

# Understand your withdrawal options

If your employer is closing your retirement plan, you'll need to make a decision about what to do with your money in that plan. Read more about your options and next steps, then complete the attached form—or give us a call. We're here to help.

## You have two ways to take action:



**Call Manulife John Hancock Retirement at  
888-695-4472**

- We'll help answer questions about the options for your retirement plan savings, such as<sup>1</sup>:
  - Moving the money to an IRA—including a John Hancock IRA
  - Moving the money to a new employer's plan (if applicable)
  - Taking the money in cash<sup>2</sup>
- We'll introduce you to your plan's financial professional, if applicable.
- We'll help you complete the process, including filling out any paperwork.



**Work with your financial professional  
or do it yourself**

- Review your options with your financial professional.<sup>1</sup>
- Fill out the attached **contract termination withdrawal form**.
- Return the form based on the instructions provided to you by your plan administrator.

<sup>1</sup> There are advantages and disadvantages to all rollover options; you are encouraged to review your options to determine if staying in a retirement plan, rolling over to an IRA, or another option is best for you. <sup>2</sup> Ordinary income taxes are due on withdrawal. Withdrawals before the age of 59½ may be subject to an early distribution penalty of 10%.

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**Have questions  
or need help?  
Call 888-695-4472**

We're available Monday  
through Friday, from 8:30 a.m.  
to 7:00 p.m., Eastern time.

## Important Information about this Form

- Your plan may require you to provide supporting documents or additional information before your request can be processed.
- **Use this form if your contract is terminating due to the termination of your qualified retirement plan.**
- This request will be processed on the contract termination date as agreed upon with your Plan Trustee, provided that the request, fully completed and in good order, is received by John Hancock no later than 2 market days prior to such date.
- For all other distributions complete the applicable Withdrawal form.
- As the participant, you complete Sections 1 - 5 of this form and return it to your Plan Representative.
- As the Plan Representative, you review Sections 1 - 5, and complete Sections 6 - 8 of this form.
- If the participant address provided below is new or different than what is currently on record with John Hancock, we will update our records accordingly. Ensure your next census submission includes revised employee information to avoid your file superseding the information supplied on this form.
- A 1099R form will be issued for each distribution and loan default (if applicable) by January 31 of the following year and mailed to the Participant Address provided in Section 1 (or electronically delivered if previously elected by the participant).
- This request is subject to the processing and procedure guidelines contained in John Hancock's Administrative Guidelines for Financial Transactions ("AGFT"). The latest AGFT is available on the John Hancock plan sponsor website or you may contact your John Hancock representative for a copy.

All changes must be initialed in pen (including items crossed out or changed using correction fluid).

## 1. General Information

### The Trustee of

Contractholder Name

Plan ("the Plan")

Contract Number

Participant Name as displayed on your Social Security Card (Last Name, First Name, Initial)

Participant Social Security Number (Full SSN Required)

Date

of Birth

Month Day Year

Participant Address – Street Address

Participant

Phone No.

City, State, Zip Code, Country

## 2. What is the reason for your withdrawal? – Select ☒ ONE option only

It is the responsibility of the Plan Administrator, and not of John Hancock, to ensure that the participant is permitted under the terms of the Plan to receive the distribution selected below.

☐ **ID** – Taking payout due to Plan Termination (Will be processed as of the contract discontinuance date provided by the Plan Trustee)

☐ **TE** – Previously terminated from the company – assets left in Plan

Month Day Year

☐ **RE** – Previously retired from the company – assets left in Plan

Month Day Year

### 3. What do you want to do with your money?

Complete **Section A** if you wish to make your distribution payable to only a single destination. For multiple destinations, complete **Section B**.

**A -** ☐ **Send my payment to ONE destination only - Select ONE option only.**

- ☐ Direct Rollover to an IRA or Roth IRA - Complete Section 4A or 4B
- ☐ Direct Rollover to Employer Sponsored Qualified Plan - Complete Section 4C
- ☐ Payment Directly to Me - Complete Section 4D

**OR**

**B -** ☐ **Send my payments to MULTIPLE destinations** - If applicable, you may provide separate instructions for the taxable and non taxable money that make up your requested withdrawal.

- Unless you elect otherwise below, payments directly to you will be deemed to come first from non-taxable amounts (Non-Roth After-Tax contributions, then Roth contributions), followed by taxable amounts in this order: Non-Roth After-Tax earnings, Roth earnings, and Pre-Tax accounts.
- Payments directly to you will be processed first. Any remaining funds will be directly rolled over to the appropriate rollover vehicle indicated below.
- Your withdrawal will be processed in accordance with the time frame described in John Hancock's Administrative Guidelines.

**Split my payment as follows** – Select all applicable options and complete the next section

☐ **Pre-Tax and Non-Roth After-Tax Accounts**

\_\_\_\_\_ % directly to me with the remainder, if any, rolled over as indicated below.

☐ Roll over my non-taxable balance to:

☐ Traditional IRA  
(Section 4A)

☐ Roth IRA  
(Section 4B)

☐ Employer-sponsored qualified plan  
(Section 4C)

☐ Roll over my taxable balance to:

☐ Traditional IRA  
(Section 4A)

☐ Roth IRA  
(Section 4B)

☐ Employer-sponsored qualified plan  
(Section 4C)

☐ **Roth Account**

\_\_\_\_\_ % directly to me with the remainder, if any, rolled over as indicated below.

