

# IRA Disclosure Supplement

This IRA Disclosure Supplement is being provided to notify you of recent changes made by the CARES Act, SECURE Act and other IRS pronouncements that are not yet reflected in your IRA Plan Agreement and Disclosure Statement. This IRA Disclosure Supplement is intended to provide you with a general, high-level overview of the IRA changes included in the CARES Act, the SECURE Act of 2019 and other IRS pronouncements. Given the complexity of some of these changes and the near-term lack of federal guidance, we encourage you seek the assistance of a competent tax and/or legal professional if you have questions or concerns about how you may be affected by the CARES Act, the SECURE Act and other IRS pronouncements.

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## CARES Act and Other Coronavirus-Related Pronouncements

On March 27, 2020, President Trump signed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). The CARES Act is a massive federal stimulus package designed by Congress to provide aid and assistance to individuals and businesses as the country deals with the coronavirus pandemic. Included in the CARES Act are several provisions that directly impact many IRA owners and IRA beneficiaries. Most of the IRA provisions contained within the CARES Act are effective immediately. In addition to the CARES Act, the Secretary of the Treasury has also recently made changes due to the coronavirus pandemic that directly impact many IRA owners and IRA beneficiaries.

### Temporary Waiver of Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) for IRA Owners and Beneficiaries

The CARES Act provides relief from the RMD rules applicable to distributions required to be withdrawn in 2020 by IRA owners and IRA beneficiaries.

#### IRA Owners Born **Before** July 1, 1948

For Traditional, SEP and SIMPLE IRA owners born before July 1, 1948, the CARES Act waives the mandatory distribution requirement (i.e., RMDs) for 2020. IRA owners still have the option of taking distributions at their discretion but are not required to do so.

#### IRA Owners Born July 1, 1948 - June 30, 1949

Traditional, SEP and SIMPLE IRA owners who reached age 70½ during 2019 (i.e., have a date of birth of July 1, 1948 through June 30, 1949), were required to take their first RMD by no later than April 1, 2020 (i.e., their “required beginning date”). For such IRA owners, the CARES Act waives the RMD for 2019, if the distribution was not already withdrawn during 2019, in addition to waiving the mandatory distribution requirement (i.e., RMD) for 2020. While these RMDs are not required, IRA owners still have the option of taking distributions at their discretion.

#### IRA Beneficiaries

The CARES Act waives the mandatory distribution requirement for 2020 for IRA beneficiaries who were required to withdraw Life Expectancy Payments in 2020. Also, the RMDs of a deceased IRA owner that beneficiaries may have otherwise been required to withdraw in the year of the IRA owner’s death are also waived. While the CARES Act waives these RMDs, beneficiaries still have the option of taking distributions at their discretion but are not required to do so.

The CARES Act has also provided relief for IRA beneficiaries who have elected or defaulted to the Five-Year Rule distribution option. Under the CARES Act, 2020 is not to be counted in the 5-year period that determines the deadline for an IRA beneficiary to deplete an Inherited IRA under the Five-Year Rule. As such those beneficiaries effectively have a 6-year period rather than a 5-year period to deplete the Inherited IRA.

## **Coronavirus-Related Distributions**

“Qualified Individuals” are eligible take a “Coronavirus-Related Distribution” from their IRAs that are eligible for flexible taxation and repayment options not generally available for IRA distributions. Coronavirus-Related Distributions must be withdrawn on or after January 1, 2020 and before December 31, 2020 and may not exceed \$100,000 (in aggregate) per individual. Adjustments to this distribution timeframe and the maximum amount may be authorized by the federal government. For assistance in determining whether you are eligible for a Coronavirus-Related Distribution, consult your tax advisor.

### Qualified Individuals

A Qualified Individuals is anyone who

- is diagnosed, or whose spouse or dependent is diagnosed, with the virus SARS-CoV-2 or the coronavirus disease 2019 (collectively, "COVID-19") by a test approved by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (including a test authorized under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act); or
- experiences adverse financial consequences as a result of the individual, the individual's spouse, or a member of the individual's household (that is, someone who shares the individual's principal residence): being quarantined, being furloughed or laid off, or having work hours reduced due to COVID-19; being unable to work due to lack of childcare due to COVID-19; closing or reducing hours of a business that they own or operate due to COVID-19; having pay or self-employment income reduced due to COVID-19; or having a job offer rescinded or start date for a job delayed due to COVID-19.

### Taxation and Penalty Implications

While Coronavirus-Related Distributions must generally be included in taxable income, the CARES Act includes a special provision allowing taxpayers to include the taxable portion of any Coronavirus-Related Distribution in their taxable income ratably over a three-year period, unless an election is made by the taxpayer to include the entire taxable amount in income for tax year 2020. Coronavirus-Related Distributions are exempt from the 10% early distribution penalty that typically applies when IRA owners are under the age of 59½ and take a distribution. The early distribution penalty that is increased to 25% for certain SIMPLE IRA distributions is also not applicable to Coronavirus-Related Distributions.

## **Repayment of Coronavirus-Related Distributions**

Under the CARES Act individuals are eligible to repay all or a portion of a Coronavirus-Related Distribution in one or more contributions, at any time during the three-year period beginning on the day after the distribution is received. The portion of any Coronavirus-Related Distribution that is repaid within the three-year timeframe is treated as not included in taxable income. For further information on the tax implications of Coronavirus-Related Distributions repayments, consult your tax advisor.

## **SECURE Act of 2019**

On December 20, 2019, President Trump signed into law the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement (SECURE) Act of 2019. Many of the provisions contained within the SECURE Act are effective January 1, 2020. Due to the extremely short timeframe between the bill’s passage and the January 1, 2020 effective date for some of the bill’s key IRA provisions, financial service providers are having to proceed in good faith with minimal guidance from federal regulators. It is anticipated that federal regulators will publish guidance soon concerning the changes brought about by the SECURE Act of 2019.

