

A guide to your RiverSource Life IRA

IRA Disclosure Statement

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Section 1. Introduction

More information on IRAs is available in Publication 590-A, Contributions to Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs) and Publication 590-B, Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs) from the IRS. Obtain your copy from any IRS district office by calling 800.829.3676 or by going to irs.gov.

Entities

In this disclosure statement, "we," "us," and "our" refer to RiverSource Life Insurance Company (RiverSource Life), RiverSource Life Insurance Co. of New York (RiverSource Life of New York), and/or its subsidiaries. "You" and

"your" refer to the current owner (original or inherited) of a RiverSource Life or RiverSource Life of New York IRA.

IRS approval

As an IRA issuer, we are allowed, but are not required to, approach the IRS for a determination of whether our custodial agreement or annuity contract contains federally require IRA provisions. The annuity contracts issued by us have not been approved as to form by the IRS. IRS approval relates to the form and not the merits of the IRA.

ANNUITIES:

ARE NOT A DEPOSIT OF ANY BANK OR ANY BANK AFFILIATE	ARE NOT FDIC INSURED	ARE NOT INSURED BY ANY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY	ARE NOT BANK GUARANTEED
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Section 2. Right to revoke your IRA

Revocation

You have the right to cancel (revoke) your IRA. Your cancellation is on or before the earlier of seven days after you receive this disclosure statement or seven days after the date you establish your IRA (the date you sign the IRA Application). The cancellation (or free look period) for your annuity contract may be longer. See the terms of your contract.

If you cancel your IRA within this period, we will refund your full contribution, including any sales charges and fees. However, you will not receive any market value gain on your contribution nor will a market loss reduce your refund.

To cancel your IRA, write to us by first-class, certified or registered mail at:

**RiverSource Life Insurance Company
70100 Ameriprise Financial Center
Minneapolis, MN 55474**

Or

**Service address:
RiverSource Life Insurance Co. of New York
70500 Ameriprise Financial Center
Minneapolis, MN 55474**

When writing, be certain that your letter is properly addressed and stamped, and that the postmark and certification or registration dates are within the cancellation period described above.

Section 3. Contributions

This section outlines the rules for funding and making contributions to your IRA. Contributions to your IRA must be made in cash (e.g. bank checks, electronic fund transfers) unless they are transferred or rolled over from another IRA or a Qualified Plan.

Funding your IRA with new contributions

Traditional and Roth IRA

Traditional and Roth contributions for a given tax year must be made by the due date for filing your Federal tax return for that year, not including extensions. If you make a contribution between Jan. 1 and the IRS announced tax filing deadline, you must indicate in writing the tax year to which you would like the contribution applied. In any year, you may make contributions to your traditional or Roth IRA, up to statutory limits, as long as either you or your spouse has earned income equal to or greater than the total you are contributing. You are also eligible to make catch-up contributions beginning in the tax year you turn age 50. Contribution limits apply to the total of all contributions made in all traditional and Roth IRAs owned by each individual. The contribution limit for both traditional and Roth IRAs is \$5,500 in 2016 and 2017. An additional \$1,000 may be contributed if you are age 50 or older.

Traditional IRA

If you are single or if you are married and file a joint income tax return with your spouse and neither you nor your spouse participate in a work place retirement plan, you may make a fully deductible IRA contribution. If either you or your spouse participate in a workplace retirement plan, your ability to make a deductible IRA contribution is limited by your adjusted gross income (AGI) or your joint adjusted gross income if filing jointly with your spouse. To determine the

amount of your deductible contribution, you may refer to IRS Publication 590-A, Contributions to Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs).

You may not make traditional IRA contributions for the year in which you attain age 70½ and subsequent years.

You may make both deductible and nondeductible contributions to your traditional IRA, up to the overall dollar limit for that tax year. You must maintain records of nondeductible contributions to your traditional IRA and file this information with your federal income tax return on IRS Form 8606, Nondeductible IRAs. You must file this form each year you make non-deductible contributions or if you receive a distribution that includes an after-tax portion.

