

**HARDSHIP DISTRIBUTION  
INTERIM AMENDMENT**

**ARTICLE I  
PURPOSE OF INTERIM AMENDMENT**

- 1.01 Adoption by Pre-Approved Plan Provider.** Pursuant to Revenue Procedures 2015-36 and 2017-41 (as applicable) and Section 14.01(a) of the Plan, the Plan is being amended by the Prototype and/or Volume Submitter Sponsor (hereinafter referred to as the Pre-Approved Plan Provider) on behalf of all adopting Employers. This Hardship Distribution Interim Amendment is intended to qualify as a good-faith amendment to document the Plan's compliance with the final regulations relating to Hardship distributions issued on September 23, 2019 (84 Fed. Reg. 49651) (hereinafter referred to as the Final Regulations). A copy of this amendment will be provided to all adopting Employers and made a part of their Plans.
- 1.02 Application.** This Hardship Distribution Interim Amendment supersedes any contrary provisions under the Plan. **Unless the Employer wishes to override the pre-selected elections (Defaults), if any, made by the Pre-Approved Plan Provider as indicated in the Hardship Distribution Interim Amendment Elective Provisions (Elective Provisions),** no signature is required by the Employer to adopt this Hardship Distribution Interim Amendment. This Hardship Distribution Interim Amendment applies to the signatory Employer and any other Participating Employers of the Plan.

**ARTICLE II  
AMENDMENTS RELATING TO THE FINAL REGULATIONS ON HARDSHIP DISTRIBUTIONS**

- 2.01 In General.** The Internal Revenue Service has issued Final Regulations that amend the rules relating to Hardship distributions from the Plan. These Final Regulations may affect certain Plan provisions. This Hardship Distribution Interim Amendment sets forth the provisions of the Final Regulations and their application to the Plan by amending Section 8.10(e) of the Plan (Section 7.10(e) of the Governmental Plan), and providing appropriate Elective Provisions. The Plan Administrator shall administer the provisions of this Hardship Distribution Interim Amendment, and its Elective Provisions, consistent with a good-faith interpretation of the requirements of the Final Regulations as set forth under Treas. Reg. §§1.401(k)-1, 1.401(k)-3 and 1.401(m)-3, as amended.
- 2.02 Applicability Dates.** Except as otherwise provided in this Hardship Distribution Interim Amendment, and its Elective Provisions, the Final Regulations and this Hardship Distribution Interim Amendment apply to Hardship distributions made on or after January 1, 2020. For Hardship distributions made before January 1, 2020, the rules applicable to Hardship distributions prior to the Final Regulations apply, unless the Employer elects earlier application as permitted under subsections (a) and (b) below.
- (a) **Options for earlier application.** If elected under the Elective Provisions, the provisions of this Hardship Distribution Interim Amendment may be applied to distributions made in Plan Years beginning after December 31, 2018. The Employer may elect to apply the prohibition on the suspension of Salary Deferrals and After-Tax Employee Contributions as of the first day of the first Plan Year beginning after December 31, 2018, even if the Hardship distribution was made in a prior year. In addition, the Employer may operationally apply the revised deemed immediate and heavy financial need expenses under Section 8.10(e)(1) of the Plan (Section 7.10(e)(1) of the Governmental Plan), as amended by this Hardship Distribution Interim Amendment, to distributions made on or after a date as early as January 1, 2018.
- (b) **Certain rules optional in 2019.** If, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.02(a) of this Hardship Distribution Interim Amendment, the Employer applies certain Hardship distribution provisions to distributions made before January 1, 2020, then the Employer may disregard the rules relating to the employee representation, as described under Section 8.10(e)(3)(ii)(B) of the Plan (Section 7.10(e)(3)(ii)(B) of the Governmental Plan), as amended by this Hardship Distribution Interim Amendment, and the rules prohibiting the suspension of contributions, as described under Section 8.10(e)(3)(iii) of the Plan (Section 7.10(e)(3)(iii) of the Governmental Plan), as amended by this Hardship Distribution Interim Amendment, to such distributions.
- (c) **2020 effective date for employee representations and suspension prohibition.** In any event, the rules relating to the employee representation, as described under Section 8.10(e)(3)(ii)(B) of the Plan (Section 7.10(e)(3)(ii)(B) of the Governmental Plan), as amended by this Hardship Distribution Interim Amendment, and the rules prohibiting the suspension of contributions, as described under Section 8.10(e)(3)(iv) of the Plan (Section 7.10(e)(3)(iv) of the Governmental Plan), as amended by this Hardship Distribution Interim Amendment, are formally made effective for Hardship distributions made on or after January 1, 2020.
- 2.03 Amendment of Section 8.10(e) of the Plan (Section 7.10(e) of the Governmental Plan).** Section 8.10(e) of the Plan (Section 7.10(e) of the Governmental Plan) is deleted and replaced with the following:

