

# HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT APPLICATION

## PART 1. HSA OWNER

Name *First, MI, Last* \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Assigned Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

## PART 2. HSA CUSTODIAN AND FEE ELECTIONS

Name: SPECIALIZED TRUST COMPANY

Address: P.O. Box 3587, Albuquerque, NM 87190

Physical Address: 6100 Indian School NE, Suite 215  
Albuquerque, NM 87110

### ANNUAL FEE

- ☐ Standard
- ☐ Specialized Black

### ACTIVATION FEE

- ☐ Concierge Activation  
(recommended)
- ☐ Standard Activation

\_\_\_\_\_ I have reviewed the STC Fee Schedule  
*Initial*

*\*Standard Activation is the default if no election is made.  
\*Standard Fee Schedule is the default if no election is made.*

Tracking Code \_\_\_\_\_ Referral Code \_\_\_\_\_

## PART 3. HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO PAY YOUR FEES?

Please select how you would like to pay your activation and first annual fee: ☐ Deduct From My Account ☐ Charge My Credit Card

*I have read and understand the Self-Directed Account Agreement regarding the credit card charge and I authorize the credit card payment by Specialized Trust Company (STC) for fees to establish the HSA account. Not limited to but including Activation Fee, Annual Fee and any special service fee.*

Card Type: ☐ Master Card ☐ Visa ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_ CSC \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address For Card \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please select how you would like to pay for all subsequent fees: ☐ Deduct From My Account ☐ Charge the Credit Card on File

## PART 4. CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION

Contribution Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Contribution Date \_\_\_\_\_ Contribution Year \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to: Specialized Trust Company Custodian FBO "Your Name", HSA*

### CONTRIBUTION TYPE *Select one*

- ☐ 1. Regular *Includes catch-up contributions as well as qualified HSA funding distributions from an IRA.*
- ☐ 2. Rollover *Distribution from an HSA or Archer MSA that is being deposited into this HSA.*  
By selecting this transaction, I irrevocably designate this contribution as a rollover.
- ☐ 3. Transfer *Direct movement of assets from an HSA or ARCHER MSA into this HSA*

Rollover Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Transfer Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Recharacterization Amount \_\_\_\_\_

## PART 5. BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION

I designate that upon my death, the assets in this account be paid to the beneficiaries named below. The interest of any beneficiary that predeceases me terminates completely, and the percentage share of any remaining beneficiaries will be increased on a pro rata basis. If no beneficiaries are named, my estate will be my beneficiary.

☐ I elect not to designate beneficiaries at this time and understand that I may designate beneficiaries at a later date.

**PRIMARY BENEFICIARIES** *The total percentage designated must equal 100%.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Tax ID (SSN/TIN) \_\_\_\_\_ Percent Designated \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Tax ID (SSN/TIN) \_\_\_\_\_ Percent Designated \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Tax ID (SSN/TIN) \_\_\_\_\_ Percent Designated \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTINGENT BENEFICIARIES** *The total percentage designated must equal 100%.) (The balance in the account will be payable to these beneficiaries if all primary beneficiaries have predeceased the HSA owner.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Tax ID (SSN/TIN) \_\_\_\_\_ Percent Designated \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Tax ID (SSN/TIN) \_\_\_\_\_ Percent Designated \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Tax ID (SSN/TIN) \_\_\_\_\_ Percent Designated \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Tax ID (SSN/TIN) \_\_\_\_\_ Percent Designated \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check here if additional beneficiaries are listed on an attached addendum. Total number of addendums attached to this HSA \_\_\_\_\_

## PART 6. ACCOUNT SECURITY CODE

### 4-DIGIT SECURITY CODE

\_\_\_\_\_

THE UNDERSIGNED AGREES TO BE BOUND BY THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE *Specialized Trust Company SELF-DIRECTED ACCOUNT AGREEMENT*. THE UNDERSIGNED AGREES TO KEEP THE REQUESTED SECURITY CODE CONFIDENTIAL.

## PART 7. SPOUSAL CONSENT

*Spousal consent should be considered if either the trust or the residence of the HSA owner is located in a community or marital property state.*

### CURRENT MARITAL STATUS

- ☐ I Am Not Married – I understand that if I become married in the future, I should review the requirements for spousal consent.
- ☐ I Am Married – I understand that if I choose to designate a primary beneficiary other than or in addition to my spouse, my spouse should sign below.

### CONSENT OF SPOUSE

I am the spouse of the above-named HSA owner. I acknowledge that I have received a fair and reasonable disclosure of my spouse's property and financial obligations. Because of the important tax consequences of giving up my interest in this HSA, I have been advised to see a tax professional.

I hereby give the HSA owner my interest in the assets or property deposited in this HSA and consent to the beneficiary designation indicated above. I assume full responsibility for any adverse consequences that may result

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Spouse

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Witness *Optional*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

### OPTIONAL: HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US?

- ☐ Investor Event \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Referral \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Internet Search or Ad \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## PART 8. SIGNATURES

*Important: Please read before signing.*

I understand the eligibility requirements for the type of HSA deposit I am making, and I state that I do qualify to make the deposit. I have received a copy of the Health Savings Account Application, the 5305-C Custodial Account Agreement, and the Disclosure Statement. I understand that the terms and conditions that apply to this HSA are contained in this Application and the HSA Custodial Account Agreement. I agree to be bound by those terms and conditions. I assume complete responsibility for:

- determining that I am eligible for an HSA each year I make a contribution,
- ensuring that all contributions I make are within the limits set forth by the tax laws, and
- the tax consequences of any contributions (including rollover contributions) and distributions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Account Holder

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Witness *Optional*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Custodian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

# HEALTH SAVINGS CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT AGREEMENT

Form 5305-C under section 223(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

FORM (Rev. October 2016)

The account owner named on the application is establishing this health savings account (HSA) exclusively for the purpose of paying or reimbursing qualified medical expenses of the account owner, his or her spouse, and dependents. The account owner represents that, unless this account is used solely to make rollover contributions, he or she is eligible to contribute to this HSA; specifically, that he or she: (1) is covered under a high deductible health plan (HDHP); (2) is not also covered by any other health plan that is not an HDHP (with certain exceptions for plans providing preventive care and limited types of permitted insurance and permitted coverage); (3) is not enrolled in Medicare; and (4) cannot be claimed as a dependent on another person's tax return.