MAGI limits for deductible traditional IRA

Not Covered by Employer Retirement Plan	2016	2017
Married filing jointly - spouse covered by employer plan	\$184,000- \$194,000	\$186,000- \$196,000
Covered by Employer Retirement Plan	2016	2017
Single	\$61,000- \$71,000	\$62,000- \$72,000
Married - Filing Jointly	\$98,000- \$118,000	\$99,000- \$119,000
Married - Filing Separately	\$0-\$10,000	\$0-\$10,000

Roth IRA

Your ability to make a Roth IRA contribution is limited by your Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) or joint MAGI if filing jointly. To determine the amount of your Roth IRA contribution you may refer to IRS Publication 590-A.

MAGI limits for deductible Roth IRA contributions

	2016	2017
Single	\$117,000- \$132,000	\$118,000- \$133,000
Married - Filing Jointly	\$184,000- \$194,000	\$186,000- \$196,000
Married - Filing Separately	\$0-\$10,000	\$0-\$10,000

Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) IRA

Your employer may make a contribution to your SEP IRA according to the plan rules and maximum contribution limits under current law. In addition, you may make traditional IRA contributions to your SEP IRA based on the same rules noted above for a traditional IRA. If you participate in a SAR-SEP IRA plan, you may also be able to make elective salary deferral contributions through payroll deduction (according to plan rules).

SIMPLE IRA

Your employer may make contributions to your SIMPLE IRA according to the plan rules and maximum contribution limits under current law. In addition, you may make elective salary deferral contributions through payroll deduction. You may not place traditional IRA contributions in your SIMPLE IRA.

Funding your traditional IRA through a rollover from another IRA or eligible retirement plan

Generally, you may fund your traditional IRA from another IRA or eligible retirement plan (such as your 401(k), 457 governmental or 403(b) plan). A direct rollover or trustee-to-trustee transfer will not result in a taxable distribution. An indirect rollover, where you first receive the assets from the current IRA or retirement plan, must be applied to the new IRA within 60 days of receipt of the assets. Indirect rollovers between IRAs are limited to once every 12 months.

Funding your Roth IRA through a conversion from another IRA or eligible retirement plan

Generally, you may fund your Roth IRA by directly or indirectly rolling your traditional, SEP or SIMPLE IRA, or other eligible retirement plan into the Roth IRA. When you do that, pre-tax assets rolled from an eligible retirement plan are generally subject to regular income taxes, though early withdrawal penalty taxes do not apply for a rollover to a Roth IRA. Indirect rollovers from non-IRA eligible retirement plans (such as your 401(k), 457 governmental or 403(b) plan) may be subject to mandatory 20% federal income tax withholding. The amount withheld will not be converted to your Roth IRA (unless you separately apply the equivalent amount to your Roth IRA) and may be subject to the IRS 10% early withdrawal penalty if you are

under age 59½. Indirect rollovers from your IRA or other eligible retirement plan to your Roth IRA must be made within 60 days of receipt of the assets.

Distributions not eligible to be rolled over

Distributions that are not eligible to be rolled to an IRA from another IRA or eligible retirement plan include but are not limited to:

- Required minimum distributions (RMDs)
- Substantially equal periodic payments (SEPP)
- Distributions from an inherited IRA owned by a non-spouse Designated Beneficiary, or owned by the recipient of an IRA that had no Designated Beneficiary.
- Returns of excess contributions and excess deferrals
- Loans (exceptions may apply)
- Hardship withdrawals
- Distributions made to an alternate payee other than a spouse or former spouse under a qualified domestic relations order (QDRO)

Excess contributions - traditional and Roth IRA

Traditional, SEP and Roth IRAs

Generally, contribution amounts that exceed the allowable tax limits are considered excess contributions. If you have excess contributions, they must be corrected by your tax filing deadline, including extensions, or they will be subject to a 6% IRS excise (penalty) tax each year the excess remains in your IRA. There are two ways to correct excess contributions:

- **Timely correction.** You can make a timely correction if you withdraw the excess contributions (and any earnings attributable to the excess), before the due date, including extensions, of your federal income tax return for the year excess contributions were made. For that year, if you do not claim a deduction for your excess contribution, you can make a tax-free withdrawal of the excess contributions. Any earnings withdrawn will be subject to income tax and, generally, the IRS 10% early withdrawal penalty tax if you are under age 59½.
- **Late correction.** If you do not correct the excess by your tax filing deadline, including extensions, you can correct the excess in a later year by either withdrawing the excess contribution, excluding any earnings, or by contributing less than the maximum in future years to offset the current year excess. If the excess is in a traditional IRA, and is over the contribution limit any distributions resulting from a late correction are subject to regular income taxes and a 10% early withdrawal penalty if you are under age 59½. This means that you may be taxed twice on the contribution amount and be subject to a penalty.

Recharacterization of Roth or Traditional IRA

Contributions

You can recharacterize all or a portion of your contributions or conversions, including any attributable earnings to a Roth or Traditional IRA, by your tax filing deadline, including extensions. Contributions to a Roth IRA may be recharacterized as traditional IRA contributions, or vice versa, treating the contribution to the original IRA as though it had been made to the subsequent IRA. Amounts converted from an eligible retirement plan to a Roth IRA may be recharacterized as a traditional IRA which essentially treats the assets as if they had been rolled directly into the IRA. If you do this, you cannot reconvert

that amount until the tax year following the tax year of the conversion, or until at least 30 days after the day on which you recharacterized the converted amount back to the IRA, whichever is later.

Annuity premiums

- Your annuity premiums are not fixed.
- Annual premiums on behalf of any individual cannot exceed the annual IRA contribution limit.
- Any refund of premiums will be applied toward the payment of future premiums or the purchase of additional benefits before the close of the calendar year following the year of the refund.

Section 4. Distributions

Distributions from your traditional, SEP and SIMPLE IRA

In general, distributions from these types of IRAs are taxable as regular income for the year in which the distribution occurs unless they are rolled into another IRA or Qualified Plan. See the "Rolling your IRA distribution to a Qualified Plan" section below for more information. The rules and exceptions stated in that section apply to all distributions (including required minimum distributions) except as noted.

Distributions from IRAs do not qualify for capital gains treatment or income averaging under current federal income tax law.

Federal tax withholding

Distributions from your IRA that are non-periodic (e.g. scheduled monthly) may be subject to a 10% federal income withholding tax, which will be withheld from the distribution paid to you unless you make a different election. If you elect no withholding, this may result in underpayment of taxes, and you may be responsible for payment of estimated taxes during the year. You are also permitted to elect to have amounts withheld in excess of 10%

Early withdrawal penalty tax

Your traditional, SEP, SIMPLE or nonqualified Roth IRA distribution is generally subject to a 10% (25% for a SIMPLE IRA within the first two years of ownership) early withdrawal penalty tax, unless the distribution was:

- Made after you reach age 59½
- Made to a beneficiary due to your death
- Made due to disability (As defined under Section 72(m) of the Internal Revenue Code.)
- Part of a scheduled series of substantially equal periodic payments (SEPP) made to you based on your life expectancy or based on the joint life expectancy of you and your beneficiary

- A timely withdrawal of an excess contribution within guidelines discussed under the "Excess contributions" section (above). (Note: Any earnings on excess contributions are not exempt from the 10% early withdrawal penalty)
- Made to pay medical expenses in excess of the deductible amount of your adjusted gross income
- A distribution that qualifies for special disaster relief by the IRS
- A qualified reservist distribution (to a military reservist called up for active duty that meets certain IRS requirements)
- Made to pay an IRS levy
- Made to pay medical insurance premiums while you are unemployed
- Made to pay for qualified higher education
- Made to pay for a qualified first-time home purchase

Rolling your IRA distribution to a Qualified Plan

In general, if the plan accepts rollover contributions, only the taxable portion (the portion that has yet to be taxed) of your IRA (traditional, SEP, SIMPLE) distribution may be rolled to an eligible retirement plan (such as your 401(k), 457 governmental or 403(b) plan). Any amount rolled to such a plan will be considered as coming first from the taxable portion of your IRA. In the event of your death, your spouse may also roll your IRA into his or her eligible retirement plan.