(e) **Hardship distribution.** The Employer may elect under AA §10-1 or AA §10-2 of the Profit Sharing/401(k) Plan Adoption Agreement or under Section HD-1 of the Elective Provisions to authorize an in-service distribution upon the occurrence of Hardship. A distribution is made on account of Hardship only if the distribution both is made on account of an immediate and heavy financial need and is necessary to satisfy the financial need.

(1) **Deemed immediate and heavy financial need.** A distribution is deemed to be made on account of an immediate and heavy financial need of the Employee if the distribution satisfies one of the following needs:

- (i) Expenses incurred or necessary for medical care (as described in Code §213(d)) of the Participant, the Participant's Spouse or dependents (determined without regard to whether the expenses exceed 7.5% of adjusted gross income);
- (ii) Costs directly related to the purchase (excluding mortgage payments) of a principal residence for the Participant;
- (iii) Payment of tuition, related educational fees and room and board for up to the next 12 months of post-secondary education for the Participant, the Participant's Spouse, children or dependents;
- (iv) Payments necessary to prevent the eviction of the Participant from, or a foreclosure on the mortgage of, the Participant's principal residence;
- (v) Payments for funeral or burial expenses for the Participant's deceased parent, Spouse, child or dependent;
- (vi) Expenses for the repair of damage to the Participant's principal residence that would qualify for the casualty deduction under Code §165 (determined without regard to Code §165(h)(5) and whether the loss exceeds 10% of adjusted gross income);
- (vii) Expenses and losses (including loss of income) incurred by the Participant on account of a disaster declared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Pub. L. 100-707, provided that the Participant's principal residence or principal place of employment at the time of the disaster was located in an area designated by FEMA for individual assistance with respect to the disaster; or
- (viii) for any other event that the IRS recognizes as a deemed immediate and heavy financial need Hardship distribution event under ruling, notice or other guidance of general applicability.

For purposes of determining eligibility for a Hardship distribution under this subsection (1), a dependent is determined under Code §152. However, the determination of dependent for purposes of tuition and related educational fees under subsection (iii) above will be made without regard to Code §§152(b)(1), (b)(2), and (d)(1)(B) and the determination of dependent for purposes of funeral or burial expenses under subsection (v) above will be made without regard to Code §152(d)(1)(B).

A Participant must provide the Plan Administrator with a written request for a Hardship distribution. The Plan Administrator may require written documentation, as it deems necessary, to sufficiently document the existence of a proper Hardship event.

(2) **Non-deemed immediate and heavy financial need.** The Employer may elect under in the Profit Sharing/401(k) Plan Adoption Agreement to permit Participants to take a Hardship distribution without satisfying one of the needs in subsection (1) above by setting forth nondiscriminatory and objective standards under AA §10-3(f).

(3) **Distribution necessary to satisfy financial need.**

- (i) **Distribution may not exceed amount of need.** A distribution is treated as necessary to satisfy an immediate and heavy financial need of an Employee only to the extent the amount of the distribution is not in excess of the amount required to satisfy the financial need (including any amounts necessary to pay any federal, state, or local income taxes or penalties reasonably anticipated to result from the distribution).
- (ii) **No alternative means reasonably available.** A distribution is not treated as necessary to satisfy an immediate and heavy financial need of an employee unless each of the following requirements is satisfied:

