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IRA Beneficiary (and Successor Beneficiary) Requirements

All the options recapped below assume separate accounting is completed by no later than December 31st of the year following the calendar year of IRA owner's death, or the beneficiary is the sole Designated Beneficiary as of September 30th of year following the calendar year of the IRA owner's death.

Beneficiary Type	Traditional, SEP or SIMPLE IRA (IRA Owner's Death Before Required Beginning Date)	Traditional, SEP or SIMPLE IRA (IRA Owner's Death On/After Required Beginning Date)
	OR Roth IRA	
Spouse Beneficiary Move to Own IRA Rather than maintain the inherited IRA funds in an Inherited IRA, a spouse beneficiary may choose to move the inherited IRA	 Move to own IRA, or Maintain Inherited IRA 	
funds to their own IRA through a direct transfer (if eligible) or a rollover.	Spouse Beneficiary Move to Own IRA Rather than maintain the inherited IRA funds in an Inherited IRA, a spouse beneficiary may choose to move the inherited IRA funds to their own IRA	
• Transfer to Own Traditional IRA. The deadline for the spouse beneficiary to transfer the inherited funds to their own Traditional IRA is the later of December 31 of the year following the year of the IRA owner's death, or December 31 of the year the spouse beneficiary attains RMD starting age* (based on the spouse's date of birth).	 Transfer to Own Traditional IRA. The deadline for the spouse beneficiary to transfer the inherited funds to their own Traditional IRA is the later of December 31 of the year following the year of the IRA owner's death, or December 31 of the year the spouse beneficiary attains RMD starting age* (based on the spouse's date of 	
• Spouse Beneficiary Rollover to Own Traditional IRA. The spouse beneficiary may choose to roll over the inherited IRA funds to their own Traditional IRA at any time, so long as rollover eligibility requirements are satisfied including, but not limited to the 12-month IRA-to-IRA rollover restriction.	 Spouse Beneficiary Rollover to Own Traditional IRA. The spouse beneficiary may choose to roll over the inherited IRA funds to their own Traditional IRA at any time, so long as rollover eligibility 	



Note: The RMDs (including hypothetical RMD amounts) are not eligible to be rolled over.

Spouse Beneficiary Maintain Inherited IRA

Option to elect between two distinct distribution options:

- 1) Life Expectancy Payment option, or
- 2) the 10-Year Rule

Beneficiary Option Election Deadline

The deadline for the spouse beneficiary to make the election between the 10-Year Rule and the Life Expectancy Payment option is *the earlier of*

- December 31 of the 10th calendar year following the year of the IRA owner's death, or
- December 31 of the year in which the IRA owner would have attained RMD starting age* (age 72, 73, or 75 depending on their date of birth).

If, however, the IRA owner's death is in the calendar year they attained/would have attained RMD starting age, or in the calendar year immediately following the year they attained RMD starting age, the election deadline for the spouse beneficiary is December 31 of the calendar year following the IRA owner's death.

Life expectancy payments.

Payments begin in the *later of* the calendar year following the IRA owner's death or the calendar year the IRA owner would have attained RMD starting age.*

Payments are calculated each year using the spouse beneficiary's single life expectancy, recalculated.

requirements are satisfied including, but not limited to the 12-month IRA-to-IRA rollover restriction. **Note:** *The RMDs (including hypothetical RMD amounts) are not eligible to be rolled over.*

Spouse Beneficiary Maintain Inherited IRA

Required minimum distributions (RMDs) for years following the year of the IRA owner's death. RMDs must continue in subsequent years, and are calculated using the longer of

- the single life expectancy that corresponds to the age the spouse beneficiary attains on their birthday in the distribution year, or
- the single life expectancy that corresponds to the age the IRA owner attained/would have attained on their birthday in the year their death, reduced by one for each calendar year that has elapsed since the year of the IRA owner's death.