Roll over my Roth Account to:

☐ Roth IRA  
(Section 4B)

☐ A designated Roth Account in an Employer-Sponsored Qualified Plan  
(Section 4C)

### 4. Where do you want your money sent?

**Select and complete option(s) A, B, C, and/or D (as applicable)**

Federal law requires that 20% of the taxable amount of an eligible rollover distribution be withheld, unless payment is directly rolled over to an eligible retirement plan. The amount withheld may not represent your entire tax bill. The rollover will be reported to the IRS and you are responsible for the payment of the income tax(es) that apply in connection with the rollover. Please refer to the Special Tax Notice provided by your Plan Administrator regarding these tax rules. Contact your tax advisor or Plan Administrator if you have any questions.

☐ **A - Traditional IRA**

- ☐ Direct Rollover to the following John Hancock product. Your funds will be transferred automatically by wire. You must provide the account number. For more information contact John Hancock at 1-888-695-4472.

Elect one:

- ☐ John Hancock Investments Rollover IRA (RIRS) Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ John Hancock Managed IRA (JHMI) Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ John Hancock GIFL Rollover Variable Annuity IRA (GIFL) Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

OR

- ☐ Direct Rollover to another Financial Institution Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Institution Name

Financial Institution Address – Street, City, State, Zip Code, Country

**Electronic Fund Transfer Information (REQUIRED)**

You must provide electronic fund transfer information below, unless the financial institution requires a check be issued. Where a check is issued it will be mailed according to the standard mailing instructions provided by the Plan Trustee on file with John Hancock.

**Provide Domestic Bank details below.**

- ☐ Wire – Verify with receiving bank if they accept wires and/or charge a fee

Bank Name

Bank ABA/Routing (9 digits)

Bank Account No.

- ☐ For international banks, complete and attach the International Banking Instructions form.

☐ **B - Roth IRA**

- ☐ Direct Rollover to the following John Hancock product. Your funds will be transferred automatically by wire. You must provide the account number. For more information contact John Hancock at 1-888-695-4472.

Elect one:

- ☐ John Hancock Investments Rollover IRA (RIRS) Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ John Hancock Managed IRA (JMHI) Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ John Hancock GIFL Rollover Variable Annuity IRA (GIFL) Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

OR

- ☐ Direct Rollover to another Financial Institution Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Institution Name

Financial Institution Address – Street, City, State, Zip Code, Country

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You must provide electronic fund transfer information below, unless the financial institution requires a check be issued. Where a check is issued it will be mailed according to the standard mailing instructions provided by the Plan Trustee on file with John Hancock.

**Provide Domestic Bank details below.**

☐ Wire – Verify with receiving bank if they accept wires and/or charge a fee

Bank Name

Bank ABA/Routing (9 digits)

Bank Account No.

☐ For international banks, complete and attach the International Banking Instructions form.

☐ **C - Employer Sponsored Qualified Plan**

The Trustee of

Plan Name

Plan Account Number

Financial Institution Name

Financial Institution Address – Street, City, State, Zip Code, Country

**Electronic Fund Transfer Information (REQUIRED)**

You must provide electronic fund transfer information below.

Expected Delivery: • Wires: 1-2 business days.

**Provide Domestic Bank details below.**

☐ Wire – Verify with receiving bank if they accept wires and/or charge a fee

Bank Name

Bank ABA/Routing (9 digits)

Bank Account No.

☐ For international banks, complete and attach the International Banking Instructions form.

☐ **D - Payment Directly to Me – All applicable taxes will be withheld**

**Federal Tax Withholding Instructions**

For an eligible rollover distribution, such as a partial or lump sum paid to you, you are subject to mandatory 20% federal income tax withholding and any applicable state tax withholding. You can choose a rate greater than 20% for federal withholding by completing the attached Form W-4R Withholding Certificate. You may not choose a rate less than 20%.

Check the box below if you are neither a U.S. person nor a U.S. resident alien. In such case, 30% federal tax withholding will apply unless (1) your country of residence shown below has a tax treaty with the U.S. that provides an exemption from U.S. tax or a lower rate of withholding and (2) you attach a completed and valid IRS Form W-8BEN.

☐ I am neither a U.S. person nor a U.S. resident alien. Country of residence: \_\_\_\_\_

## State Tax Withholding Instructions

Your withdrawal is also subject to any applicable state tax and state tax withholding.

State of  Enter state of residence at time of withdrawal if state tax withholding should be taken for a state other than the state provided on this form.

State of Residence	Options for State Tax Withholding
AR, DC, KS, MA, MD, ME, NC, NE, VA, VT	You may not opt out. Since your distribution was subject to federal income tax, these states require mandatory state withholding based on the states' applicable minimum requirements.
CT	Generally, state tax withholding will be applied to your taxable distribution at the rate of 6.99%. However, if you elected a partial withdrawal, a flat dollar amount may be withheld instead, but the amount must be calculated based on a completed CT-W4P form provided to the Plan Administrator. If no amount is indicated, 6.99% will be withheld. <input type="checkbox"/> I elected a partial distribution on this form and provided a completed CT-W4P to my Plan Administrator. The calculated amount to be withheld is: \$
MI, IA	State tax withholding will be applied to your taxable distribution unless one of the following boxes is checked: <input type="checkbox"/> I elect to opt out of withholding. <input type="checkbox"/> I am eligible to claim exemption of \$ ; withhold tax only on the taxable, distributed amount that is in excess of the exempt amount. If you check one of the boxes above, you are required to return a completed Form W-4P to your Plan Administrator. Ensure that the election made above is consistent with the election made on your completed Form W-4P.
MN	State tax withholding of 6.25% will be applied to your taxable distribution unless one of the following boxes is checked: <input type="checkbox"/> I elect to opt out of state tax withholding. <input type="checkbox"/> Withhold % or \$
OK	State tax withholding at the minimum rate will be applied to your taxable distribution unless one of the following boxes is checked: <input type="checkbox"/> I elect to opt out of state tax withholding. <input type="checkbox"/> Withhold % (minimum 4.75%)
CA, OR	<input type="checkbox"/> I elect to opt out of mandatory state withholding.
AL, CO, DE, GA, ID, IL, IN, KY, LA, MO, MT, ND, NJ, NM, OH, SC, UT, WV, WI	You may elect voluntary state income tax withholding by providing a percentage or whole dollar amount to be applied for state tax withholding here. Some states mandate a minimum and/or maximum percentage. % or \$