- (A) The Employee has obtained all other currently available distributions (including distributions of ESOP dividends under Code §404(k), but not Hardship distributions) under the Plan and all other plans of deferred compensation, whether qualified or nonqualified, maintained by the Employer;
  - (B) The Employee has provided to the Plan Administrator a representation in writing (including the use of an electronic medium as defined in Treas. Reg. §1.401(a)-21(e)(3)), or in such other form as may be prescribed by the IRS, that he or she has insufficient cash or other liquid assets reasonably available to satisfy the need; and
  - (C) The Plan Administrator does not have actual knowledge that is contrary to the representation.
- (iii) **Additional conditions.** The Plan generally may provide for additional conditions to demonstrate that a distribution is necessary to satisfy an immediate and heavy financial need of an employee. For example, a plan may provide that, before a Hardship distribution may be made, an Employee must obtain all nontaxable loans (determined at the time a loan is made) available under the Plan and all other plans maintained by the Employer.
- (iv) **No suspensions allowed for Hardship distributions made on or after January 1, 2020.** The Plan may not provide for a suspension of an Employee's Salary Deferrals or After-Tax Employee Contributions under any plan described in Code §§401(a) or 403(a), any Code §403(b) plan, or any eligible governmental plan described in Treas. Reg. §1.457-2(f) as a condition of obtaining a Hardship distribution for Hardship distributions made on or after January 1, 2020.
- (4) **Sources for Hardship distributions.** For Plan Years beginning after December 31, 2018 (or such later date specified under the AA §10-1 or under §HD-1(a) and/or (b) of Elective Provisions, the Employer may permit Hardship distributions from the vested portion of a Participant's Employer Contribution Account, Matching Contribution Account, Pre-Tax Salary Deferral Account, Roth Deferral Account, Qualified Nonelective Employer Contribution (QNEC) Account, Qualified Matching Contribution (QMAC) Account, Safe Harbor Employer Contribution Account, Safe Harbor Matching Contribution Account, QACA Safe Harbor Contribution Account and QACA Safe Harbor Matching Contribution Account. The Hardship distribution may include earnings on these Accounts, regardless of when amounts were contributed or earned. The Employer may designate the Accounts (including earnings) from which a Participant may receive a Hardship distribution under §HD-1 of the Elective Provisions. The Plan Administrator may adopt distribution ordering rules consistent with the sources available for Hardship distributions under separate administrative procedures. This subsection (4) supersedes any contrary provisions under the Plan, including any provision that limits the sources for Hardship distribution.
- (5) **Availability to terminated Employees.** If a Hardship distribution is permitted under AA §10-1 or AA §10-2 or under §HD-1 of the Hardship Distribution Interim Amendment, a Participant may take such a Hardship distribution after termination of employment to the extent no other distribution is available from the Plan.
- (6) **Application of Hardship distributions rules with respect to primary beneficiaries.** If elected under AA §10-3(e) of the Profit Sharing/401(k) Plan, if the Plan otherwise permits Hardship distributions based on the deemed immediate and heavy needs under subsection 1(i) (medical expenses), (1)(iii) (educational expenses) or (1)(v) (funeral expenses) above, the existence of an immediate and heavy financial need may be determined with respect to a primary beneficiary under the Plan. For this purpose, a primary beneficiary is an individual who is named as a beneficiary under the Plan and has an unconditional right to all or a portion of a Participant's Account Balance upon the death of the Participant. Any Hardship distribution with respect to a primary beneficiary must satisfy all the other requirements applicable to Hardship distributions under Section 8.10(e) of the Plan (Section 7.10(e) of the Governmental Plan), as amended by this Hardship Distribution Interim Amendment.

### ARTICLE III RELIEF FOR VICTIMS OF CERTAIN QUALIFIED NATURAL DISASTERS

- 3.01 **Relief for Victims of Certain Qualified Natural Disasters.** Notwithstanding other provisions of the Plan, the Employer may operate the Plan to provide relief from certain qualification rules relating to Hardship distributions and loans for Participants who are victims of certain Qualified Natural Disasters, as set forth under applicable IRS or legislative guidance.
- 3.02 **Qualified Natural Disasters.** For purposes of this section, Qualified Natural Disasters, in addition to the Qualified Natural Disasters listed under the 2017 Pre-Approved Defined Contribution Plan Interim Amendment previously adopted by the Pre-

Approved Plan Provider, include Hurricane Michael and Hurricane Florence, as provided under the preamble to the Final Regulations.