The account owner has assigned this custodial account the sum indicated on the application. The account owner and the custodian make the following agreement:

## ARTICLE I

1. The custodian will accept additional cash contributions for the tax year made by the account owner or on behalf of the account owner (by an employer, family member, or any other person). No contributions will be accepted by the custodian for any account owner that exceeds the maximum amount for family coverage plus the catch-up contribution.
2. Contributions for any tax year may be made at any time before the deadline for filing the account owner's federal income tax return for that year (without extensions).
3. Rollover contributions from an HSA or an Archer Medical Savings Account (Archer MSA) (unless prohibited under this agreement) need not be in cash and are not subject to the maximum annual contribution limit set forth in Article II.
4. Qualified HSA distributions from a health flexible spending arrangement or health reimbursement arrangement must be completed in a trustee-to-trustee transfer and are not subject to the maximum annual contribution limit set forth in Article II.
5. Qualified HSA funding distributions from an individual retirement account must be completed in a trustee-to-trustee transfer and are subject to the maximum annual contribution limit set forth in Article II.

## ARTICLE II

1. For calendar year 2011, the maximum annual contribution limit for an account owner with single coverage is \$3,050. This amount increases to \$3,100 in 2012. For calendar year 2011, the maximum annual contribution limit for an account owner with family coverage is \$6,150. This amount increases to \$6,250 in 2012. These limits are subject to cost-of-living adjustments after 2012.
2. Contributions to Archer MSAs or other HSAs count toward the maximum annual contribution limit to this HSA.
3. For calendar year 2009 and later years, an additional \$1,000 catch-up contribution may be made for an account owner who is at least age 55 or older and not enrolled in Medicare.
4. Contributions in excess of the maximum annual contribution limit are subject to an excise tax. However, the catch-up contributions are not subject to an excise tax.

## ARTICLE III

It is the responsibility of the account owner to determine whether contributions to this HSA have exceeded the maximum annual contribution limit described in Article II. If contributions to this HSA exceed the maximum annual contribution limit, the account owner shall notify the custodian that there exist excess contributions to the HSA. It is the responsibility of the account owner to request the withdrawal of the excess contribution and any net income attributable to such excess contribution.

## ARTICLE IV

The account owner's interest in the balance in this custodial account is nonforfeitable.

## ARTICLE V

1. No part of the custodial funds in this account may be invested in life insurance contracts or in collectibles as defined in section 408(m).
2. The assets of this account may not be commingled with other property except in a common trust fund or common investment fund.
3. Neither the account owner nor the custodian will engage in any prohibited transaction with respect to this account (such as borrowing or pledging the account or engaging in any other prohibited transaction as defined in section 4975).

## ARTICLE VI

1. Distributions of funds from this HSA may be made upon the direction of the account owner.
2. Distributions from this HSA that are used exclusively to pay or reimburse qualified medical expenses of the account owner, his or her spouse, or dependents are tax-free. However, distributions that are not used for qualified medical expenses are included in the account owner's gross income and are subject to an additional 20 percent tax on that amount. The additional 20 percent tax does not apply if the distribution is made after the account owner's death, disability, or reaching age 65.
3. The custodian is not required to determine whether the distribution is for the payment or reimbursement of qualified medical expenses. Only the account owner is responsible for substantiating that the distribution is for qualified medical expenses and must maintain records sufficient to show, if required, that the distribution is tax-free.

## ARTICLE VII

If the account owner dies before the entire interest in the account is distributed, the entire account will be disposed of as follows:

1. If the beneficiary is the account owner's spouse, the HSA will become the spouse's HSA as of the date of death.
2. If the beneficiary is not the account owner's spouse, the HSA will cease to be an HSA as of the date of death. If the beneficiary is the account owner's estate, the fair market value of the account as of the date of death is taxable on the account owner's final return. For other beneficiaries, the fair market value of the account is taxable to that person in the tax year that includes such date.

## ARTICLE VIII

1. The account owner agrees to provide the custodian with information necessary for the custodian to prepare any report or return required by the IRS.
2. The custodian agrees to prepare and submit any report or return as prescribed by the IRS.

## ARTICLE IX

Notwithstanding any other article that may be added or incorporated in this agreement, the provisions of Articles I through VIII and this sentence are controlling. Any additional article in this agreement that is inconsistent with section 223 or IRS published guidance will be void.

## SELF-DIRECTED ACCOUNT AGREEMENT

### 9.1 Appointment

I ("Depositor" or "you") appoint the institution ("Specialized Trust Company") as the Custodian of my account and understand and acknowledge that the Custodial / Plan Agreement and my Application are my agreement with the Custodian shown in this application. Specialized Trust Company Corporation referred to as (STC). The account is established for the exclusive benefit of the account holder or his / her beneficiaries. These terms and conditions will be governed by New Mexico laws, and the Courts of New Mexico shall alone have jurisdiction. Any lawsuit filed against or by the Custodian shall only be instituted in the district or county courts of Bernalillo County, New Mexico, where the Custodian maintains its principal office, and Depositor agrees to accede to such jurisdiction, both in connection with any such lawsuit which Depositor may file and in connection with any lawsuit which the Custodian or Administrator may file against Depositor. Prior to initiating any litigation, the parties agree to first resolve any dispute, claim, or controversy arising out of or in connection with this agreement through binding arbitration. The arbitration shall be held in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, and the decision of the arbitrator(s) shall be final, binding, and enforceable in any court of competent jurisdiction.