## Electronic Fund Transfer Information (REQUIRED)

You must provide electronic fund transfer information below.

### Provide Domestic Bank details below.

☐ Wire – Verify with receiving bank if they accept wires and/or charge a fee

Bank Name

Bank ABA/Routing (9 digits)

Bank Account No.

☐ For international banks, complete and attach the International Banking Instructions form.

## 5. Participant Signature

If my withdrawal is made from Funds with the Guaranteed Income feature, I acknowledge that I have read and reviewed the Guaranteed Income feature brochure and fully understand the consequences and impact that my withdrawal will have on my Benefit Base and other benefits provided by this feature. I understand that a brief outline of the terms and conditions governing my withdrawal is also contained in the summary entitled "Important Information about the Guaranteed Income Feature" which can be found on the John Hancock participant website or obtained from my Plan Administrator.

I understand that John Hancock may charge a fee for this withdrawal and that other charges or fees may also apply. I acknowledge that I can refer to my plan's 404a-5 Plan & Investment Notice available on the participant website at [www.johnhancock.com/myplan](http://www.johnhancock.com/myplan) for further details.

If I am a participant in a contract issued by John Hancock Life Insurance Company of New York, I understand that if any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information, or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime, shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars and the stated value of the claims for each such violation. I understand that, if I am a participant under a contract issued by John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.), civil penalties may apply.

Certification required of U.S. persons only (including U.S. citizens or U.S. resident aliens).

**Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:**

1. The number shown in Section 1 of this form is my correct taxpayer identification number, and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person, including a U.S. resident alien (as defined in the IRS Form W-9 instructions).

### Certification Instructions

You must check the box below if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return.

☐ I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest and dividends.

Since the Plan is an account held in the United States, you are not required to provide a code indicating that you are exempt from FATCA reporting.

Under penalties of perjury, I certify the above statements.

**Note: The Internal Revenue Service does not require your consent to any provision of this document other than the certifications required to avoid backup withholding.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name - please print

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

The following sections are to be completed by the Plan Representative.

## 6. Withdrawal Details

### Is the participant withdrawing In-Plan Roth Rollover (IRR) assets?

For a total withdrawal, we will report the original rollover amount processed as the amount allocable to IRR assets.

### IRS Distribution Code

The applicable IRS distribution code will be based on the type of distribution and/or age of the participant.

If the early distribution exception code applies, check here. ☐ (Code 2 will be applied)

### Loans

If a loan is active at time of distribution (Termination, Retirement or Disability), the applicable age dependent loan distribution code will apply. Loans can only be rolled over to an employer sponsored qualified plan.

If the loan rollover code applies, check here. ☐ (Code G will be applied.)

**Vesting percentage(s)** – For previously terminated or retired participants ONLY

\_\_\_\_\_ % for ALL employer money types

OR

Vesting varies by money type as indicated below

Money Type	%
ER Match	
Profit Sharing	

Other ER Money	%

Other ER Money	%

#### Employer Unvested Money

- ☐ Transfer to Cash Account  
☐ Refund to Plan Trustee

☐ Pay outstanding John Hancock charges

### 7. Third Party Administrator (TPA) Withdrawal Fee

Complete this section to direct John Hancock to pay the fee indicated below from the participant's account balance to the Third Party Administrator currently on record for the Contract. **No fee will be applied if this section is not completed.**

The fee will be deducted from the participant's account balance at the time of the distribution using the standard withdrawal protocol and will be held in John Hancock's general business account until paid to the TPA.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_ %  
Flat Fee Amount Percentage of  
Invested Balance

John Hancock is not responsible for any uncollected fee amounts as a result of insufficient funds. These shortages will be reported on the transaction and summary confirmations.

### 8. Trustee/Authorized Signer Signature

If the participant does not sign the participant Signature section, I, the undersigned, certify, under penalties of perjury that, the participant, as applicable, certified to me that (i) the name shown on this form is the legal name of the participant; (ii) the number shown on this form is the correct taxpayer identification number (Social Security Number) of the participant; and, (iii) the participant is a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien) unless indicated otherwise above.

I hereby direct and authorize John Hancock to implement the instructions provided on this form. I represent that the certifications, directions, acknowledgements, authorizations, and agreements contained in this form are complete and correct and agree that John Hancock will rely on them, including to determine the tax withholding and reporting requirements applicable to the requested withdrawal. I represent that the withdrawal(s) requested herein are permitted by law and in accordance with the Plan. If the amount withdrawn is paid directly to the Plan Trustee, I also agree that I am responsible for the proper handling of the funds in accordance with the law. I represent that any Third Party Administrator fee is in accordance with the agreement with the Third Party Administrator and is reasonable and authorized under the terms of the Plan.