Distributions from your Roth IRA

You may choose to take distributions from your Roth IRA. However, distributions are not required unless you inherited the Roth IRA.

Qualified tax-free distribution

Because contributions to your Roth IRA are made with your already-taxed funds, withdrawals from your Roth IRA are not subject to regular income taxes or penalties. Earnings from your Roth IRA can be distributed as income and penalty tax-free if the distribution meets both of the following requirements:

- (1) The distribution is made after the five-year holding period is satisfied.

AND

- (2) The distribution is made after one of these triggering events:
 - reaching age 59½
 - becoming disabled, (As defined under Section 72(m) of the Internal Revenue Code.)
 - buying a home for the first time
 - your death (the distribution is made to your beneficiaries).

The five-year holding period begins on the first day of the tax year for which a contribution or conversion is applied to any of your Roth IRAs. The five-year holding period is not recalculated at your death but continues through the period that the Roth IRA is held by your beneficiary.

Nonqualified distribution

Any distribution that is not a qualified tax-free distribution is called a nonqualified distribution. The ordering rules and special rules for converted amounts described below apply only to nonqualified distributions. For the purpose of determining the ordering rules, all of your Roth IRA accounts are treated as a single Roth IRA.

Ordering rules

Distributions from your Roth IRAs are withdrawn in the following order from the aggregated amounts:

- (1) Your contributions
- (2) Amounts you converted that were included as income at conversion, on a first-in, first-out basis
- (3) Amounts you converted that were not included as income at conversion, on a first-in, first-out basis
- (4) Earnings on your contributions

Earnings portion of nonqualified distributions

The earnings portion of distributions that do not meet the five-year holding or triggering event rules should be included in your gross income for the year the distribution is made. In addition, these nonqualified earnings may be subject to the 10% early withdrawal penalty tax if you are under age 59½.

Converted amounts

Amounts converted from a traditional, SEP or SIMPLE IRA,

or rolled directly from a Qualified Plan to a Roth IRA, are not taxed as ordinary income upon distribution from the Roth IRA. However, there is a 10% IRS early withdrawal penalty tax on withdrawals of converted amounts that were included as income at the time of the conversion if you make the withdrawal before reaching age 59½ or before the end of the five-year holding period. The five-year holding period for this purpose applies separately to each conversion contribution.

Required minimum distributions (RMDs) for traditional, SEP and SIMPLE IRA owners

The IRS requires you to withdraw a certain minimum amount from your traditional, SEP and SIMPLE IRAs by April 1 following the year you reach age 70½. This amount is called the "required minimum distribution" or RMD. After your first RMD, subsequent distributions must be made by December 31 each year. RMDs must be based on your life expectancy or the joint life expectancy of you and your spouse beneficiary. Failure to withdraw the full amount of the RMD from your IRA may result in a 50% IRS excess accumulation penalty tax on the amount not removed. The RMD rules are complex. You should consult a tax advisor to ensure that you are meeting your RMD obligation for all of your IRAs and Qualified Plans. (Note: RMDs are not required for the original owner of a Roth IRA).

Certain enhanced annuity death benefits and optional living benefit riders may increase the value of your account for the purpose of determining your RMD. Regulations require that the value of these additional annuity benefits be included when calculating the RMD amount. We will send you a letter each January stating the "entire interest" value of the annuity. The "entire interest" value includes the fair market value of the annuity and the actuarial present value (current value of future benefits based on your life expectancy) of any additional annuity benefits.

To satisfy the RMD rules under IRS code 401(a) (9), an annuity payment option must meet the requirements of federal tax law. The annuity payment plans allowed under the terms of your RiverSource annuity contract are designed to meet these requirements. These annuity rules apply at any age.