Successor Beneficiary Requirements-

In the year of the spouse beneficiary's death, the successor beneficiary must take a distribution equal to the amount of the spouse beneficiary's required distribution minus any amount withdrawn by the spouse beneficiary in the year of their death.

RMDs for years following the year of the spouse beneficiary's death are determined using **the longer of**

- spouse beneficiary's single life expectancy in the year of the spouse beneficiary's death (nonrecalculated), or
- the single life expectancy of the deceased IRA owner in the year of the IRA owner's death (nonrecalculated).

In addition to withdrawing the RMD each year, the successor beneficiary must deplete the entire Inherited IRA by no later than December 31 of the 10th calendar year following the spouse beneficiary's death, or December 31 of the year in which the spouse beneficiary's life expectancy



10-Year Rule.

The 10-Year Rule option requires depletion of the entire Inherited IRA by the end of the 10th calendar year following the year of the IRA owner's death. Because the IRA owner passed away before their required beginning date or this is a Roth IRA, under the 10-Year Rule, the spouse beneficiary is not required to take distributions during the first 9 years of the 10-year period.

* RMD starting age (based on the IRA owner's date of birth) is

- age 72, for IRA owners born before January 1, 1951,
- age 73, for IRA owners born after December 31, 1950, and before January 1, 1960, or
- age 75, for IRA owners born after December 31, 1959.

Successor Beneficiary Requirements

The distribution requirements applicable to the successor beneficiaries are dependent on the distribution requirements that the original beneficiary was subject (i.e., Life Expectancy Payment option or the 10-Year Rule) to prior to their death.

Life expectancy payment.

In the year of the spouse beneficiary's death, the successor beneficiary must take a payment equal to the amount of the spouse beneficiary's life expectancy payment minus any amount withdrawn by the spouse beneficiary in the year of their death.

In subsequent years, the successor beneficiary is required to withdraw life expectancy payments each year, determined using the spouse beneficiary's single life expectancy in the year of the spouse beneficiary's death (nonrecalculated).

is less than (-1-) (even if the RMD is determined using the deceased IRA owner's life expectancy), if earlier.



	In addition to withdrawing the life expectancy payments each year, the successor beneficiary must deplete the entire Inherited IRA by no later than December 31 of the 10 th calendar year following the spouse beneficiary's death. Note: If the spouse beneficiary died prior to the date life expectancy payments are required to commence, the spouse beneficiary is treated as the IRA owner, and the distribution options for the successor beneficiary are applied as if the deceased spouse beneficiary was the IRA owner.	
	10-Year Rule. The 10-Year Rule requires the successor beneficiary to deplete the entire Inherited IRA by the end of the 10th calendar year following the year of the IRA owner's death.	
Nonspouse Beneficiary Who Qualifies as Eligible	Option to elect between two distinct distribution options: 1) Life Expectancy Payment option, or 2) the 10-Year Rule	Note: Beneficiary(ies) are required to withdraw any outstanding RMD amounts for the year of the IRA owner's year death. The required minimum distributions (RMD) for the calendar year following year of the IRA owner's death, is calculated using the longer of
Designated Beneficiary Due to Disability or Chronic Illness	Beneficiary Option Election Deadline The deadline for the eligible designated beneficiary (nonspouse) to make the election between the 10-Year Rule and Life Expectancy Payment option is December 31 of the calendar year following IRA owner's death.	 the single life expectancy that corresponds to the age the beneficiary attains on their birthday in the calendar year following the year of the IRA owner's death, or the single life expectancy that corresponds to the age of the IRA owner on their birthday in the year of death, reduced by one.
OR Nonspouse Beneficiary Who Qualifies as Eligible	Life expectancy payments — Payments begin in the calendar year following the year of the IRA owner's death.	Once the applicable denominator is determined for the first distribution year, it is reduced by one in each succeeding year. In addition to withdrawing the RMD each year, the beneficiary must deplete the entire Inherited IRA by no later than December 31 of the year in which the beneficiary's life expectancy is less than (-1-) (even if the



Designated
Beneficiary
Due to Their
Date of Birth
Not More
Than 10 Years
After the IRA
Owner's Date
of Birth

Payment for the first distribution year, are determined using the single life expectancy that corresponds to the age the beneficiary attains on their birthday in the calendar year following the year of the IRA owner's death.

