditional IRA and a Roth IRA will only be able to do the transfer from one or the other IRA.

A person will be able to transfer SEP-IRA or SIMPLE-IRA funds to his or her HSA only if the SEP or SIMPLE is not an "on-going" plan. That is, the transfer is permissible as long as the employer has not made an employer contribution for the plan year ending with or within the SEP-IRA or SIMPLE-IRA owner's tax year.

There are special testing period taxes if you make this special type of transfer and then end your coverage under an HDHP before a one-year time period has expired.

The testing period starts with the month in which the qualified HSA funding contribution is contributed to the HSA and ends on the last day of the 12th month following such month.

If, at any time during the testing period, you are no longer an eligible individual, then you will be penalized as follows. You will have to add to your income all contributions which had been excluded from income. This is required for the first month you become ineligible. The tax you owe will depend on what marginal tax rate applies. You will also owe an additional 10% tax.

**Caution** — Once the IRA funds are contributed to the HSA, there is no authority or provision in the law to recontribute the funds to the IRA. However, if the recontribution took place within the standard 60-day rollover period, it would be permissible.

**Discussion of the Special Rules Applying to Distributions to Expatriates.** The Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2008 changed the tax laws regarding expatriation. President Bush signed this bill into law on June 17, 2008. The expatriation changes apply to any individual whose expatriation date is on or after June 17, 2008.

An expatriate is any United States citizen who relinquishes his or her citizenship and any long term resident of the United States who ceases to a lawful permanent resident. An individual's expatriation date is the date he or she relinquishes citizenship or ceases being a permanent resident. A covered expatriate, in general, is an expatriate who meets the requirements of subparagraphs (A), (B), or (C) of Internal Revenue Code section 877(a)(2). However, there are exceptions where such a person is not treated as a covered expatriate. An individual will need to consult with his or her attorney or tax advisor.

There are special tax rules applying to IRA accounts and other tax preferred accounts. Any IRA of a covered expatriate is deemed totally distributed on the day before his or her expatriation date. The 10% early distribution tax does not apply. There are to be appropriate adjustments made with respect to subsequent distributions from the account to reflect the deemed distribution. Special withholding rules apply.

**An IRA Distribution May Disqualify a Person For the Premium Tax Credit.** The premium tax credit (PTC) is a refundable tax credit authorized under the Affordable Care Act. It assists individuals and families with low or moderate income to afford health insurance purchased through a health insurance marketplace. A person is ineligible for this credit if the health insurance coverage is purchased outside the marketplace. A person who is eligible to enroll in certain employer-sponsored coverage or government programs such as Medicare, Medicaid or TRICARE is ineligible. To be eligible and to obtain this credit a person must meet certain requirements and must file a federal income tax return. One of the requirements is that a person's household income must fall within a certain range.

If you are receiving this credit, before taking any IRA distribution you will want to determine that such an IRA distribution will not make you ineligible to receive this credit. You become ineligible for this credit if the increase in your household income increases to more than 400% of the Federal poverty line for your family size. You will be required to repay any

advance payment you receive for which you later become ineligible. For 2015, the limit is \$45,960 for an individual, \$62,040 for a family of two and \$94,200 for a family of four. You will want to review Publication 974 and other IRS guidance.

**IRS Reporting Duties of the Roth IRA Accountholder and the Inheriting Roth IRA Beneficiary.** You as the Roth IRA accountholder and/or your inheriting Roth IRA beneficiary have federal tax reporting duties. You must report certain Roth IRA contributions and you and your beneficiaries must report certain Roth IRA distributions.

You are to complete the following IRS tax forms as applicable: Form 1040, 1040A, 8606 (Nondeductible contributions) and Form 5329 (Additional Taxes on IRAs and Other Tax-Favored Accounts).

Form 1040 is the standard U.S. Individual Income Tax Return. Form 1040A is the shorter version of the U.S. Individual Income Tax Return as the standard deduction is used and a person may not itemize deductions. You will use such forms to report a Roth IRA distribution and/or to claim the Retirement Savings Contribution Credit. Somewhat surprisingly, the IRS does not have an individual inform the IRS that he or she has made an annual Roth IRA contribution for a given tax year. The Roth IRA custodian/trustee will report such annual Roth IRA contribution on the Form 5498. You will want to maintain a file containing copies showing all of your Roth IRA contributions. If you do make a Roth conversion contribution during a current year you must complete Part II of Form 8606 as a Roth conversion contribution is a special type of nondeductible contribution.

In order for a Roth IRA accountholder or an inheriting Roth IRA beneficiary to report information regarding a Roth IRA penalty tax, Form 1040 and Form 5329 must be completed.

With respect to reporting a Roth IRA distribution on the Form 1099-R, the Roth IRA custodian/trustee will inform both the individual and the IRS whether the distribution is qualified (tax-free) or nonqualified (possibly taxable). The Roth IRA custodian/trustee makes its determination only by considering when the Roth IRA was established with it. You are to complete Form 1040 or Form 1040A to report a qualified distribution. Such distribution is tax-free. You are to complete Part III of Form 8606 if the distribution is a nonqualified distribution. This distribution may or may not need to be included in income. Note that a Roth IRA custodian may complete the Form 1099-R to show a distribution as nonqualified since the 5-year rule has not been met at such institution, but the distribution is qualified as you met the 5-year rule on account of making earlier contributions at another Roth IRA custodian.

If you are required to file one or more of the required tax forms, but fail to do so, the IRS may assess a tax penalty. The same is true for an inheriting beneficiary.

Form 1040EZ (Income Tax Return for Single and Joint Filers With No Dependents) is not be used to report any traditional IRA or Roth IRA transaction, be it a contribution, rollover contribution, a contribution credit or any IRA distribution.

#### **Summary of Contractual Terms**

1. You must refer to your savings or time deposit agreement(s) for the terms which govern the investment of your Roth IRA deposits, including an early withdrawal penalty or fee for taking a distribution prior to maturity, if applicable.
2. You have the right to designate a beneficiary or beneficiaries to inherit your Roth IRA account. Refer to Section 1.6 of Article IX so that you can understand the rules and procedures.
3. You do not have any ability to assign your rights in this Inherited Roth IRA.
4. We may charge fees as set forth in section 2.5 of Article IX.
5. We may amend the terms of this Inherited Roth IRA from time to time to comply with law changes. If we amend it for any other reason, such amendment becomes effective 30 days after we have sent our notice of amendment to you.
6. You are to refer to Article IX for the following topics: withdrawals, withholding rules, reporting errors, changes in the Roth IRA custodian or trustee, good faith payments, termination and resignation of the Roth IRA custodian or trustee, withholding payments and resolution of disputes, transfer and rollovers and payment of taxes.

#### **Miscellaneous.**

1. **Approved as to Form.** Your Roth IRA has been approved as to form for use as a Roth IRA by the IRS. This approval as to form does not represent a determination of the merits of such Roth IRA or its investments.
2. **Further Roth IRA Information.** You may obtain further information about Roth IRAs from any district office of the IRS. IRS Publications 590A and B discuss Roth IRAs and traditional IRAs very thoroughly.
3. **Administrative Fees or Costs.** We have the right to charge service fees as indicated in Article IX.