### 9.2 Representations and Responsibilities

By entering into this Self-Directed Account Agreement ("Agreement"), the undersigned ("Depositor" or "you") agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions contained herein with Specialized Trust Company ("STC," "we," "us," or the "Custodian"), a New Mexico Corporation. All transactions shall be subject to any and all restrictions or limitation, direct or indirect, which are imposed by our charter, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, operating agreement; any and all applicable federal and state laws and regulations; the rules, regulations, customs and usages of any exchange, market or clearing house where the transactions are executed; or policies, procedures, and practices; and this Agreement. After the Depositor's death, the named beneficiary(ies) has the right to direct the investments, the decedent's Account assets, subject to the same conditions that applied to the original account holder during his/her lifetime under this Agreement. STC shall invest and reinvest all contributions to the account and earnings thereon as directed by the Depositor (or at the direction of the beneficiary (ies) upon the Depositor's death) in investments that the Custodian determines it can operably administer control over.

The Depositor represents and warrants to us that any information the Depositor gives us or will give us with respect to this Agreement is complete and accurate. Further, the Depositor agrees that any directions given to us or action the Depositor takes will be proper under this Agreement and STC is authorized to rely upon such information and/or directions. If STC fails to receive direction from the Depositor regarding any transaction, or if we receive ambiguous directions regarding any transaction, or we, in good faith, believe that any transaction requested is in dispute, we reserve the right to take no action until further clarification acceptable to us is received from the Depositor, or the appropriate government or judicial authority.

STC shall not be responsible for losses of any kind that may result from a Depositor's directions to us or actions or failure to act and the Depositor agrees to reimburse us for any loss we may incur as a result of such directions, actions, or failures to act. STC shall not be responsible for any penalties, taxes, judgments or expenses the Depositor may incur in connection with any account created hereunder this Agreement. STC has no duty to determine, whether contributions or distributions comply with the Code, Regulations, Rulings, or this Agreement. By performing services under this Agreement, STC is acting as an agent for the Depositor. The Depositor acknowledges and agrees that nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as conferring fiduciary status upon STC. STC shall not be required to perform any additional services unless specifically agreed to under the terms and provisions of this

Agreement or as required under the Code and Regulations promulgated thereunder with respect to retirement accounts. We may employ third-party agents and others, whether affiliates or not, for the purpose of performing administrative or other custodial-related services with respect to your account for which we should otherwise have responsibility hereunder this Agreement, and the limitations imposed upon our duties to you under this Agreement or otherwise shall continue to apply to any third-party agent or other so employed by us.

You agree to indemnify and hold us harmless for any and all claims, actions, proceedings, damages, judgments, liabilities, costs, and expenses, including attorney's fees, arising from, or in connection with this Agreement. Furthermore, to the extent not prohibited by federal or state law, the Depositor agrees to indemnify, defend and agree to hold harmless STC, its respective subsidiaries and affiliates, officers, directors, managers, members, representatives, agents, employees, successors and assigns from and against any and all claims, demands, liabilities, damages costs, expenses, attorney fees, payments and assessments arising in connection with the Depositor or the Account or which may result from any good faith actions, errors or omissions and from following or attempting to follow any directions of the Depositor or the beneficiary(ies), or an account designated representative. STC shall not be responsible or liable in any way for the sufficiency, correctness, genuineness, validity, of the form or execution of any documents not prepared by STC.

The Depositor further agrees that the Custodian shall not be subject to margin calls or have any other obligation to extend credit or otherwise disburse payment beyond the cash balance of the Depositor's account for any reason whatsoever.

You agree to reimburse or advance to us, on demand, any and all legal fees, costs, fines, penalties and obligations incurred or to be incurred in connection with the defense, contest, prosecution or satisfaction of any claim made, threatened or asserted pertaining to any action you or your investment advisor directed through the Custodian, including, without limitation, claims asserted by you, and any state or federal regulatory authority or self-regulatory organization.

To the extent written instructions or notices are required under this Agreement; STC may accept or provide such information in any other form permitted by the Code or applicable Regulations. Furthermore, you represent to STC that any loss sustained in your Account will not affect your retirement income standard; and if a mandatory distribution arises, you will have the ability through your IRA and/or other retirement accounts to meet any mandatory distribution requirements.

STC has the right to charge service fees or other designated fees (e.g., a transfer, rollover, or termination fee) for the services it provides pursuant to this Agreement. In addition, STC has the right to be reimbursed for all reasonable expenses, including legal expenses, it incurs in connection with administration of Depositor's IRA. STC is authorized to charge Depositor separately for any fees or expenses or, at STC's sole discretion, STC may deduct the amount of such fees or expenses from the assets held in Depositor's IRA.

### 9.3 Passive Custodian

STC is a passive Custodian with no fiduciary responsibility to the depositor, account(s), for investments held within the account(s), and we do not provide investment advice. STC does not provide legal or tax services or advice with respect to your account investments or the sale of such investments.

#### **9.4 Investment Conformity and Legal Proceedings**

The Depositor has exclusive responsibility for and control over the investment of the assets of the Account and acknowledges, understands, and agrees that all investments shall conform to all applicable securities laws, rules, and regulations. The Depositor represents to STC that if any investment by his/her Account shall be deemed to be a "security" under applicable federal or state securities laws, such investment has been appropriately registered or is exempt from registration under applicable securities laws. The Depositor releases STC and expressly waives any and all claims against STC for STC's role in carrying out Depositor's instructions with respect to such investments. Furthermore, the Depositor acknowledges that the foregoing representation is being relied upon by STC in accepting Depositor's investment directions and Depositor agrees to indemnify STC with respect to all costs, expenses, including, without limitation, attorney fees, fines, penalties, liabilities, damages, actions, judgments and claims arising out of such investment and/or breach of the foregoing representation, including without limitation, claims asserted by you, the Depositor.