Payments for subsequent years are determined by using the beneficiary's single life expectancy (in the year following the year of the IRA owner's death), nonrecalculated.

10-Year Rule.

The 10-Year Rule option requires depletion of the entire Inherited IRA by the end of the 10th calendar year following the year of the IRA owner's death. Because the IRA owner passed away before their required beginning date or this is a Roth IRA, under the 10-Year Rule, the eligible designated beneficiary is not required to take distributions during the first 9 years of the 10-year period.

Successor Beneficiary Requirements

The distribution requirements applicable to the successor beneficiaries are dependent on the distribution requirements that the original beneficiary was subject (i.e., Life Expectancy Payment option or the 10-Year Rule) to prior to their death.

Life expectancy payment.

In the year of the original beneficiary's death, the successor beneficiary must take a payment equal to the amount of the original beneficiary's life expectancy payment minus any amount withdrawn by the original beneficiary in the year of their death.

required distribution is determined using the deceased IRA owner's life expectancy).

Successor Beneficiary Requirements-

In the year of the original beneficiary's death, the successor beneficiary must take a distribution equal to the amount of original beneficiary's required distribution minus any amount withdrawn by the original beneficiary in the year of their death.

RMDs for years following the year of the original beneficiary's death, the successor beneficiary must continue taking the RMDs just as the original beneficiary was required.

In addition to withdrawing the RMD each year, the successor beneficiary must deplete the entire Inherited IRA by no later than December 31 of the 10th calendar year following the year of the original beneficiary's death, or December 31 of the year in which the original beneficiary's life expectancy is less than (-1-) (even if the RMD is determined using the deceased IRA owner's life expectancy), if earlier.



In subsequent years, the successor beneficiary is required to withdraw life expectancy payments each year, just as the original beneficiary would have been required to, if still living.

In addition to withdrawing the life expectancy payments each year, the successor beneficiary must deplete the entire Inherited IRA by no later than December 31 of the 10th calendar year following the original beneficiary's death.

10-Year Rule.

The 10-Year Rule requires the successor beneficiary to deplete the entire Inherited IRA by the end of the 10th calendar year following the year of the IRA owner's death.

Eligible
Designated
Beneficiary
Due to Being
the Minor
Child of IRA
Owner (Child
was not yet
age 21 on
owner's Date
of Death of
IRA Owner,
and is not
disabled or
chronically ill)

Option to elect between two distinct distribution options:

- 1) Life Expectancy Payment option (with a 10-Year Depletion Deadline), or
- 2) the 10-Year Rule

Beneficiary Option Election Deadline

The deadline for the minor child eligible designated beneficiary to make the election between the 10-Year Rule and Life Expectancy Payment option is December 31 of the calendar year following IRA owner's death.

Life expectancy payments –

Payments begin in the calendar year following the year of the IRA owner's death.

Payment for the first distribution year, are determined using the single life expectancy that corresponds to the age the beneficiary attains on their birthday in the calendar year following the year of the IRA owner's death.

Note: Beneficiary(ies) are required to withdraw any outstanding RMD amounts for the year of the IRA owner's year death.

The required minimum distributions (RMD) for the calendar year following year of the IRA owner's death, is calculated using the single life expectancy that corresponds to the age the beneficiary attains on their birthday in the calendar year following the year of the IRA owner's death.

Payments for subsequent years are determined by using the beneficiary's single life expectancy (in the year following the year of the IRA owner's death), nonrecalculated.

In addition to withdrawing the RMD each year, the entire Inherited IRA must be depleted no later than December 31 of the calendar year in which the beneficiary attains age 31.

