

THE MOST FLEXIBLE IRA

FLEXIRA™



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Member-owner

Do you feel confident your beneficiaries will manage inherited IRA funds responsibly with the new 10-year liquidation requirement imposed by the SECURE Act?

With our new FlexIRA, you can pick your payout based on your needs...and theirs.



FLEX STANDARD

Lump sum available to beneficiary



FLEX PROTECTED ACCESS

Limits payout to stretch over 10 years or lifetime*, with optional distributions for beneficiary's health, education, maintenance & support



FLEX TRUST

IRA payout to Inheritance Protection Trust, Special Needs Trust, and/or Charitable Trust, with Members Trust Company serving as corporate trustee

*depending on applicable law

A NEW LOOK AT IRAS

Introducing the FlexIRA™

BECU Trust Services has been at the forefront of Trusteed IRA solutions, designed to combine the tax benefits of an IRA account with the flexibility and control of a trust. In the past, a named IRA beneficiary had an unrestricted right to withdraw any and all funds from an IRA, unless a special trust had been drafted to serve as beneficiary of the retirement account. Then traditional Trusteed IRAs were invented, providing account owners significant control over the timing and amounts of distributions.

In January 2020, the SECURE Act was passed, which limits the traditional lifetime stretch-out to 10 years for most beneficiaries. Only those who fall into the categories shown below may stretch distributions from an inherited IRA over their lifetime, thereby minimizing income tax consequences. Everyone else must now withdraw the entire IRA balance within ten years of the account owner's passing.



Surviving spouse of the IRA owner



Minor child of the IRA owner



Beneficiary with special needs



Beneficiary with chronic illness



Beneficiary no more than 10 years younger than IRA owner

In order to meet the planning needs of account owners with affected beneficiaries, Members Trust Company has developed the FlexIRA—a SECURE Act-compliant option to magnify the benefits of the 10-year stretch-out.

A FEW OF OUR FAVORITE THINGS

Flex Fixes Everything

With our new FlexIRA, you can customize your retirement account in coordination with your estate plan to meet your needs. If things change, you can even upgrade your plan in the future, at no additional cost.

1. Flex Standard Option: You can designate a beneficiary of any remaining IRA balance upon your passing, giving your loved one the choice of cashing out the balance in a lump sum, or withdrawing the balance within 10 years of the account owner's date of death. If your loved one is inexperienced in money matters, you may consider the Protected Access Option or Flex Trust Option.

✓ **Beneficiary's Choice**

2. Flex Protected Access Option: You can pay the IRA balance to your beneficiary in installments, over the course of 10 years or for a lifetime, as determined by applicable law, thereby reducing the likelihood that your loved one will squander funds. For additional flexibility, you can choose to supplement these distributions with payments for your beneficiary's health, education, maintenance and support.

✓ **Account Holder's Choice**

3. Flex Trust Option: A Flex Trust is helpful to those with the following circumstances:

- **Loved One with Special Needs.** Direct payments may disqualify your loved one for critical government programs, such as Medicaid and Supplemental Security Income. By distributing the IRA balance to a Special Needs Trust and designating Members Trust Company as the trustee, we can adhere to discretionary supplemental distributions, while preserving your beneficiary's eligibility for public benefits.
 - **Financially Inexperienced Beneficiary.** Applicable law may require that the IRA balance be fully distributed to your loved one within 10 years, but by distributing the IRA balance to an Inheritance Protection Trust and designating Members Trust Company as trustee, you can extend financial oversight for as long as necessary.
 - **Charitably Inclined Account Owner.** For those who are charitably inclined and seeking tax efficiency, the FlexCRUT will provide continued tax-free growth of your IRA assets for the charity of your choice, while continuing to provide your beneficiaries with annual payments.
- ✓ **Account Holder's Choice**

§401 in Title V Revenue Provision of Division O ("Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement") of the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020. Distributions to non-eligible designated beneficiaries generally must be distributed by the end of the 10th calendar year anniversary of the account owner's passing. Eligible Designated Beneficiary is defined as: (1) spouse, (2) minor child of IRA owner, (3) disabled beneficiary as defined in section 72(m)(7) of the IRS Code, (4) chronically ill beneficiary as defined in section 7702B(c) (2) of the IRS code, and (5) an individual not described in items 1-4, who is not more than 10 years younger than the IRA owner. §401 in Title V Revenue Provision of Division O ("Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement") of the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020.

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