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What's New and Filing Instructions

Enclosed is the 2nd Qtr. 2021 update package for our *401(k) Plans* manual—the authoritative guidebook for employers, administrators, and advisors.

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We have made numerous changes to the Outline and Appendix. Here are some highlights:

- **Fiduciary Matters**

- We have updated our discussion in Section XXIV of Prohibited Transaction Exemption (PTE) 2020-02 to reflect DOL guidance explaining the PTE's conditions and the DOL's accompanying "final" interpretation of the five-part test for fiduciary status as it applies to rollover advice. In Section XXV we discuss the DOL's decision not to enforce its recently adopted rules regarding proxy voting and financial factors in investment selection. We also note in Section XXIV some recent cases addressing when service providers may be acting as plan fiduciaries, including a case regarding the use of participant data by a service provider's affiliates, and a case claiming that an investment platform provider was acting as a fiduciary when it charged mutual funds a fee to be included on the provider's platform.

- **Cybersecurity Guidance**

- Section XII on account theft and cybersecurity has been updated to cover DOL guidance identifying best practices to mitigate cybersecurity risks in plan administration, and offering advice on hiring retirement plan service providers with strong cybersecurity practices.

- **IRS Developments**

- We have updated Section XI to reflect IRS guidance regarding the temporary partial termination relief included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021. Section XXVII has been revised to add highlights of the latest Operational Compliance List for 401(k) plans. We cover the IRS's latest list of common VCP submission mistakes in Section XXXV. And we have supplemented our discussions of coronavirus-related distributions and other disaster-related distributions in Section XII (and elsewhere) to note the reporting of those distributions and related recontributions using Form 8915 series forms.

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- **ERISA Preemption**
 - We examine the first decision by a federal circuit court considering claims that a state-run automatic-enrollment IRA program is preempted by ERISA (Section II).
- **Appendix Tabs**
 - We have updated and reissued our convenient list of significant DOL subregulatory guidance to add recent items and respond to the reorganization of materials on the DOL’s website.

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