## MAKE A GIFT WITH YOUR IRA



#### A TAX-SAVING WAY TO HELP WESTERN MISSOURI MEDICAL CENTER

Make a difference today and save on taxes. It's possible when you support the Western Missouri Medical Center through your IRA.

You can give any amount (up to a maximum of \$100,000) per year from your IRA directly to a qualified charity such as Western Missouri Medical without having to pay income taxes on the money. Gifts of any value \$100,000 or less are eligible for this benefit and you can feel good knowing that you are making a difference at WMMC. This popular gift option is commonly called the IRA charitable rollover, but you may also see it referred to as a qualified charitable distribution, or QCD for short.

### WHY CONSIDER THIS GIFT?

- Your gift will be put to use today, allowing you to see the difference your donation is making.
- Beginning in the year you turn 73, you can use your gift to satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution (RMD).
- You pay no income taxes on the gift. The transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you do not itemize your deductions.
- Since the gift doesn't count as income, it can reduce your annual income level. This may help lower your Medicare premiums and decrease the amount of Social Security that is subject to tax.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Can my gift be used as my required minimum distribution under the law?

A. Yes, absolutely. Beginning in the year you turn 73, you can use your gift to satisfy all or part of your RMD. Contact your IRA custodian to complete the gift.

### Q. Do I need to give my entire IRA to be eligible for the tax benefits?

A. No. You can give any amount under this provision, as long as it is \$100,000 or less per year. If your IRA is valued at more than \$100,000, you can transfer a portion of it to fund a charitable gift.

#### Q. I've already named WMMC as the beneficiary of my IRA. What are the benefits if I make a gift now?

A. By making a gift this year of up to \$100,000 from your IRA, you can see your philanthropic dollars at work. You are jump-starting the legacy you would like to leave and giving yourself the joy of watching your philanthropy take shape. Moreover, you can fulfill any outstanding pledge you may have made by transferring that amount from your IRA as long as it is \$100,000 or less for the year.

### Q. I'm turning age 70½ in a few months. Can I make this gift now?

A. No. You must be 70½ by the date you make the gift.

### Q. How do I make a qualified charitable distribution to the WMMC Foundation?

A. You must instruct your IRA trustee to make the contribution directly to Western Missouri Medical Center (Federal tax ID number 44 - 0665266). When the medical center receives the funds, they will write the check over to the WMMC Foundation. In accordance with our 509(a)(3) "supporting organization" status, specific giving methods such as IRA rollovers must be directed by the donor to WMMC instead of the WMMC Foundation.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



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### Q. What if I do not itemize my deductions?

A. For those who don't itemize deduction – If QCDs are used as the funding source for charitable donations, the donor will receive tax benefits when there otherwise would have been none due to the use of the standard deduction.

### Q. I would like to give a larger gift. How to deductibility limits apply?

A. For those who give larger gifts – Deductibility limits do not apply to QCDs, which means the QCD can be made in addition to other charitable contributions that may be limited by the annual maximum deductible percentage of income or phase-outs of itemized deductions.

### Q. I pay taxes on a portion of my Social Security Benefits. How does this affect my taxation?

A. For those who pay taxes on a portion of their Social Security benefits – Income for determining the taxation of Social Security benefits is lower than if the IRA holder had taken the RMD, potentially reducing this taxation.

# Q. My income level subjects me to tax on Net Investment Income, or phase-out of personal exemptions or itemized deductions. How does this affect a gift made to WMMC from my IRA?

A. For those whose income level subjects them to tax on Net Investment Income, or phase-out of personal exemptions or itemized deductions – A QCD made in lieu of an RMD will result in lower adjusted gross income for the IRA holder, which may lessen the effect of this tax or applicable phase-outs.

### Q. When do I need to make my gift?

A. We must receive your gift by Dec. 31 for your donation to qualify this year. If you have check-writing features on your IRA, please be aware that your check must clear your account by Dec. 31 to count toward your required minimum distribution for the calendar year.

# Q. Can I use the transfer to fund life-income gifts like charitable remainder trusts or charitable gift annuities?

A. Yes! If you are  $70\frac{1}{2}$  or older, you may now make a one-time election for a qualified charitable distribution of up to \$50,000 (without being taxed) from your IRA to fund a life-income gift. Some limitations apply, so contact us for more details and a personalized illustration at no obligation.

## Q. I have several retirement accounts—some are pensions and some are IRAs. Does it matter which retirement account I use?

A. Yes. Direct gifts to a qualified charity can be made only from an IRA. Under certain circumstances, however, you may be able to roll assets from a pension, profit sharing, 401(k), or 403(b) plan into an IRA and then make the transfer from the IRA directly to Western Missouri Medical Center. To determine if a rollover to an IRA is available for your plan, speak with your plan administrator.

Charitable contributions made to Western Missouri Medical Center (Federal Tax Identification Number 44-0665266) are receipted by the Western Missouri Medical Center Foundation, a tax-exempt organization under sections 501(c) (3) and 509(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code with Federal Identification Number 43-1463861. Contributions are tax deductible in accordance with state and federal regulations. Please consult with your tax professional if you are contemplating making a charitable gift from your IRA account.