**3.03 General Rules.** If the Employer and the Plan Administrator make good-faith efforts to apply the Plan provisions in conformance with the relief provided under applicable guidance, the Plan will not be treated as failing to satisfy the requirements of the Code or regulations. In general, the following rules apply:

- (a) In order to make a loan or distribution (including a Hardship distribution), the Plan must provide for loans or distributions, as applicable.
- (b) Participants (victims) for whom the relief is available are determined under the appropriate IRS or legislative guidance.
- (c) The amount available for Hardship distribution is limited to the maximum amount that would be available for a Hardship distribution under the Plan. However, the relief provided applies to any Hardship distribution of the Participant and no post-distribution contribution restrictions apply.
- (d) To qualify for relief under this section, a Hardship distribution must be made on account of a Hardship resulting from the applicable Qualified Natural Disaster and within the time frame provided under the applicable guidance relating to the Qualified Natural Disaster.
- (e) The Plan will not be treated as failing to follow Plan procedural requirements for loans or distributions during the periods provided under guidance relating to the applicable Qualified Natural Disaster, which for Hurricane Michael and Hurricane Florence ended on March 15, 2019.

**INTERIM AMENDMENT - HARDSHIP DISTRIBUTION  
ELECTIVE PROVISIONS**

These Elective Provisions provide for elections as allowed by the Final Regulations and this Hardship Distribution Interim Amendment. In some cases, the Pre-Approved Plan Provider has Defaults as indicated by the items marked as Default under these Elective Provisions. If the adopting Employer approves of the Defaults of the Pre-Approved Plan Provider, the adopting Employer does not need to execute the Hardship Distribution Interim Amendment. If the adopting Employer wishes to override any of the Defaults of the Pre-Approved Plan Provider, the adopting Employer should make the appropriate election(s) in the Elective Provisions below and sign the Hardship Distribution Interim Amendment. If the Plan does not permit Hardship distributions, no elections should be made below.

**HD-1 SOURCES FOR HARDSHIP DISTRIBUTIONS**

(a) **Source accounts (not including earnings).** For Plan Years beginning after December 31, 2018 (or such later date specified under HD-1(a)(8) or HD-1(a)(9) below or the effective date of a new Plan), a Participant may take an in-service distribution upon the occurrence of a Hardship that satisfies the Hardship distribution rules under Section 8.10(e) of the Plan (Section 7.10(e) of the Governmental Plan), as amended by this interim amendment, with respect to the following sources:

- (1) No change to current Plan sources available for Hardship distributions under AA §§10-1 and 10-2.
- (2) Qualified Nonelective Contribution (QNEC) Account (Not applicable to 401(a) Governmental Plans)
- (3) Qualified Matching Contribution (QMAC) Account (Not applicable to 401(a) Governmental Plans)
- (4) Safe Harbor Employer Contribution Account (Not applicable to 401(a) Governmental Plans)
- (5) Safe Harbor Matching Contribution Account (Not applicable to 401(a) Governmental Plans)
- (6) QACA Safe Harbor Employer Contribution Account (Not applicable to 401(a) Governmental Plans)
- (7) QACA Safe Harbor Matching Contribution Account (Not applicable to 401(a) Governmental Plans)
- (8) Effective date is January 1, 2020, whether Plan has a calendar or fiscal Plan Year.
- (9) Describe effective date (if later than the beginning of the Plan Year beginning after December 31, 2018) for which the election(s) above apply: \_\_\_\_\_

(b) **Earnings on source accounts.** For Plan Years beginning after December 31, 2018 (or such later date specified below or the effective date of a new Plan), amounts available for Hardship distributions include earnings on the following available sources:

- (1) Amounts available for Hardship include earnings on all available sources.
- (2) No change to current Plan rule (i.e., earnings are not available on Salary Deferrals, except for those on grandfathered (pre-1989) earnings, if applicable).
- (3) Pre-Tax Salary Deferral Account
- (4) Roth Deferral Account
- (5) Qualified Nonelective Contribution (QNEC) Account (Not applicable to 401(a) Governmental Plans)
- (6) Qualified Matching Contribution (QMAC) Account (Not applicable to 401(a) Governmental Plans)
- (7) Safe Harbor Employer Contribution Account (Not applicable to 401(a) Governmental Plans)
- (8) Safe Harbor Matching Contribution Account (Not applicable to 401(a) Governmental Plans)
- (9) QACA Safe Harbor Employer Contribution Account (Not applicable to 401(a) Governmental Plans)
- (10) QACA Safe Harbor Matching Contribution Account (Not applicable to 401(a) Governmental Plans)
- (11) Effective date is January 1, 2020, whether Plan has a calendar or fiscal Plan Year.
- (12) Describe effective date (if later than the beginning of the Plan Year beginning after December 31, 2018) for which the election(s) above apply: \_\_\_\_\_

**HD-2 NEED TO OBTAIN ALL AVAILABLE LOANS** (Complete only if Employer maintains any qualified plan(s) that permits Participant loans.)

- (a) For Plan Years beginning after December 31, 2018 (or such later date specified in HD-2(d) or HD-2(e) below or the effective date of a new Plan), if a Participant requests a Hardship distribution from any of the Accounts specified in HD-1 above and AA §§10-1 and 10-2, the Participant is **NO LONGER** required to obtain all nontaxable loans available under the Plan and all other plans maintained by the Employer.
- (b) No change to current Plan provisions. Participants are required to obtain all nontaxable loans available under the Plan and all plans maintained by the Employer.
- (c) Describe any special requirements with respect to the need to first obtain all available loans: \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) Effective date is January 1, 2020, whether Plan has a calendar or fiscal Plan Year.

- (e) Describe other effective date (if later than the beginning of the Plan Year beginning after December 31, 2018) for which the election(s) above apply: \_\_\_\_\_

**HD-3 SUSPENSION OF ABILITY TO MAKE SALARY DEFERRALS AND AFTER-TAX EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS DURING 2019.** (Applicable only to Plans that were using the safe harbor Hardship distribution suspension rule.)

*[Note: Under the Final Regulations, adopting Employers may continue to apply the suspension of Salary Deferrals and After-Tax Employee Contributions rules for the 2019 Plan Year. However, in no event, may the Plan provide for a suspension of an Employee's Salary Deferrals or After-Tax Employee Contributions as a condition of obtaining a Hardship distribution for Hardship distributions made on or after January 1, 2020.]*

- (a) For Plan Years beginning after December 31, 2018 (or such later date specified in HD-3(d) below) and applicable to Hardship distributions made before January 1, 2020, if a Participant takes a Hardship distribution as permitted under the Plan, the Participant was NOT suspended from making Salary Deferrals (and After-Tax Employee Contributions, if applicable) for any period of time after the receipt of the Hardship distribution.
- (b) No change to current Plan provisions. For Hardship distributions made before January 1, 2020, the Participant continued to be suspended from making Salary Deferrals (and After-Tax Employee Contributions, if applicable) for a period of 6 months after the receipt of the Hardship distribution.
- Suspensions on Hardship distributions made after July 1, 2019 will cease effective January 1, 2020.
- (c) Describe any special requirements with respect to the suspension from making Salary Deferrals (and After-Tax Employee Contributions, if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) Describe the effective date (if later than the beginning of the Plan Year beginning after December 31, 2018) for which the election(s) above apply: \_\_\_\_\_

**HD-4 APPLICATION OF SUSPENSION REQUIREMENT FOR PRE-2019 PLAN YEAR HARDSHIP DISTRIBUTIONS.** (Applicable only to Plans that were using the Hardship distribution suspension rule as of the last day of the 2018 Plan Year.)