The Depositor agree that Depositor is solely responsible for the prosecution or defense, including the retention of legal counsel, of all legal actions ("Legal Proceedings") involving Depositor's IRA, which arise or become necessary for the protection of the investments in Depositor's IRA, including any actions where STC is named as a result of being Custodian of Depositor's IRA. If STC is named as a defendant in any Legal Proceedings, which includes state, federal and local court, or arbitration, as a result of the assets in Depositor's IRA being the subject of the litigation, Depositor, at your own cost, agree to indemnify and hold STC, its officers, directors and employees harmless from any and all damages, costs, or expenses of whatsoever kind, and to retain legal counsel acceptable to STC to defend STC, in STC's Custodial capacity, or however named in the Legal Proceedings. If Depositor fails to fulfill Depositor's responsibilities in this regard, STC reserves the right to retain counsel of its own choosing to defend STC, and STC shall have the right to reimburse itself from Depositor's account for all costs, attorney fees or other expenses of whatsoever kind as set forth below. If Depositor initiates Legal Proceedings against a third party regarding the assets in Depositor's IRA, and Depositor's IRA is plaintiff, Depositor agrees to initiate suit by titling the plaintiff as "Specialized IRA Services FBO (Your Name), Account Type, or Specialized Trust Company Custodian FBO (Your Name), Account Type." Depositor agrees to provide STC with copies of all pleadings, motions, discovery, orders, and final resolution documents upon request.

Depositor also agrees that any such legal action will be conducted in a manner that does not cause STC as the Custodian to incur any costs or legal exposure. As Depositor is the owner of the IRA held by STC, Depositor understands that STC will not initiate Legal Proceedings on behalf of Depositor or Depositor's IRA and will not participate in such Legal Proceedings without direction from Depositor.

Depositor understands that Depositor has sole authority to direct and make all decisions related to the Legal Proceedings and Depositor shall defend, indemnify, and hold STC, its officers, directors, and employees harmless from any loss, legal expense and liability that arises out of such Legal Proceedings, including STC's legal costs, if Depositor fails to provide legal representation for STC or STC deems separate counsel necessary. Should STC incur costs or expenses associated with such Legal Proceedings, STC has the right to charge Depositor separately for any fees or expenses, or STC may deduct the amount of the fees or expenses from the assets held in Depositor's IRA.

STC, as a passive Custodian, will not bear or assume any responsibility to notify Depositor, secure or maintain fire, casualty, liability, or such other insurance coverage on any personal or real property asset(s) held by the Account, or which serves as collateral under any mortgage or other security instrument held by the Depositor's account with respect to any promissory

note or other evidence of indebtedness. It is incumbent upon the Depositor to arrange for such insurance as Depositor may determine to be necessary or appropriate to protect Depositor's investment. Furthermore, STC shall not be responsible for notifying the Depositor regarding Depositor's obligation to make payment of any insurance premiums, real estate taxes, utilities, or other charges or fees with respect to any investment held in the IRA or Saving Account. Depositor must specifically direct STC to pay any expense related to an asset from the Account in writing or another manner directed by STC and on a form deemed acceptable to STC. STC, in its sole discretion, may (but is not required) to pay insurance premiums, real estate taxes, utilities or other charges or fees with respect to investment(s) or assets held in Depositor's account and, in such instances, STC may deduct the amount of such charges from the assets held in Depositor's account. The depositor is solely responsible to ensure that all expense payments that they have directed STC to be processed from their account(s) are paid on time, delivered, received, and applied correctly with the associated vendors, county, tax assessor, and/or utility providers. STC bears no responsibility for an erroneous and/or misappropriation of payments that may occur with an of these expenses.

#### **Indemnification and Immediate Cost Recovery Clause**

##### **9.5 Depositor's Responsibility and Passive Role of Custodian**

STC acts solely as a passive custodian of the depositor's account and does not provide investment advice, management, or oversight of assets held within the account. The depositor acknowledges and agrees that it is their sole responsibility to manage and oversee their investments, properties, and accounts, including but not limited to ensuring compliance with applicable laws, timely payment of taxes, resolution of liens or citations, and management of third-party communications.

##### **9.6 Indemnification Obligations**

The depositor agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless STC, its officers, directors, employees, agents, successors, and assigns from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, costs, liabilities, penalties, losses, or expenses (including attorney's fees and regulatory costs) arising directly or indirectly from:

1. Any investment decision made by the depositor or their representatives.
2. The depositor's failure to manage or maintain their assets or investments, including failure to address liens, citations, or other obligations.
3. Actions or investigations initiated by third parties, government agencies, or regulators related to the depositor's investments or accounts.
4. Any claims or legal proceedings brought against STC resulting from the depositor's actions or inactions, including failure to comply with legal or regulatory requirements.
5. Any claims, actions, or liabilities related to investments made by STC on behalf of the depositor, even if such investments are subsequently deemed non-compliant with any applicable laws, regulations, or governmental orders, provided such investments were made in good faith and base on the depositor's instructions and sole authorization.
6. Any claims, actions, or liabilities arising from or related to third parties appointed, authorized, or engaged by the depositor, including but not limited to, title company, realtor, contractors, consultants, agents, property management, power of attorney, legal counsel, or other entities acting at the depositor's direction, consent, or approval.
7. Any claims, actions, or liabilities resulting from or related to actions taken by STC based on incorrect, incomplete, misleading, or ambiguous instructions or information provided by the depositor or related parties appointed authorized or engaged by the depositor.