I certify that the required participant elections and consents to this withdrawal including, if applicable, spousal consent for married participants as required by IRC Sec. 417, have been properly obtained. I further certify that all necessary and applicable information required under IRC Sec. 417 and an explanation of the direct rollover option and related tax rules required under IRC Sec. 402 have been provided to the participant. I further certify that the funds being withdrawn are not for the purpose of prohibited transactions as defined in IRC Sec. 4975. I also certify that, if applicable, (i) the participant has waived the 30-day waiting period; and (ii) the Withholding Certificate for Pension or Annuity Payments (Form W-4P) for the states of Michigan and Iowa have been properly obtained, completed in accordance with Michigan and Iowa law, and that any amount exempt from state tax withholding described above accurately reflects such Withholding Certificate submitted by the participant.

If the participant is under the age of 18, I certify that consent to this request has been obtained from the parent or legal guardian authorized to act on the participant's behalf.

On behalf of the Plan Sponsor, the Plan and its related trust, I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless John Hancock and its affiliates, and each of their employees, agents, directors, and officers from and against any and all losses, liabilities, penalties, and taxes that it or they may incur as a result of complying with the instructions provided on this form or any of the certifications provided on this form being incorrect.

Signature of Trustee/Authorized Signer

Name - please print

Date

# Withholding Certificate for Nonperiodic Payments and Eligible Rollover Distributions

OMB No. 1545-0074

**2025**

► Give Form W-4R to the payer of your retirement payments.

1a First name and middle initial	Last name	1b Social security number
Address		
City or town, state, and ZIP code		

Your withholding rate is determined by the type of payment you will receive.

• For nonperiodic payments, the default withholding rate is 10%. You can choose to have a different rate by entering a rate between 0% and 100% on line 2. Generally, you can't choose less than 10% for payments to be delivered outside the United States and its territories.

• For an eligible rollover distribution, the default withholding rate is 20%. You can choose a rate greater than 20% by entering the rate on line 2. You may not choose a rate less than 20%.

See page 2 for more information.

2 Complete this line if you would like a rate of withholding that is different from the default withholding rate. See the instructions on page 2 and the Marginal Rate Tables below for additional information. Enter the rate as a whole number (no decimals). .....	<b>2</b>	%
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<b>Sign Here</b>	Your signature (This form is not valid unless you sign it.)	Date
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## General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code.

**Future developments.** For the latest information about any future developments related to Form W-4R, such as legislation enacted after it was published, go to [www.irs.gov/FormW4R](http://www.irs.gov/FormW4R).

**Purpose of form.** Complete Form W-4R to have payers withhold the correct amount of federal income tax from your nonperiodic payment or eligible rollover distribution from an employer retirement plan, annuity (including a commercial annuity), or individual retirement arrangement (IRA). See page 2 for the rules and options that are available for each type of payment. Don't use Form W-4R for periodic payments (payments made in installments at regular

intervals over a period of more than 1 year) from these plans or arrangements. Instead, use Form W-4P, Withholding Certificate for Periodic Pension or Annuity Payments. For more information on withholding, see Pub. 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax.

**Caution:** If you have too little tax withheld, you will generally owe tax when you file your tax return and may owe a penalty unless you make timely payments of estimated tax. If too much tax is withheld, you will generally be due a refund when you file your tax return. Your withholding choice (or an election not to have withholding on a nonperiodic payment) will generally apply to any future payment from the same plan or IRA. Submit a new Form W-4R if you want to change your election.

## 2025 Marginal Rate Tables

You may use these tables to help you select the appropriate withholding rate for this payment or distribution. Add your income from all sources and use the column that matches your filing status to find the corresponding rate of withholding. See page 2 for more information on how to use this table.

Single or Married filing separately		Married filing jointly or Qualifying surviving spouse		Head of household	
Total income over –	Tax rate for every dollar more	Total income over –	Tax rate for every dollar more	Total income over –	Tax rate for every dollar more
\$0	0%	\$0	0%	\$0	0%
15,000	10%	30,000	10%	22,500	10%
26,925	12%	53,850	12%	39,500	12%
63,475	22%	126,950	22%	87,350	22%
118,350	24%	236,700	24%	125,850	24%
212,300	32%	424,600	32%	219,800	32%
265,525	35%	531,050	35%	273,000	35%
641,350*	37%	781,600	37%	648,850	37%

\*If married filing separately, use \$390,800 instead for this 37% rate.

**General Instructions** (continued)

**Nonperiodic payments—10% withholding.** Your payer must withhold at a default 10% rate from the taxable amount of nonperiodic payments **unless** you enter a different rate on line 2. Distributions from an IRA that are payable on demand are treated as nonperiodic payments. Note that the default rate of withholding may not be appropriate for your tax situation. You may choose to have no federal income tax withheld by entering “-0-” on line 2. See the specific instructions below for more information. Generally, you are not permitted to elect to have federal income tax withheld at a rate of less than 10% (including “-0-”) on any payments to be delivered outside the United States and its territories.

**Note:** If you don't give Form W-4R to your payer, you don't provide an SSN, or the IRS notifies the payer that you gave an incorrect SSN, then the payer must withhold 10% of the payment for federal income tax and can't honor requests to have a lower (or no) amount withheld. Generally, for payments that began before 2025, your current withholding election (or your default rate) remains in effect unless you submit a Form W-4R.