Annuity RMD payment requirements:

(1) Payments must be periodic (monthly for example) and based on your actuarial life expectancy (or the joint life expectancy of you and the beneficiary of your annuity). Alternatively, the periodic income can be paid using a "period certain" (a fixed number of years) as long as it is for the owner's life (or joint lives of owner and does not exceed the maximum period certain allowed by the IRS; and,

- (2) The interval you choose for your RMD income payments (for example, monthly, quarterly, or annually) cannot exceed one year, and must remain uniform over the entire distributions period, and,
- (3) Once payments have commenced over a period, the period may only be changed if certain requirements are met; and,
- (4) The minimum distribution incidental benefit (MDIB) requirements must be met; and,
- (5) All payments must be non-increasing, except for permitted increases as defined by the IRS.

Distributions from Inherited IRAs and Roth IRAs

An inherited IRA is an IRA that you own as the result of the death of another IRA owner who named you as beneficiary of their IRA or Qualified Plan. Generally, distributions from Inherited IRAs must begin by December 31 following the year of death. Different rules may apply if you are a spouse beneficiary or if the original owner died before reaching their required RMD start date. If an RMD was required for the year the death occurred and the decedent did not take their RMD before they died, you, as the beneficiary(ies),

must satisfy the RMD based on the original owner's life expectancy.

In general, distributions from inherited IRAs are taxable as regular income for the year in which the distributions occur but are not subject to the early withdrawal penalty tax. The description under the "Distributions from your Roth IRA" section above also applies to distributions from your inherited Roth IRA. However, there are some additional rules to be aware of such as how to determine the five-year holding period. Consult your tax advisor.

Please refer to IRS Publication 590-B, Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs) for more information regarding RMDs for IRA beneficiaries.

Additional tax information

You must file IRS Form 5329, Additional Taxes on Qualified Plans (Including IRAs) and Other Tax-Favored Accounts, each year in which you receive a premature distribution, engage in a prohibited transaction, are subject to an excess accumulation penalty for not taking your full RMD for the year or exceed your IRA contribution limit.

Section 5. Investments

Investment restrictions

You cannot invest an IRA in life insurance contracts or collectibles (as defined by the IRS). If your IRA acquires a collectible (such as real estate, antiques, art, coins, etc.), the value of the collectible will be considered a distribution and will be subject to income and penalty taxes, if applicable. RiverSource Life does not accept investments in coins, bullion or real estate because sound custody and valuation is not feasible. In addition, RiverSource Life restricts investments in options to certain types of options.

Prohibited transactions

In general, a prohibited transaction under Section 4975 can occur if you direct the investment of your IRA for your own benefit or the benefit of family members. If you, as original or beneficial owner, engage in a prohibited transaction, your IRA will lose some or all of its tax-favored status, resulting in immediate taxation for the tax year in which the prohibited transaction occurs and may also be subject to the IRS 10% early withdrawal penalty if you are under age 59½. Specifically, under IRS rules, a prohibited transaction is:

- Any direct or indirect sale, exchange or lease of any property between the disqualified person and the IRA;
- Lending of money or other extension of credit between a disqualified person and the IRA;

- Furnishing of goods, services or facilities between a disqualified person and the IRA;
 - Transfer to or use by or for the benefit of the disqualified person, the income or assets of the IRA;
 - Dealing by the disqualified person, who is a fiduciary, with the assets of the IRA in his or her own interest or for his or her own account;
 - Receipt of any consideration for his or her own personal account by any disqualified person, who is a fiduciary, from any party dealing with the IRA in connection with a transaction involving the income or assets of the IRA
- Borrowing from your IRA will result in a taxable distribution of the fair market value of your IRA in the year in which you borrow money from your contract.

Pledging IRA assets as security for a loan

The portion pledged will be considered a taxable distribution and is subject to the early withdrawal penalty, if applicable.

Forfeiture and commingling

Your account and any assets clearly identified as yours are not forfeitable nor can they be commingled with any other client's property except in a common investment fund. Your IRA annuity contract is not transferable to another owner.



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