### 9.7 Immediate Cost Recovery

In the event that STC incurs costs, damages, or legal expenses as a result of any claims, lawsuits, regulatory inquiries, or actions related to the depositor's account or investments:

1. STC shall have the right to recover such costs directly from the depositor's account without prior notice.
2. If sufficient funds are not available in the depositor's account, the depositor agrees to reimburse STC immediately upon demand for any remaining balance, including legal fees, penalties, and associated costs.
3. STC may place a lien on any assets held in the account to secure reimbursement of such costs and may liquidate such assets if the depositor fails to remit payment promptly.

### 9.8 Depositor's Acknowledgment of Communication Responsibility

The depositor acknowledges and agrees that the STC is not responsible for forwarding notices, citations, or other communications related to the depositor's investments. It is the depositor's sole responsibility to ensure that all relevant parties, including government agencies and third-party service providers, have accurate contact information for the client. The Custodian shall not be held liable for any failure to forward such communications.

STC shall not be responsible for supplying the Depositor with any notices, prospectuses, financial statements, proxies, legal notices, or proxy solicitation materials received in relation to assets held within the account. It is the sole responsibility of the Depositor to ensure that such notices, prospectuses, financial statements, proxies, and proxy solicitation materials are sent directly to them, to take any necessary action as specified in those documents. STC shall not make any decisions regarding shares of stock or undertake any actions related to the assets without receiving written instructions from the Depositor.

### 9.9 Limitation of Liability

The Custodian shall not be liable for any direct, indirect, incidental, or consequential damages arising from the depositor's failure to manage their investments or comply with applicable laws and regulations. This includes, but is not limited to, losses arising from liens, citations, penalties, or regulatory actions.

### 9.10 Investments

In conformity with directions given to STC, the Depositor directs STC to deposit all cash, for which the Depositor has not elected to invest, into a pooled custodial deposit account or accounts with one or more third-party FDIC-insured financial institutions selected by STC qualifying under IRC 408(b)(5) or into any investment vehicle which is either FDIC-insured, federally insured, or guaranteed or backed by the full faith and credit of the United States government.

The Depositor also authorizes entering into a sub-accounting agreement between the selected financial institution and STC under which, we will keep records of the Depositor's share of the pooled custodial accounts. Until such time as the Depositor gives instructions to STC as to how such funds should be invested, Depositor hereby acknowledges that any interest accruing or monies not currently invested shall be disbursed to Depositor's account at predetermined annual percentage rate however, not required and at the discretion of the firm (SIS or STC). Depositor acknowledges that such rate is not fixed and may be subject to fluctuation. All accrued interest in excess of the money distributed to the Depositor's Account shall be recognized by STC as income. STC shall be entitled to retain this income net of related service fees. STC can change this relationship of interest income or payment at any time. Current payout since 2015 is 0.0%. This could change at any future moment without notification.

### 9.11 Liquidity Management Policy

STC is dedicated to ensuring that funds held in the depositor's account(s) are safe, accessible, and responsibly managed. Uninvested cash is placed in secure, yield-generating instruments such as FDIC-insured deposits, brokered Certificates of Deposit (CDs), and U.S. Treasuries. These instruments are selected to balance safety, liquidity, and cost-efficiency.

### 9.12 Liquidity Requests

STC strives to meet all withdrawal requests promptly. In most cases, STC will cover any costs associated with early liquidation of term-based instruments to ensure the depositor's funds remain accessible without additional burden to the depositor. However, in rare circumstances, such as unusually large, simultaneous withdrawals across multiple accounts or market disruptions, delays or coordination may be required to manage timing and fulfill requests efficiently. When such circumstances arise, STC will take all reasonable steps to minimize delays and ensure timely access to funds when possible.

### 9.13 Limitation of Liability

While STC makes every effort to fulfill requests efficiently and without cost to the depositor, the depositor acknowledges and agrees that:

1. Timing or coordination challenges may occur in rare scenarios, which could result in delays.
2. STC is not liable for delays or temporary restrictions due to extraordinary circumstances or market conditions.
3. STC remains committed to ensuring that funds are secure and available under the terms of the underlying instruments (e.g., FDIC insurance or U.S. Government guarantees).

In accordance with instructions given to STC by the Depositor, STC shall invest and reinvest all contributions to the Account and earnings thereon as directed by the Depositor (or the direction of the beneficiary (ies) upon the Depositor's death) in investments that STC determines it can operably administer, to include, without limitation, marketable securities traded on a recognized exchange or "over the counter" (excluding any securities issued by the Custodian), common trust funds or other common investment funds that qualify under Section 408(b)(5) of the Code including options & mutual funds (including, without limitation, qualifying pooled custodial accounts and pooled custodial funds), mortgage notes, debentures, individually negotiated debt instruments, promissory notes, private equity investments in closely held businesses, certificates of deposit, real estate, real estate contracts, mortgages, leases, tax liens and tax anticipation warrants, deeds of trust, and other public, private or alternative investments that the Custodian determines it can operably administer, in such amounts as are specifically selected and specified by the Depositor in orders to the Custodian in such form as may be acceptable to STC without any duty to diversify and without regard to whether such property is authorized by the laws of any jurisdiction as a trust investment or IRA investment or even if such investment will result in a prohibited transaction, unrelated business income tax ("UBIT") or a reportable transaction.

STC may, but need not, establish programs under which cash deposits in excess of a minimum set by it will be periodically and automatically invested in interest-bearing investment funds.

STC has no affiliation with any precious metal dealer, sponsor, or storage facility provider. STC does not conduct any due diligence review of any precious metals dealer, sponsor, or storage facility provider. As the Depositor it is your sole responsibility to determine and select the precious dealer to use for the purchase, exchange, sale, negotiation of price, and commissions/fees paid to the dealer. As a result, the Depositor agrees to hold STC harmless with all respects from any loss in value and/or any damages resulting in/or from your precious metal investment, shipment delivery, or segregated or non-segregated storage of the precious metals.