Successor Beneficiary Requirements-

In the year of the original beneficiary's death, the successor beneficiary must take a distribution equal to the amount of original beneficiary's



Payments for subsequent years are determined by using the beneficiary's single life expectancy (in the year following the year of the IRA owner's death), nonrecalculated.

In addition to withdrawing the life expectancy payments each year, the minor child eligible designated beneficiary must deplete the entire Inherited IRA by no later than December 31 of the year in which they attain age 31.

10-Year Rule.

The 10-Year Rule option requires depletion of the entire Inherited IRA by the end of the 10th calendar year following the year of the IRA owner's death. Because the IRA owner passed away before their required beginning date or this is a Roth IRA, under the 10-Year Rule, the beneficiary is not required to take distributions during the first 9 years of the 10-year period.

Successor Beneficiary Requirements

The distribution requirements applicable to the successor beneficiaries are dependent on the distribution requirements that the original beneficiary was subject (i.e., Life Expectancy Payment option or the 10-Year Rule) to prior to their death.

Life expectancy payment.

In the year of the original beneficiary's death, the successor beneficiary must take a payment equal to the amount of the original beneficiary's life expectancy payment minus any amount withdrawn by the original beneficiary in the year of their death.

required distribution minus any amount withdrawn by the original beneficiary in the year of their death.

RMDs for years following the year of the original beneficiary's death, the successor beneficiary must continue taking the RMDs just as the original beneficiary was required.

In addition to withdrawing RMDs each year, the successor must deplete the entire Inherited IRA no later than December 31 of the year in which the original beneficiary would have attained age 31, or December 31 of the 10th calendar year following the original beneficiary's death, if earlier.



In subsequent years, the successor beneficiary is required to withdraw life expectancy payments each year, just as the original beneficiary would have been required to, if still living.

In addition to withdrawing the life expectancy payments each year, the successor must deplete the entire Inherited IRA no later than December 31 of the year in which the original beneficiary would have attained age 31, or December 31 of the 10th calendar year following the original beneficiary's death, if earlier.

10-Year Rule.

The 10-Year Rule requires the successor beneficiary to deplete the entire Inherited IRA by the end of the 10th calendar year following the year of the IRA owner's death.

Noneligible Designated Beneficiary

10-Year Rule.

The 10-Year Rule option requires depletion of the entire Inherited IRA by the end of the 10th calendar year following the year of the IRA owner's death. Because the IRA owner passed away before their required beginning date or this is a Roth IRA, under the 10-Year Rule, the beneficiary is not required to take distributions during the first 9 years of the 10-year period.

Successor Beneficiary Requirements 10-Year Rule.

The 10-Year Rule requires the successor beneficiary to deplete the entire Inherited IRA by the end of the 10th calendar year following the year of the IRA owner's death. **Note:** Beneficiary(ies) are required to withdraw any outstanding RMD amounts for the year of the IRA owner's year death.

The required minimum distributions (RMD) for the calendar year following year of the IRA owner's death, is calculated using the single life expectancy that corresponds to the age the beneficiary attains on their birthday in the calendar year following the year of the IRA owner's death.

RMDs for subsequent years are determined by using the beneficiary's single life expectancy (in the year following the year of the IRA owner's death), nonrecalculated.

In addition to withdrawing the RMD each year, the beneficiary must deplete the entire Inherited IRA by no later than December 31 of the 10th calendar year following the year of the IRA owner's death.