**Eligible rollover distributions—20% withholding.**

Distributions you receive from qualified retirement plans (for example, 401(k) plans and section 457(b) plans maintained by a governmental employer) or tax-sheltered annuities that are eligible to be rolled over to an IRA or qualified plan are subject to a 20% default rate of withholding on the taxable amount of the distribution. You can't choose withholding at a rate of less than 20% (including “-0-”). Note that the default rate of withholding may be too low for your tax situation. You may choose to enter a rate higher than 20% on line 2. Don't give Form W-4R to your payer unless you want more than 20% withheld.

Note that the following payments are **not** eligible rollover distributions for purposes of these withholding rules:

- Qualifying “hardship” distributions;
- Distributions required by federal law, such as required minimum distributions;
- Distributions from a pension-linked emergency savings account;
- Eligible distributions to a domestic abuse victim;
- Qualified disaster recovery distributions;
- Qualified birth or adoption distributions; and
- Emergency personal expense distributions.

See Pub. 505 for details. See also Nonperiodic payments – 10% withholding above.

**Payments to nonresident aliens and foreign estates.** Do not use Form W-4R. See Pub. 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities, and Pub. 519, U.S. Tax Guide for Aliens, for more information.

**Tax relief for victims of terrorist attacks.** If your disability payments for injuries incurred as a direct result of a terrorist attack are not taxable, enter “-0-” on line 2. See Pub. 3920, Tax Relief for Victims of Terrorist Attacks, for more details.

**Specific Instructions****Line 1b**

For an estate, enter the estate's employer identification number (EIN) in the area reserved for “Social security number.”

**Line 2**

**More withholding.** If you want more than the default rate withheld from your payment, you may enter a higher rate on line 2.

**Less withholding (nonperiodic payments only).** If permitted, you may enter a lower rate on line 2 (including “-0-”) if you want less than the 10% default rate withheld from your payment. If you have already paid, or plan to pay, your tax on this payment through other withholding or estimated tax payments, you may want to enter “-0-”.

**Suggestion for determining withholding.** Consider using the Marginal Rate Tables on page 1 to help you select the appropriate withholding rate for this payment or distribution. The tables are most accurate if the appropriate amount of tax on all other sources of income, deductions, and credits has been paid through other withholding or estimated tax payments. If the appropriate amount of tax on those sources of income has not been paid through other withholding or estimated tax payments, you can pay that tax through withholding on this payment by entering a rate that is greater than the rate in the Marginal Rate Tables.

The marginal tax rate is the rate of tax on each additional dollar of income you receive above a particular amount of income. You can use the table for your filing status as a guide to find a rate of withholding for amounts above the total income level in the table.

To determine the appropriate rate of withholding from the table, do the following. Step 1: Find the rate that corresponds with your total income not including the payment. Step 2: Add your total income and the taxable amount of the payment and find the corresponding rate.

If these two rates are the same, enter that rate on line 2. (See Example 1 below.)

If the two rates differ, multiply (a) the amount in the lower rate bracket by the rate for that bracket, and (b) the amount in the higher rate bracket by the rate for that bracket. Add these two numbers; this is the expected tax for this payment. To get the rate to have withheld, divide this amount by the taxable amount of the payment. Round up to the next whole number and enter that rate on line 2. (See Example 2 below.)

If you prefer a simpler approach (but one that may lead to overwithholding), find the rate that corresponds to your total income including the payment and enter that rate on line 2.

**Examples.** Assume the following facts for Examples 1 and 2. Your filing status is single. You expect the taxable amount of your payment to be \$20,000. Appropriate amounts have been withheld for all other sources of income and any deductions or credits.

**Example 1.** You expect your total income to be \$65,000 without the payment. Step 1: Because your total income without the payment, \$65,000, is greater than \$63,475 but less than \$118,350, the corresponding rate is 22%. Step 2: Because your total income with the payment, \$85,000, is greater than \$63,475 but less than \$118,350, the corresponding rate is 22%. Because these two rates are the same, enter “22” on line 2.

**Example 2.** You expect your total income to be \$61,000 without the payment. Step 1: Because your total income without the payment, \$61,000, is greater than \$26,925 but less than \$63,475, the corresponding rate is 12%. Step 2: Because your total income with the payment, \$81,000, is

# SPECIAL TAX NOTICE REGARDING PLAN PAYMENTS

## ROLLOVER OPTIONS

You are receiving this notice because all or a portion of a payment that you are eligible to receive from the Plan is eligible to be rolled over to an IRA or an employer plan or because all or a portion of your payment is eligible to be rolled over to a Roth IRA or designated Roth account in an employer plan. This notice is intended to help you decide whether to do such a rollover.

This notice describes the rollover rules that apply to payments from the Plan. Where these rules differ, based on whether the payment is from a designated Roth account or an account that is not a designated Roth account, those differences will be specified in each section of this notice. The "Designated Roth account" sections do not apply if the Plan does not permit designated Roth accounts or if you do not have one.

You may have the right to defer your distribution which is described in the "Right to Defer Distribution" section. Rules that apply to most payments from a plan are described in the "General Information About Rollovers" section. Special rules that only apply in certain circumstances are described in the "Special Rules and Options" section.