Any outside brokerage account held in connection with the Depositor's self-directed IRA or Saving Account, shall be in the name of the Custodian for the benefit of the Depositor. Investment direction may be given to the designated Broker Dealer by the Depositor that is acceptable to said Broker Dealer including without limitation via the Broker Dealer's account web-portal or other electronic submission.

The Custodian shall not be responsible for the execution of such verbal, written or electronic orders. The Custodian shall be authorized to honor these transactions made by the Depositor within the Brokerage account without obligation to verify prior authorization from the Depositor for the completions of the investment direction given to the Broker Dealer or the associated Brokerage Company. The Depositor does hereby agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Custodian from and against any and all claims, losses, causes of action, expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees costs and liabilities suffered or incurred by Custodian arising from or relating to any direction or order given, or alleged to have been given, by the Depositor to a Representative or Employee to any Broker Dealer or Brokerage Company, any errors or misconduct on the part of the Broker Dealer or Brokerage Company in processing, executing, safekeeping or reporting any such direction or order, or alleged direction or order, or the securities or proceeds resulting thereof. Any cash received by the Broker Dealer or Brokerage Company for the Depositor's account(s) held in connection with the Depositor's self-directed IRA or Saving Account, whether it be from income or proceeds of the held brokerage account transactions, shall be held by the brokerage account pending directions, and the Custodian shall have no obligation to direct the Broker Dealer or Brokerage Company to remit such cash until directed to do so by the Depositor. It is the Depositor's sole responsibility to supply the Custodian with at least (or better) an annual account statement from said Broker Dealer or Brokerage Company for said account associated with the Depositor's self-directed IRA or Saving Account. The Custodian is not responsible to notify or inform the Depositor of any increase or decrease changes in the value of the Depositor's outside brokerage account that is held by said Broker Dealer or Brokerage Company at any given time.

STC shall have no duty other than to follow the written investment directions of the Depositor, which duty shall be subject to the other terms and conditions of this Agreement. STC shall be under no duty to question said instructions and shall not be liable for any investment losses or adverse tax consequences of any kind whatsoever sustained by the Depositor. In addition, STC reserves the right to not follow a direction, or process any investment for administrative or cost-related reasons. Execution of Depositor's instructions or refusal to execute the same does not constitute investment advice or an opinion by STC as to the investment's prudence or viability. Depositor agrees that STC shall have no discretionary power, authority, or control with respect to the management, investment or disposition of the Depositor's assets or any discretionary authority with regard to the management of the Depositor's account. Depositor agrees and acknowledges that STC is not a fiduciary with respect to the Depositor, the Account or any investment chosen by the Depositor.

#### **9.14 Designated Representatives**

STC may, in its sole and absolute discretion, permit the Depositor to appoint an account designated representative or authorized investment advisor/agent to act on behalf of Depositor with respect to this Agreement (e.g., attorney-in-fact, executor, administrator, investment manager, investment advisor, etc.) who may, but is not required to be an investment advisor qualified under Section 3(38) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, to direct his/her retirement account. The Depositor

shall notify STC through written notice acceptable to us of any such account designated representatives to be appointed by the Depositor.

#### **9.15 Add Third-Party Authorization**

Specialized Trust reserves the right to approve, decline, remove, or revoke third-party authorization and access to any information related to a Depositor's account at its sole discretion, at any time.

If the account designated representative is an investment advisor under Section 3(38) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, STC may require the following: (I) Depositor to provide us a copy of the instruments appointing the investment advisor and evidencing the investment advisor's acceptance of such appointment; (II) certificate evidencing the investment advisor's current registration under the Investment Advisor's Act of 1940; and, (III) an acknowledgement by the investment advisor that he/she is a fiduciary of the Account. STC has no duty to determine the validity of any account designated representative authorized by the Depositor. The account designated representative may give STC directions to have us buy, sell, or reinvest public securities and investments that are traded on a recognized exchange or "over the counter," excluding any securities which may be issued by STC. The account designated representative may also direct STC with respect to alternative and/or private investments.

STC shall be responsible only for the execution of such orders and for maintaining adequate records thereof. However, if any such orders are not received as required, or, if received, are unclear in the sole opinion of the Custodian, all or a portion of the account may be held in its current investments or remain un-invested without liability for loss of income or appreciation, and without liability for interest pending receipt of such orders or clarification as are acceptable to STC in its sole discretion, the contribution may be returned. STC will follow the written instructions from the account designated representative until notification from the Depositor that he/she is terminating the representative's appointment. STC shall not be held responsible for losses of any kind that may result from directions, actions, or failure to act by the account designated representative, and the Depositor agrees to reimburse STC for any loss we may incur as a result of such directions, actions, or failures to act by the account designated representative elected and authorized by the Depositor.

#### **9.16 Prohibited Transactions**

The Depositor agrees that certain transactions are prohibited in IRAs and Savings Plans under IRC Section 4975 of the Internal Revenue Code. The Depositor understands that the determination of a prohibited transaction depends on the facts and circumstances that surround any particular transaction. STC shall make no determination as to whether any investment is prohibited. The Depositor further understands that should the Depositor's account engage in a prohibited transaction, you will incur a taxable distribution and possible penalties may be assessed. The Depositor represents to STC that you have or will consult with your own tax or legal professional to ensure that all investments within the Depositor's account do not constitute a prohibited transaction and that all investments comply with all applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and requirements. Furthermore, the Depositor shall not direct STC to engage in or make any investment that Depositor knows or otherwise should know involves or facilitates any criminal activity, nor shall the Depositor direct STC to lend any part of the corpus or income of the account to: pay any compensation for personal services rendered to the Account; to make any part of its services available on a preferential basis; to acquire for the account any property, other than cash; or, to sell any property to the Depositor, any member of Depositor's family deemed prohibited, or any entity controlled by Depositor through the ownership, directly or indirectly, of fifty percent (50%) or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of ownership entitled to vote, or of 50% or more of the total value of all ownership interests of such



entity. Generally, if a Depositor engages in or directs the engagement in a prohibited transaction as described in Section 4975 of the Code, the Depositor's account stops being an IRA as of the first day of that year, and the account is treated as distributing all its assets to the Depositor or beneficiary at their fair market values on the first day of the year which may result in taxes and penalties. Depositor hereby agrees to be solely responsible for determining and avoiding prohibited transactions and reportable events.