- (a) No change to current Plan provisions. A Participant who received a Hardship distribution prior to the beginning of the 2019 Plan Year continued to be suspended from making Salary Deferrals (and After-Tax Employee Contributions, if applicable) for a period of 6 months after the receipt of the Hardship distribution.
- (b) Effective on the first day of the Plan Year beginning after December 31, 2018 (or such later date specified in HD-4(d) below), a Participant who received a Hardship distribution prior to the beginning of the 2019 Plan Year was no longer suspended from making Salary Deferrals (and After-Tax Employee Contributions, if applicable).
- (c) Describe any special rules with respect to the suspension from making Salary Deferrals (and After-Tax Employee Contributions, if applicable) for Participants who have received pre-2019 Hardship distributions: \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) Describe the effective date (if later than the beginning of the Plan Year beginning after December 31, 2018) for which the election(s) above apply: \_\_\_\_\_

**HD-5 OTHER APPLICABLE RULES.** Describe any other rules, such as conditions for receiving a Hardship distribution, not otherwise reflected in the Plan or Hardship Distribution Interim Amendment: \_\_\_\_\_

**HD-6 MEMORIALIZATION OF PRIOR OPERATION.** The elections in this Hardship Distribution Interim Amendment should reflect current Plan operations. The Employer may memorialize prior plan operations relevant to the implementation of the Final Regulations by describing such operations below: \_\_\_\_\_