### RIGHT TO DEFER DISTRIBUTION

Depending on your vested account balance and the Plan provisions, you may be able to defer distribution of your account. If you are eligible to defer and elect to do so, you may continue to invest your account in the Plan's investment options to the extent permitted by the Plan. By deferring distribution you will have access to investment options that may not be generally available on similar terms outside the Plan. Fees and expenses (including administrative or investment-related fees) outside the Plan may be different than those that apply to your account under the Plan. Refer to the Plan's Summary Plan Description ("SPD") or contact John Hancock at [myplan.johnhancock.com](mailto:myplan.johnhancock.com) or at 888-695-4472 to determine if the option to defer distribution is available to you. Your account will be subject to any restrictions and/or fees disclosed in the SPD, enrollment materials, and any required notices, copies of which you previously received. Additional copies as well as detailed Plan and investment information are available through John Hancock.

### GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT ROLLOVERS

#### How can a rollover affect my taxes?

##### *Not a designated Roth account*

You will be taxed on a payment from the Plan if you do not roll it over. If you are under age 59½ and do not do a rollover, you will also have to pay a 10% additional income tax on early distributions (generally, distributions made before age 59½), unless an exception applies. However, if you do a rollover, you will not have to pay tax until you receive payments later and the 10% additional income tax will not apply if those payments are made after you are age 59½ (or if an exception to the 10% additional income tax applies). If you do a rollover to a Roth IRA, any amounts not previously included in your income will be taxed currently (see the section below titled "If you roll over your payment to a Roth IRA [Not a designated Roth account]").

##### *Designated Roth account*

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

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

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

A qualified distribution from a designated Roth account in the Plan is a payment made after you reach age 59½ (or after your death or disability) and after you have had a designated Roth account in the Plan for at least 5 years. In applying the 5-year rule, you count from January 1 of the year your first

contribution was made to the designated Roth account. However, if you did a direct rollover to a designated Roth account in the Plan from a designated Roth account in another employer plan, your participation will count from January 1 of the year your first contribution was made to the designated Roth account in the Plan or, if earlier, to the designated Roth account in the other employer plan.

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

##### *Not a designated Roth account*

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

##### *Designated Roth account*

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

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

#### How do I do a rollover?

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

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

If you do not do a direct rollover, you may still do a rollover by making a deposit within 60 days based on the rules below:

##### *Not a designated Roth account*

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

##### *Designated Roth account*

You may make a deposit (generally within 60 days) into a Roth IRA, whether the payment is a qualified or nonqualified distribution. In addition, you can do a rollover by making a deposit within 60 days into a designated Roth account in an employer plan if the payment is a nonqualified distribution and the rollover does not exceed the amount of the earnings in the payment. You cannot do a 60-day rollover to an employer plan of any part of a qualified distribution. If you receive a distribution that is a nonqualified distribution and you do not roll over an amount at least equal to the earnings allocable to the

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distribution, you will be taxed on the amount of those earnings not rolled over, including the 10% additional income tax on early distributions if you are under age 59½ (unless an exception applies).

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

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

### How much may I roll over?

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

- Certain payments spread over a period of at least 10 years or over your life or life expectancy (or the joint lives or joint life expectancies of you and your beneficiary);
- Required minimum distributions after age 70½ (if you were born before July 1, 1949), after age 72 (if you were born after June 30, 1949 and before January 1, 1951), after age 73 (if you were born after December 31, 1950), or after death (designated Roth accounts are excluded from required minimum distributions for calendar years after December 31, 2023);
- Hardship distributions;
- Payments of employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) dividends;
- Corrective distributions of contributions that exceed tax law limitations;
- Loans treated as deemed distributions (for example, loans in default due to missed payments before your employment ends);
- Cost of life insurance paid by the Plan;
- Payments of certain automatic enrollment contributions that you request to withdraw within 90 days of your first contribution;
- Amounts treated as distributed because of a prohibited allocation of S corporation stock under an ESOP (also, there generally will be adverse tax consequences if you roll over a distribution of S corporation stock to an IRA); and
- Distributions of certain premiums for health and accident insurance.

Note: Some of the distributions listed above may not be available or applicable under the Plan. The Plan administrator or the payor can tell you what portion of a payment is eligible for rollover.

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

This tax applies to the part of the distribution that you must include in income and is in addition to the regular income tax on the payment (or earnings for a designated Roth account) not rolled over.

#### Not a designated Roth account

If you are under age 59½, you will have to pay the 10% additional income tax on early distributions for any payment from the Plan (including amounts withheld for income tax) that you do not roll over, unless one of the exceptions listed below applies.

#### Designated Roth account

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

Exceptions: The 10% additional income tax does not apply to the following payments from the Plan, provided such payments are available under the Plan. Note: Some of the payments may not be available or applicable under the Plan:

- Payments made after you separate from service if you will be at least age 55 in the year of the separation;
- Payments that start after you separate from service if paid at least annually in equal or close to equal amounts over your life or life expectancy (or the joint lives or joint life expectancies of you and your beneficiary);
- Payments from a governmental plan made after you separate from service if you are a qualified public safety employee and you (1) will be at least age 50 in the year of the separation or (2) have at least 25 years of service under the Plan;
- Payments from a tax-qualified plan or section 403(b) plan made after you separate from service if you are an employee who provides firefighting

services and you (1) will be at least age 50 in the year of separation or (2) have at least 25 years of service under the Plan;

- Payments made due to disability;
- Payments made while you are terminally ill;
- Payments after your death;
- Payments of ESOP dividends;
- Corrective distributions of contributions that exceed tax law limitations;
- Cost of life insurance paid by the Plan;
- Payments made directly to the government to satisfy a federal tax levy;
- Payments made under a qualified domestic relations order (QDRO);
- Payments of up to \$5,000 made to you from a defined contribution plan if the payment is a qualified birth or adoption distribution;
- Payments up to the amount of your deductible medical expenses (without regard to whether you itemize deductions for the taxable year);
- Certain payments made while you are on active duty if you were a member of a reserve component called to duty after September 11, 2001 for more than 179 days;
- Payments of certain automatic enrollment contributions that you request to withdraw within 90 days of your first contribution;
- Payments of up to \$22,000 made in connection with federally-declared disasters; and
- Phased retirement payments made to federal employees (not applicable to designated Roth account).