## **Required Minimum Distributions Beginning at Age 72**

The SECURE Act of 2019 changes the age at which Traditional, SEP and SIMPLE IRA owners must begin taking required minimum distributions (RMDs).

### Individuals Born **After** June 30, 1949

Under the SECURE Act of 2019, individuals born after June 30, 1949, must begin taking required minimum distributions at age 72. For these individuals, the deadline for taking the first required distribution is April 1 of the year following the year in which they turn age 72.

### Individuals Born **Before** July 1, 1949

Individuals born before July 1, 1949, must begin required minimum distributions by no later than April 1 following the year in which they attain age 70½. Accordingly, Traditional, SEP and SIMPLE IRA owners who attained age 70½ during 2019 must take their first required minimum distribution by no later than April 1, 2020.

## **Traditional IRA Funding—Age 70½ Restriction**

The SECURE Act of 2019 eliminates the 70½ age restriction for funding a Traditional IRA.

### 2020 Tax Year and Beyond

Under the SECURE Act of 2019, the age restriction on funding a Traditional IRA has been eliminated beginning with the 2020 tax year. For 2020 and later years, individuals who have earned income from working may continue to fund their IRA beyond age 70½.

### Not Applicable for 2019 Carryback Contributions

While this change takes effect on January 1, 2020, the new rule DOES NOT apply to carryback contributions made for the 2019 tax year (i.e., individuals who are age 70½ or older during 2019 cannot make a Traditional IRA contribution for the 2019 tax year).

## **Penalty-Free IRA Withdrawals for Certain Births/Adoptions**

While taxable IRA withdrawals taken prior to age 59½ are typically subject to the IRS early withdrawal penalty, certain exceptions exist. Beginning January 1, 2020, a new penalty exception allows certain qualifying individuals to withdraw up to \$5,000 from an IRA (or other tax-qualified savings plan) before age 59½ in the case of a qualifying birth or qualifying adoption.

### Qualified Birth or Adoption Distribution

To be considered a “Qualified Birth or Adoption Distribution”, the distribution must be taken during the 1-year period beginning on the date on which a child of the individual is born or on which the legal adoption of an eligible adoptee is finalized.

### \$5000 Limit

The maximum amount any one individual can claim as a Qualified Birth or Adoption Distribution with respect to one child or one eligible adoptee is \$5,000, regardless of the number of IRAs and/or employer-sponsored retirement plans he/she owns.

### Eligible Adoptee

Under the new penalty exception, the term “Eligible Adoptee” generally means any individual who has not attained age 18 or is physically or mentally incapable of self-support.

### Rollover Option

In addition to claiming an exemption from the 10% early withdrawal penalty, individuals who take a

Qualified Birth or Adoption Distribution have the option to recontribute (i.e., roll over) the distribution back into an IRA in the future.

### **Accelerated Withdrawals for IRA Beneficiaries**

Effective for deaths occurring on or after January 1, 2020, the SECURE Act of 2019 changes the withdrawal options for many nonspouse IRA beneficiaries. Under the SECURE Act of 2019, nonspouse beneficiaries of IRA owners who pass away on or after January 1, 2020, must generally withdraw all inherited IRA assets by December 31 of the year containing the tenth anniversary of the IRA owner's death.

#### Exceptions for Spousal Beneficiaries

The options available to spousal IRA beneficiaries are relatively unchanged under the SECURE Act. Spouse beneficiaries will still typically have the options of treating a decedent's IRA as his or her own or of taking life expectancy distributions from the inherited IRA. In addition, spouse beneficiaries will now have the option—at least in some cases—of withdrawing the proceeds from a decedent's IRA over a 10-year period.

#### Exceptions for Certain Nonspouse Beneficiaries

While nonspouse beneficiaries of IRA owners who pass away on or after January 1, 2020 must generally withdraw all the inherited IRA assets within 10 years, there are exceptions for certain categories of nonspouse beneficiaries:

1. Children

A minor child beneficiary of the IRA owner who has not yet reached the age of majority at the time of the IRA owner's death is generally eligible to take annual minimum distributions based on his/her own single life expectancy until reaching the age of majority. Once the child reaches the age of majority, such beneficiary will typically be required to withdraw the remaining balance of the inherited IRA within 10 years from when the child reaches the age of majority.

2. Disabled Individuals

A nonspouse beneficiary who meets certain statutory requirements to qualify as disabled will generally be eligible to take annual minimum distributions over his/her single life expectancy.

3. Chronically Ill Individuals

A nonspouse beneficiary who meets certain statutory requirements to qualify as chronically ill will generally be eligible to take annual minimum distributions over his/ her single life expectancy.

4. Beneficiaries Not More than 10 Years Younger than IRA Owner

A nonspouse beneficiary who is not more than 10 years younger than the IRA owner will generally be eligible to take annual minimum distributions based on his/her single life expectancy.

#### 5-Year Withdrawal Period for Some Non-Person Beneficiaries

While the SECURE Act of 2019 requires that most nonspouse beneficiaries withdraw all assets from an inherited IRA within 10 years of the death of the IRA owner, non-person beneficiaries (i.e., estates, charities, etc.), under certain circumstances, must withdraw IRA assets from a deceased IRA owner's IRA within 5 years following the death of an IRA owner.

#### Special Rules for Trust Beneficiaries

Under the SECURE Act of 2019, the withdrawal requirements applicable in the case of a trust beneficiary

vary widely depending on many factors including, but not limited to, whether all underlying beneficiaries of the trust beneficiary are considered “designated beneficiaries” according to statutory requirements and whether any of the underlying beneficiaries of the trust are considered chronically ill or disabled.