Successor Beneficiary Requirements-



		In the year of the original beneficiary's death, the successor beneficiary must take a distribution equal to the amount of original beneficiary's required distribution minus any amount withdrawn by the original beneficiary in the year of their death.
		RMDs for years following the year of the original beneficiary's death, the successor beneficiary must continue taking the RMDs just as the original beneficiary was required.
		<i>In addition to withdrawing the RMD each year,</i> the successor beneficiary must deplete the entire Inherited IRA by no later than December 31 of the 10 th calendar year following the year of the IRA owner's death.
Nonperson	5-Year Rule.	Note: Beneficiary(ies) are required to withdraw any outstanding RMD
Beneficiary	The 5-Year Rule requires depletion of the entire Inherited I IRA	amounts for the year of the IRA owner's year death.
(includes	by the end of the 5 th calendar year following the year of the IRA	
nonqualified	owner's death. The beneficiary may but is not required to take	The required minimum distributions (RMD) for the calendar year
trusts (i.e.,	distributions during the first 4 years of the 5-year period.	following year of the IRA owner's death is calculated using the single life
trusts that are		expectancy that corresponds to the age the life expectancy that
not qualified	Note : Pursuant to the CARES Act, in scenarios in which	corresponds to the age the IRA owner attained/would have attained on
see-through	an IRA owner died before January 1, 2020, 2020 is not to be	their birthday in the year of their death, reduced by one.
trusts),	counted in the 5-year period that determines the deadline for	PARDs for subsequent vegue are determined by uning the IDA owner's
estates, and other entities	an IRA beneficiary to deplete an inherited IRA under the 5-year rule. Effectively, such beneficiaries have a 6- year period rather	RMDs for subsequent years are determined by using the IRA owner's single life expectancy that corresponds to the age the IRA owner
other entities	than a 5-year period to deplete the Inherited IRA.	attained/would have attained on their birthday in the year of their death, reduced by one for each year since the year of death.
Qualified See-	Distribution requirements are dependent on the underlying	Note: Beneficiary(ies) are required to withdraw any outstanding RMD
Through	trust beneficiaries that must be considered. Consulting clients	amounts for the year of the IRA owner's year death.
Trusts	call for trust guidance.	
(Including		Distribution requirements are dependent on the underlying trust
Applicable	Note: Due to the complexity of determining which underlying	beneficiaries that must be considered. Consulting clients call for trust
Multi-	trust beneficiaries must be considered, trustees of a trust	guidance.



Beneficiary named as an IRA beneficiary are strongly encouraged to seek **Note:** Due to the complexity of determining which underlying trust Trusts) assistance from a competent tax or legal advisor. beneficiaries must be considered, trustees of a trust named as an IRA beneficiary are strongly encouraged to seek assistance from a competent tax or legal advisor. Nonspouse Option to elect between two distinct distribution options: **Note:** Beneficiary(ies) are required to withdraw any outstanding RMD Beneficiary 1) Life Expectancy Payments, or amounts for the year of the IRA owner's year death. Death of IRA 2) the 5-Year Rule **Owner Before** The required minimum distributions (RMD) for the calendar year following year of the IRA owner's death, is calculated using the longer of 2020 **Beneficiary Option Election Deadline** The deadline for the minor child eligible designated beneficiary to make the election between the 5-Year Rule • the single life expectancy that corresponds to the age the beneficiary and Life Expectancy Payment options is December 31 of the attains on their birthday in the calendar year following the year of the calendar year following IRA owner's death. IRA owner's death, or • the single life expectancy that corresponds to the age of the IRA owner Life expectancy payments on their birthday in the year of death, reduced by one. **Payments begin** in the calendar year following the year of the Once the applicable denominator is determined for the first distribution IRA owner's death. year, it is reduced by one in each succeeding year. **Payment for the first distribution year,** are determined using the single life expectancy that corresponds to the age the In addition to withdrawing the RMD each year, the beneficiary must beneficiary attains on their birthday in the calendar year deplete the entire Inherited IRA by no later than December 31 of the year following the year of the IRA owner's death. in which the beneficiary's life expectancy is less than (-1-) (even if the required distribution is determined using the deceased IRA owner's life Payments for subsequent years are determined by using the expectancy). beneficiary's single life expectancy (in the year following the year of the IRA owner's death), nonrecalculated. **Successor Beneficiary Requirements-**5 Year Rule. *In the year of the original beneficiary's death*, the successor beneficiary must take a distribution equal to the amount of original beneficiary's The 5-Year Rule option requires depletion of the entire required distribution minus any amount withdrawn by the original Inherited IRA by the end of the 5th calendar year following the year of the IRA owner's death. The beneficiary is not required beneficiary in the year of their death.



to take distributions during the first 4 years of the 5-year period.