### If I do a rollover to an IRA, will the 10% additional income tax apply to early distributions from the IRA?

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

- The exceptions for payments after you separate from service if you will be at least age 55 in the year of the separation (or age 50 or following 25 years of service for qualified public safety employees and employees providing firefighting services) do not apply;
- The exception for qualified domestic relations orders (QDROs) does not apply (although a special rule applies under which, as part of a divorce or separation agreement, a tax-free transfer may be made directly to an IRA of a spouse or former spouse); and
- The exception for payments made at least annually in equal or close to equal amounts over a specified period applies without regard to whether you have had a separation from service.

Additional exceptions apply for payments from an IRA, including:

- Payments for qualified higher education expenses;
- Payments up to \$10,000 used in a qualified first-time home purchase;
- Payments for health insurance premiums after you have received unemployment compensation for 12 consecutive weeks (or would have been eligible to receive unemployment compensation but for self-employed status); and
- Payments of net income attributable to an excess IRA contribution made in a calendar year where such amounts are distributed by tax return deadline for the year (including extensions) and no deduction is allowed for the excess contribution.

### If I do a rollover to a Roth IRA, will the 10% additional income tax apply to early distributions from the IRA?

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

- The exceptions for payments made after you separate from service if you will be at least age 55 in the year of separation (or age 50 or following 25 years of service for qualified public safety employees and employees providing firefighting services) do not apply;
- The exception for qualified domestic relations orders (QDROs) does not apply (although a special rule applies under which, as part of a divorce or separation agreement, a tax-free transfer may be made directly to a Roth IRA of a spouse or former spouse); and

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- The exception for payments made at least annually in equal or close to equal amounts over a specified period applies without regard to whether you have had a separation from service.

Additional exceptions apply for payments from a Roth IRA, including:

- Payments for qualified higher education expenses;
- Payments up to \$10,000 used in a qualified first-time home purchase;
- Payments for health insurance premiums after you have received unemployment compensation for 12 consecutive weeks (or would have been eligible to receive unemployment compensation but for self-employed status); and
- Payments of net income attributable to an excess IRA contribution made in a calendar year where such amounts are distributed by tax return deadline for the year (including extensions) and no deduction is allowed for the excess contribution.

## Will I owe State income taxes?

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

## SPECIAL RULES AND OPTIONS

### If your payment includes after-tax contributions

#### *Not a designated Roth account*

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

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

Similarly, if you do a 60-day rollover to an IRA of only a portion of a payment made to you, the portion rolled over consists first of the amount that would be taxable if not rolled over. For example, assume you are receiving a distribution of \$12,000, of which \$2,000 is after-tax contributions, and no part of the distribution is directly rolled over. In this case, if you roll over \$10,000 to an IRA that is not a Roth IRA in a 60-day rollover, no amount is taxable because the \$2,000 amount not rolled over is treated as being after-tax contributions.

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

### If you miss the 60-day rollover deadline

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

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

#### *Not a designated Roth account*

If you do not do a rollover, you can apply a special rule to payments of employer stock (or other employer securities) that are either attributable to

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

#### *Designated Roth account*

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

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

### If you have an outstanding loan that is being offset

If you have an outstanding loan from the Plan, your Plan benefit may be offset by the outstanding amount of the loan, typically when your employment ends. The loan offset amount is treated as a distribution to you at the time of the offset.

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

#### *Not a designated Roth account*

Generally, you may roll over all or any portion of the offset amount. Any offset amount that is not rolled over will be taxed (including the 10% additional income tax on early distributions, unless an exception applies). You may roll over offset amounts to an IRA or an employer plan (if the terms of the employer plan permit the plan to receive plan loan offset rollovers).

#### *Designated Roth account*

Generally, you may roll over all or any portion of the offset amount. If the distribution attributable to the offset is not a qualified distribution and you do not roll over the offset amount, you will be taxed on any earnings included in the distribution (including the 10% additional income tax on the early distributions, unless an exception applies). You may roll over the earnings included in the loan offset to a Roth IRA or designated Roth account in an employer plan (if the terms of the employer plan permit the plan to receive plan loan offset rollovers). You may also roll over the full amount of the offset to a Roth IRA.

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## **If you were born on or before January 1, 1936**

### *Not a designated Roth account*

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

## **If you receive a nonqualified distribution and were born on or before January 1, 1936**

### *Designated Roth account*

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

## **If your payment is from a governmental section 457(b) plan**

If the Plan is a governmental section 457(b) plan, the same rules described elsewhere in this notice generally apply, allowing you to roll over the payment to an IRA or an employer plan that accepts rollovers.