#### **9.17 Reportable Transactions**

The Depositor understands that certain transactions are or may be identified by the Internal Revenue Service as abusive tax shelter schemes or transactions. The Depositor further understands that the determination of a listed or reportable transaction may depend upon the facts and circumstances that surround the particular transaction. STC will make no determination as to whether any Account investment constitutes a listed or reportable transaction. The Depositor agrees to consult with his/her own tax or legal professional to ensure that listed or reportable transactions engaged in by the Account are identified.

The Depositor further represents and acknowledges to STC that with respect to any listed or reportable transaction, you are considered the entity manager which approved or caused the Account to be a party to the transaction and that you are responsible for (I) reporting each transaction to the IRS using Forms 8886-T and 8886, (II) paying any applicable excise taxes using Form 5330, (III) disclosing to STC that such transaction was a prohibited tax shelter transaction, and, (IV) directing STC of any necessary corrective action to be taken by the Account.

#### **9.18 Unrelated Business Income Tax (UBIT)**

Certain investments may generate taxable income within the Account, referred to as Unrelated Business Income Tax (UBIT). Such income must be considered in conjunction with all such income from all IRA accounts and may be taxable to the Account to the extent that all UBIT for a given taxable year exceeds the threshold amount set by the IRS. Since the IRA is a tax-exempt organization under federal tax law, if the IRA earns income from an investment which utilizes debt-financing or which derived from a business regarded as not related to the exempt purpose of the IRA, it may be subject to UBIT, if it is excess of permitted deductions.

Therefore, the Depositor must monitor for UBIT and in the event that your direction of IRA assets results in taxable income (unrelated or debt financing) pursuant to sections 511- 514 of the Internal Revenue Code in excess of the \$1,000.00 exclusion (as that amount may be adjusted) for any taxable year, it shall be the responsibility of the Depositor to prepare, or have prepared at their sole expense, the proper 990-T tax form and forward it to STC for execution on behalf of the Account, filing with the IRS and the payment of any applicable UBIT tax due from the IRA account. The authorization must be in written form acceptable to STC. Furthermore, by signing this Agreement, the Depositor understands that STC (I) does not make any determination as to what structures create UBIT; (II) does not monitor whether the Account has UBIT in the Account; and (III) does not prepare Form 990-T. Depositors required to complete a Form 990-T will need to contact STC and request an Employer Identification Number (EIN) or the Depositor can acquire an EIN on its own by using Form SS-4 and providing a copy of the EIN confirmation to STC.

#### **9.19 Fair Market Valuations**

STC shall use reasonable, good faith efforts to ascertain the fair market value of each asset in valuing the assets of the custodial account for recordkeeping and reporting purposes. Valuations will be obtained through utilization of various outside sources available to us and consideration of various relevant factors generally recognize as appropriate to the application of customary valuation methods. In certain cases where fair market value is not readily

available and we do not have a recent qualified independent appraisal, we may assign value based on our internal policies and procedures on the value of the asset or we may require a current independent appraisal obtained by you, the Depositor. However, where assets are liquid or tier value cannot be readily determined on either an established exchange or generally recognized market, the valuation is, by necessity, not a true market value and is merely an estimation of value in a broad range of values and its accuracy should not be relied upon by the Depositor for any other purposes because the precision with which a value is assigned is a factor of the nature of the asset and the cost effectiveness of pursuing a more comprehensive appraisal. STC does not assume responsibility for the accuracy in the valuation presented regarding the assets. We do not guarantee the results of the appraisal methods applied in developing value nor can we be held liable for valuations that STC cannot determine on a recognized exchange or a generally standard market. Fair Market Valuations for conversions must be obtained from an independent authorized individual acceptable by STC for conversions conducted either internally or via transfer from a contra firm. Supporting documentation must be dated within 30 days of the distribution. Statements and prior market values are not acceptable.

#### **9.20 Disclosures and Voting**

STC shall supply to Depositor, all notices, prospectuses, financial statements, proxies, and proxy soliciting materials received relating to assets held within the account. STC shall not make decisions related to shares of stock or proceed with any other actions related to the asset without written instructions from Depositor.

#### **9.21 Establishment, Annual and General Fee Provision**

Individual Retirement Account Custodians charge fees to maintain IRAs and/or to offset expenses. The Depositor agrees to pay any and all fees specified in the fee schedule published by STC. This includes, without limitation, any Custodian fees, and fees for distributions from, transfers to or from, terminations, and administrative expenses charged of this IRA. STC reserves the right to assess additional fees on any account with excessive activity or special services not covered by the current fee schedule.

Fees are required to be paid at the time the account is established. Thereafter, the Depositor will be assessed for the annual fees, which is calculated using the market value of the account on the anniversary date the account was established. Subsequent annual assessed fees permit these fees to be paid out of pocket by the Depositor, via credit card on file with STC (see relevant information below) or via automatic withdrawal from cash assets within the account. Should the Depositor desire to pay annual fees other than via credit card or automatic withdrawal, the Depositor should notify STC of this desire a minimum of 30-days prior to the anniversary date of the account. STC will automatically assess, charge, or direct debit all annual fees starting the fifth day of the account's anniversary month or thereafter. Should payment not be received by this date, STC reserves the right to charge the applicable annual fee to a credit card on file or withdrawal the fee amount from cash assets within the account or any account the Depositor holds with STC. After 30 days should the fees go unpaid, STC reserves the right to liquidate any asset, without notice, for the outstanding balance and the Depositor shall be responsible for any deficiency.