Note: Pursuant to the CARES Act, in scenarios in which an IRA owner died before January 1, 2020, 2020 is not to be counted in the 5-year period that determines the deadline for an IRA beneficiary to deplete an inherited IRA under the 5-year rule. Effectively, such beneficiaries have a 6- year period rather than a 5-year period to deplete the Inherited IRA.

Successor Beneficiary Requirements

The distribution requirements applicable to the successor beneficiaries are dependent on the distribution requirements that the original beneficiary was subject (i.e., Life Expectancy Payment option or the 5-Year Rule) to prior to their death.

Life expectancy payment.

In the year of the original beneficiary's death, the successor beneficiary must take a payment equal to the amount of the original beneficiary's life expectancy payment minus any amount withdrawn by the original beneficiary in the year of their death.

In subsequent years, the successor beneficiary is required to withdraw life expectancy payments each year, just as the original beneficiary would have been required to, if still living.

When the original beneficiary dies in 2020 or later, in addition to withdrawing the life expectancy payments each year, the successor must deplete the entire Inherited IRA no later than December 31 of the 10th calendar year following the original beneficiary's death.

RMDs for years following the year of the original beneficiary's death, the successor beneficiary must continue taking the RMDs just as the original beneficiary was required.

In addition to withdrawing the RMD each year, the successor beneficiary must deplete the entire Inherited IRA by no later than December 31 of the 10th calendar year following the year of the original beneficiary's death, or December 31 of the year in which the original beneficiary's life expectancy is less than (-1-) (even if the RMD is determined using the deceased IRA owner's life expectancy), if earlier.



5-Year Rule.

The 5-Year Rule requires the successor beneficiary to deplete the entire Inherited IRA by the end of the 5th calendar year following the year of the IRA owner's death.

Note: Pursuant to the CARES Act, in scenarios in which an IRA owner died before January 1, 2020, 2020 is not to be counted in the 5-year period that determines the deadline for an IRA beneficiary to deplete an inherited IRA under the 5-year rule. Effectively, such beneficiaries (including successor beneficiaries) have a 6-year period rather than a 5-year period to deplete the Inherited IRA.

Spouse Beneficiary Death of IRA Owner Before 2020

- Move to own IRA, or
- Maintain Inherited IRA

Spouse Beneficiary Move to Own IRA

Rather than maintain the inherited IRA funds in an Inherited IRA, a spouse beneficiary may choose to move the inherited IRA funds to their own IRA through a direct transfer or a rollover.

- Transfer to Own Traditional IRA. Further guidance is needed to know for certain if the deadline, as proposed in the proposed RMD regulations, for a spouse to transfer IRA funds to their own IRA is applicable to scenarios where the IRA owner died before 2020.
- Spouse Beneficiary Rollover to Own Traditional IRA. The spouse beneficiary may choose to roll over the inherited IRA funds to their own Traditional IRA at any time, so long as rollover eligibility requirements are satisfied including, but

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not limited to the 12-month IRA-to-IRA rollover restriction. **Note:** *The RMDs are not eligible to be rolled over.*

Spouse Beneficiary Maintain Inherited IRA

Option to elect between two distinct distribution options:

- 1) Life Expectancy Payment option, or
- 2) the 5-Year Rule

Beneficiary Option Election Deadline

The deadline for the spouse beneficiary to make the election between the 5-Year Rule and Life Expectancy Payment option is *the earlier of*

- December 31 of the 5th calendar year following the year of the IRA owner's death, or
- December 31 of the year in which the IRA owner would have attained RMD starting age* (age 72, 73, or 75 depending on their date of birth).