### *Not a designated Roth account*

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

### *Designated Roth account*

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

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

### *Not a designated Roth account*

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

## **If you receive a nonqualified distribution, are an eligible retired public safety officer, and your payment is used to pay for health coverage or qualified long-term care insurance**

### *Designated Roth account*

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

## **If you roll over your payment to a Roth IRA**

### *Not a designated Roth account*

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

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

## **If your Plan permits a rollover to a designated Roth account in the Plan**

### *Not a designated Roth account*

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

If you roll over the payment to a designated Roth account in the Plan, later payments from the designated Roth account that are qualified distributions will not be taxed (including earnings after the rollover). A qualified distribution from a designated Roth account is a payment made both after you are age 59½ (or after your death or disability) and after you have had a designated Roth account in the Plan for at least 5 years. In applying this 5-year rule, you count from January 1 of the year your first contribution was made to the designated Roth account. However, if you made a direct rollover to a designated Roth account in the Plan from a designated Roth account in a plan of another employer, the 5-year period begins on January 1 of the year you made the first contribution to the designated Roth account in the Plan or, if earlier, to the designated Roth account in the plan of the other employer. Payments from the designated Roth account that are not qualified distributions will be taxed to the extent of earnings after the rollover, including the 10% additional income tax on early distributions (unless an exception applies). With respect to taxable years beginning after 2023, you are not required to take required minimum distributions from a designated Roth account during your lifetime.

## **If you are not a Plan participant**

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

**If you are a surviving spouse.** If you receive a payment from the Plan as the surviving spouse of a deceased participant, you have the same rollover options that the participant would have had, as described elsewhere in this notice.

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In addition, if you choose to do a rollover to an IRA, you may treat the IRA as your own or as an inherited IRA.

An IRA you treat as your own is treated like any other IRA of yours, so that payments made to you before you are age 59½ will be subject to the 10% additional income tax on early distributions (unless an exception applies) and required minimum distributions from your IRA do not have to start until after you are age 70½ (if you were born before July 1, 1949), age 72 (if you were born after June 30, 1949, and before January 1, 1951), or after age 73 (if you were born after December 31, 1950).

If you treat the IRA as an inherited IRA, payments from the IRA will not be subject to the 10% additional income tax on early distributions. However, if the participant had started taking required minimum distributions, you will have to receive required minimum distributions from the inherited IRA. If the participant had not started taking required minimum distributions from the Plan, you will not have to start receiving required minimum distributions from the inherited IRA until the year the participant would have been age 70½ (if the participant was born before July 1, 1949), age 72 (if the participant was born after June 30, 1949, and before January 1, 1951), or age 73 (if the participant was born after December 31, 1950).

## *Designated Roth account*

If you choose to do a rollover to a Roth IRA, you may treat the Roth IRA as your own or as an inherited Roth IRA.

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

If you treat the Roth IRA as an inherited Roth IRA, payments from the Roth IRA will not be subject to the 10% additional income tax on early distributions. An inherited Roth IRA is subject to required minimum distributions. If the participant had started taking required minimum distributions from the Plan, you will have to receive required minimum distributions from the inherited Roth IRA. If the participant had not started taking required minimum distributions, you will not have to start receiving required minimum distributions from the inherited Roth IRA until the year the participant would have been age 70½ (if the participant was born before July 1, 1949), age 72 (if the participant was born after June 30, 1949, and before January 1, 1951), or age 73 (if the participant was born after December 31, 1950).

## **If you are a surviving beneficiary other than a spouse.**

### *Not a designated Roth account*

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

### *Designated Roth account*

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

**Payments under a QDRO.** If you are the spouse or former spouse of the participant who receives a payment from the Plan under a QDRO, you generally have the same options and the same tax treatment that the participant would have (for an account that is not a designated Roth account, for example, you may roll over the payment to your own IRA or an eligible employer plan that will accept it; for a designated Roth account, for example, you may roll over the payment to your own Roth IRA or to a designated Roth

account in an eligible employer plan that will accept it). Payments under the QDRO will not be subject to the 10% additional income tax on early distributions.

## **If you are a nonresident alien**

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

## **Other special rules**

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

You may have special rollover rights if you recently served in the U.S. Armed Forces. For more information on special rollover rights related to the U.S. Armed Forces, see IRS Publication 3, *Armed Forces' Tax Guide*. You also may have special rollover rights if you were affected by a federally declared disaster (or similar event), or if you received a distribution on account of a disaster. For more information on special rollover rights related to disaster relief, see the IRS website, at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

### *Not a designated Roth account*

If your payments for the year are less than \$200 (not including payments from a designated Roth account in the Plan), the Plan is not required to allow you to do a direct rollover and is not required to withhold federal income taxes. However, you may do a 60-day rollover.

For Plans with mandatory cash out—Unless you elect otherwise, a mandatory cash out (as described in the Plan's summary plan description (SPD)) will be directly rolled over to an IRA chosen by the plan administrator or the payor. A mandatory cash out is a payment from a plan to a participant made before age 62 (or normal retirement age, if later) and without consent, where the participant's benefit does not exceed \$7,000 ("dollar threshold"). Please refer to the Plan's SPD to determine if the dollar threshold includes any rollover contributions made to your account.

### *Designated Roth account*

If your payments for the year (only including payments from the designated Roth account in the Plan) are less than \$200, the Plan is not required to allow you to do a direct rollover and is not required to withhold for federal income taxes. However, you can do a 60-day rollover.

For Plans with mandatory cash out—Unless you elect otherwise, a mandatory cash out (as described in the Plan's summary plan description (SPD)) will be directly rolled over to a Roth IRA chosen by the plan administrator or the payor. A mandatory cash out is a payment from a plan to a participant made before age 62 (or normal retirement age, if later) and without consent, where the participant's benefit does not exceed \$7,000 ("dollar threshold"). Please refer to the Plan's SPD to determine if the dollar threshold includes any rollover contributions made to your account.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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

