

NOTICE 2020-23

UPDATE TO NOTICE 2020-18, Additional Relief for Taxpayers Affected by Ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic

This notice provides relief to ABLE accounts owners by postponing the due dates for specific types of actions that are required to be performed on or after April 1, 2020 and before July 15, 2020 (the "relief period"). For an action described below, if the due date falls within the relief period, the due date has been postponed to July 15, 2020.

Excess Contributions

Current ABLE rules require that excess contributions (and any earnings on the excess contributions) in an ABLE account be distributed by the designated beneficiary's tax filing deadline for the taxable year in which the contributions were made. Accordingly, the reporting of excess contributions as part of the 2019 tax filing has been postponed to July 15, 2020.

Rollovers

ABLE rules permit a tax-free rollover of a distribution from an account if it is deposited within 60 days of the distribution into another ABLE account for the benefit of the same designated beneficiary or a member of the family of the original designated beneficiary. If the last date to deposit the rollover falls within the relief period, the deposit of the rollover into another ABLE account is now required by July 15, 2020.

Required Closing of Accounts

An ABLE account must be closed no later than the 60th day after the date an entire ABLE account is rolled over to another account for the same beneficiary. If the last date to close the account falls within the relief period, the ABLE account from which the funds were transferred must be closed by July 15, 2020.

COVID-19 and Direct Payments to Individuals

All Social Security beneficiaries—retired workers, disabled workers, eligible family members, and survivors—are eligible for the recovery rebate unless they are claimed as a dependent on a taxpayer's return or do not meet the other eligibility requirements. (The term "Social Security beneficiaries" includes Social Security Disability Insurance, SSDI and beneficiaries).