If, however, the IRA owner's death is in the calendar year they attained/would have attained RMD starting age, or in the calendar year immediately following the year they attained RMD starting age, the election deadline for the spouse beneficiary is December 31 of the calendar year following the IRA owner's death.

Life expectancy payments -

Payments begin in the *later of* the calendar year following the IRA owner's death or the calendar year the IRA owner would have attained RMD starting age.*

Payments are calculated each year using the spouse beneficiary's single life expectancy, recalculated.

requirements are satisfied including, but not limited to the 12-month IRA-to-IRA rollover restriction. **Note:** *The RMDs are not eligible to be rolled over.*

Spouse Beneficiary Maintain Inherited IRA

Required minimum distributions (RMDs) for years following the year of the IRA owner's death. RMDs must continue in subsequent years, and are calculated using the longer of

- the single life expectancy that corresponds to the age the spouse beneficiary attains on their birthday in the distribution year, or
- the single life expectancy that corresponds to the age the IRA owner attained/would have attained on their birthday in the year their death, reduced by one for each calendar year that has elapsed since the year of the IRA owner's death.

Successor Beneficiary Requirements-

In the year of the spouse beneficiary's death, the successor beneficiary must take a distribution equal to the amount of the spouse beneficiary's required distribution minus any amount withdrawn by the spouse beneficiary in the year of their death.

RMDs for years following the year of the spouse beneficiary's death are determined using **the longer of**

- spouse beneficiary's single life expectancy in the year of the spouse beneficiary's death (nonrecalculated), or
- the single life expectancy of the deceased IRA owner in the year of the IRA owner's death (nonrecalculated).

In addition to withdrawing the RMD each year, the successor beneficiary must deplete the entire Inherited IRA by no later than December 31 of the 10th calendar year following the spouse beneficiary's death, or December 31 of the year in which the spouse beneficiary's life expectancy



5 Year Rule.

The 5-Year Rule option requires depletion of the entire Inherited IRA by the end of the 5th calendar year following the year of the IRA owner's death. The beneficiary is not required to take distributions during the first 4 years of the 5-year period.

Note: Pursuant to the CARES Act, in scenarios in which an IRA owner died before January 1, 2020, 2020 is not to be counted in the 5-year period that determines the deadline for an IRA beneficiary to deplete an inherited IRA under the 5-year rule. Effectively, such beneficiaries have a 6- year period rather than a 5-year period to deplete the Inherited IRA.

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- age 72, for IRA owners born before January 1, 1951,
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Successor Beneficiary Requirements

The distribution requirements applicable to the successor beneficiaries are dependent on the distribution requirements that the spouse beneficiary was subject (i.e., Life Expectancy Payment option or the 5-Year Rule) to prior to their death.

Life expectancy payment.

In the year of the spouse beneficiary's death, the successor beneficiary must take a payment equal to the amount of the original beneficiary's life expectancy payment minus any is less than (-1-) (even if the RMD is determined using the deceased IRA owner's life expectancy), if earlier.



amount withdrawn by the spouse beneficiary in the year of their death.

In subsequent years the successor beneficiary is required to withdraw life expectancy payments each year, determined using the spouse beneficiary's single life expectancy in the year of the spouse beneficiary's death (nonrecalculated).

When the original beneficiary dies in 2020 or later, in addition to withdrawing the life expectancy payments each year, the successor must deplete the entire Inherited IRA no later than December 31 of the 10th calendar year following the spouse beneficiary's death.

Note: If the spouse beneficiary died prior to the date life expectancy payments are required to commence, the spouse beneficiary is treated as the IRA owner, and the distribution options for the successor beneficiary are applied as if the deceased spouse beneficiary was the IRA owner.

5-Year Rule.

The 5-Year Rule requires the successor beneficiary to deplete the entire Inherited IRA by the end of the 5th calendar year following the year of the IRA owner's death.

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