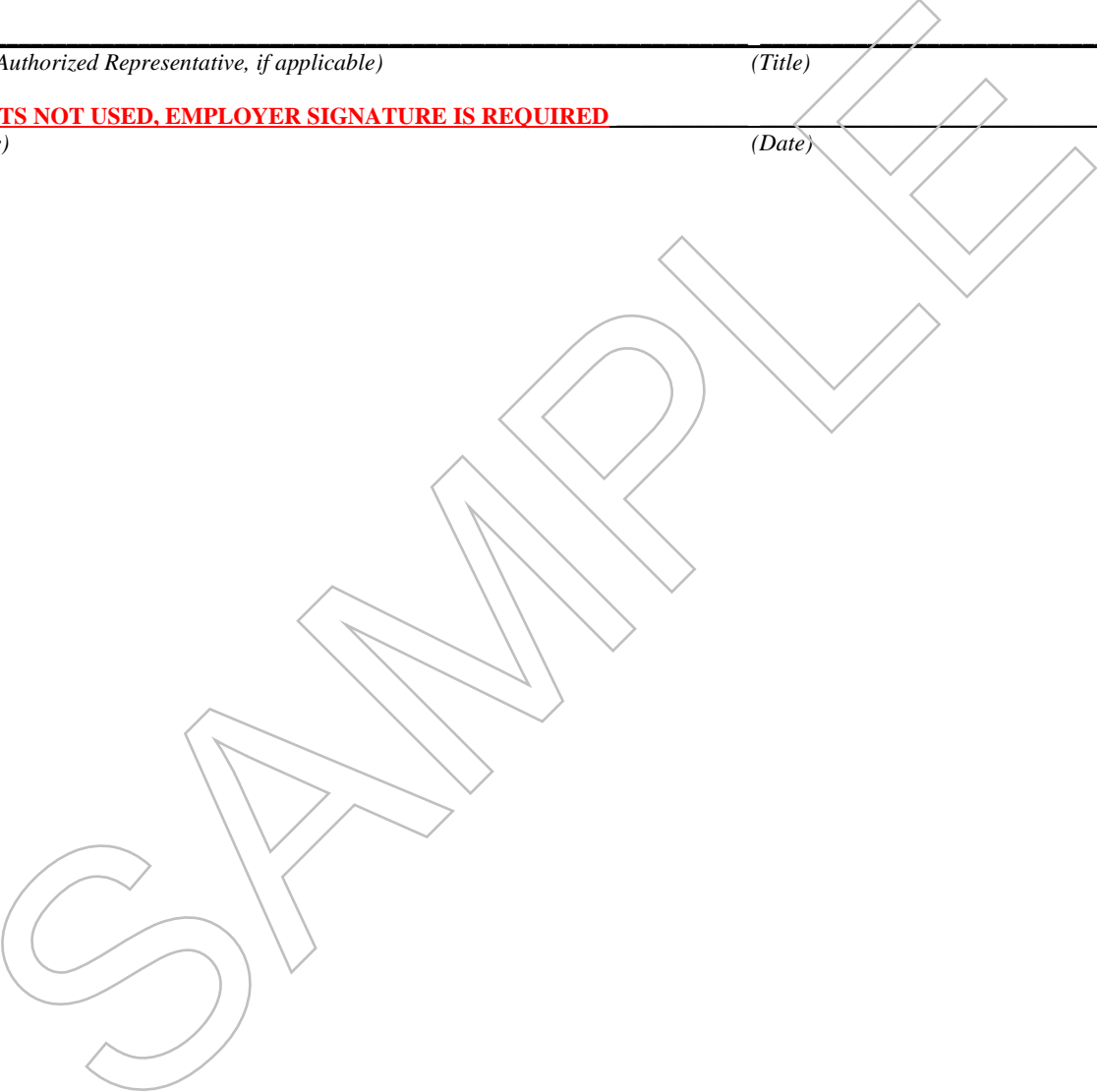
**APPLICATION OF AMENDMENT**

Pursuant to Revenue Procedure 2015-36 and Revenue Procedure 2017-41 (as applicable), these Hardship Distribution Interim Amendment Elective Provisions have been adopted by the Pre-Approved Plan Provider on behalf of all adopting Employers. This amendment supersedes any contrary provisions under the Plan. If the Employer wishes to override the Default elections of the Pre-Approved Plan Provider, the Employer (or the authorized representative of the Employer) must execute this Hardship Distribution Interim Amendment by signing below. This amendment applies to the signatory Employer and all Participating Employers under the Plan.

1 Beta Company  
*(Name of Employer)*

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*(Name of Authorized Representative, if applicable)* *(Title)*

**DEFAULTS NOT USED, EMPLOYER SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED**  
*(Signature)* *(Date)*



**SUMMARY OF MATERIAL MODIFICATIONS**  
**Changes in the Hardship Distribution Rules for the**  
**Beta 401(k) (“Plan”)**

Due to recent legislative and regulatory changes, we have amended the Plan’s rules relating to Hardship distributions. These changes may affect your ability to receive Hardship distributions under the Plan. This Summary of Material Modification (“SMM”) describes the recent Plan amendment and how the amendment may affect you. This SMM overrides any inconsistent information included in the Plan’s Summary Plan Description (SPD) or other Plan forms.

**EARNINGS ON ACCOUNTS AVAILABLE FOR HARDSHIP DISTRIBUTIONS**

Effective for Plan Years beginning after December 31, 2018, your Hardship distribution will include earnings on the following Accounts:

- All Accounts eligible for Hardship distributions.

**SUSPENSION OF ABILITY TO MAKE SALARY DEFERRALS**

If you take a Hardship distribution on or after January 1, 2020, you will not be suspended from making Salary Deferrals (or After-Tax Employee Contributions, if applicable) for any period of time after the receipt of the Hardship distribution.

**HARDSHIP DISTRIBUTION EVENTS**

To receive a distribution on account of Hardship, you must demonstrate one of the following Hardship events.

- (1) You need the distribution to pay unpaid medical expenses for yourself, your spouse or any dependent.
- (2) You need the distribution to pay for the purchase of your principal residence. You must use the Hardship distribution for the *purchase* of your principal residence. You may not receive a Hardship distribution solely to make mortgage payments.
- (3) You need the distribution to pay tuition and related educational fees (including room and board) for the post-secondary education of yourself, your spouse, your children, or other dependent. You may take a Hardship distribution to cover up to 12 months of tuition and related fees.
- (4) You need the distribution to prevent your eviction or to prevent foreclosure on your mortgage. The eviction or foreclosure must be related to your principal residence.
- (5) You need the distribution to pay funeral or burial expenses for your deceased parent, spouse, child or dependent.
- (6) You need the distribution to pay expenses to repair damage to your principal residence (provided the expenses would qualify for a casualty loss deduction on your tax return, without regard to 10% adjusted gross income limit).
- (7) You need the distribution to pay expenses and losses (including loss of income) incurred due to federally-declared disaster. Your principal residence or principal place of employment at the time of the disaster must be located in the federally-declared disaster area.

See the Plan Administrator for more information on whether you qualify for a Hardship distribution under any of these events.

**FINANCIAL REPRESENTATION**

To receive a Hardship distribution, you must represent, in writing, that you have insufficient cash or other liquid assets to satisfy your financial need.



**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

If you have any questions about the information described in this SMM or about the Plan in general, you may contact the Plan Administrator.

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