Furthermore, STC reserves the right to force close any delinquent account and distribute all asset holdings to the Depositor at the last known value. Asset distributions from an IRA or Saving Account are tax reportable events and may be taxable to the Depositor. These asset distributions could cause irreversible tax consequences to the Depositor in the year which the assets were distributed to the Depositor personally.

STC relies on the ability to pay out-of-pocket guidance from Private Letter Rulings. IRS Revenue Ruling 84-146 and IRS Regulation 1.404(a)-3(d) provide

the best guidance, indicating that an IRA owner can pay expenses out of pocket that is ordinary and necessary. These expenses include Annual Fee; Mutual fund sub accounting fee; Establishment fee; Record- keeping fee; IRA termination fee; Investment adviser fee; Transaction fee; Transfer fee; Form preparation fee; Investment manager fee; Accounting services fee; and Service charge for additional investment types. In addition, STC relies upon the IRS ruling in PLR200507021 and will allow the Depositor to choose to pay any wrap fees, as applicable, from non-IRA funds without such fee payments being considered to be additional contributions. The Depositor can elect to pay the account set up fees when establishing an Account by providing STC with a valid credit card number and related information. Depositor shall complete the credit card section of the "Application" form attached. Additionally, by providing a credit card, the Depositor hereby authorizes STC to charge subsequent outstanding fees against the credit card account number should the Depositor fail to pay the applicable fees, expenses or other obligations when requested by STC to do so and there are insufficient Custodial Funds which are liquid and/or which can be readily liquidated to pay any outstanding fee, expense or other obligation owed to STC.

STC reserves the right to require a valid credit card on file for successive outstanding annual fees. If the credit card account expires, becomes invalid or exceeds its maximum credit limit, the Depositor agrees to immediately inform the Custodian and simultaneously provide another valid credit card account number to STC by completing a new "Custodial Account Information" form that allows STC to charge outstanding fees against the new credit card account.

Institutional Account fees are set based on a specific company investment and any additional investments outside of the intended asset account will revert to a regular fee schedule assessed in the anniversary month. Special fees or Optional Fees are deducted from the Account otherwise indicated on the form acceptable to STC when submitted.

The account must maintain a liquid minimum account balance of \$1000. Failure to maintain the minimum balance may result in the distribution of the account to the IRA which taxes and/or penalties could occur.

STC may change the fee schedule at any time by giving the depositor 30 days prior written or electronic notice. STC may, but shall not be required, to calculate fees by utilizing a basis point calculation. A basis point, also referred to as a "bip" is a unit of calculation equal to 1/100 of a percentage point or one part per ten thousand and is commonly used in interest rates, equity indexes and the yield of fixed-income investments.

As part of STC's payment processing, we reserve the right to charge a fee for all credit card transactions up to 3.5%.

## **9.22 Statements**

STC shall provide to the Depositor an annual statement. The Depositor will have sixty (60) days after receipt of any documents, statements, or other information from STC to notify us in writing of any errors or inaccuracies reflected in these documents, statements, or other information. If the Depositor does not notify us within 60 days, the documents, statements, or other information shall be deemed correct and accurate, and we shall have no further liability or obligation for such documents, statements, other information, or the transactions described therein.

## **9.23 Resignation or Appointment of Successor Custodian**

STC reserves the right to resign and appoint a successor Custodian, Trustee or Administrator in the event STC reorganizes, changes its name, merges with another organization, or comes under the control of any federal or state agency. If STC or any portion which includes the Depositor's Account is bought by another firm/organization, the purchaser shall automatically become the Custodian, Trustee or Administrator of the Depositor's Account,

but only if it is the type of organization authorized to provide trust services.

STC may resign and/or appoint a successor Custodian, Trustee or Administrator to serve under this Agreement or under another governing agreement selected by the successor Custodian, Trustee or Administrator by giving the Depositor written notice at least 30 days prior to the effective date of such resignation and appointment, which notice shall also include, or be provided under separate cover, a copy of such other governing instrument, if applicable, and the related disclosure statement. The Depositor shall then have 30 days from the date of such notice to either request a distribution of the entire account balance or designate a different successor Custodian, Trustee or Administrator and notify STC of such designation. If the Depositor does not request distribution of the account balance or notify STC of the designation of a different successor Custodian, Trustee or Administrator within such 30-day period, the Depositor shall be deemed to have consented to the appointment of the successor Custodian, Trustee or Administrator and the terms of any new governing instrument, and neither the Depositor nor the successor Custodian, Trustee or Administrator shall be required to execute any written document to complete the transfer of the account to the successor Custodian, Trustee or Administrator. The successor Custodian, Trustee or Administrator may rely on any information, including beneficiary designations, previously provided by the Depositor to STC. The Depositor may, at any time, remove STC and name a successor Custodian, Trustee or Administrator of the Depositor's choice by giving a 30-day notice of such removal and replacement. STC and/or successor Custodian, Trustee or Administrator shall then deliver the assets of the account as directed by the Depositor subject to applicable terms discussed in more detail below.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, STC may resign as custodian of Depositor's IRA account and demand that the Depositor appoint a successor Custodian, Trustee or Administrator by giving the Depositor written notice at least 30 days prior to the effective date of such resignation. The Depositor shall then have 30 days from the date of such notice to designate a successor Custodian, Trustee or Administrator, notify STC of the name and address of the successor Custodian, Trustee or Administrator, and provide the STC with appropriate evidence that such successor Custodian, Trustee or Administrator has accepted the appointment and is qualified to serve. If the Depositor designates a successor Custodian, Trustee or Administrator and provides STC evidence of said successor's acceptance of appointment and qualification within such 30-day period, STC shall then deliver all of the assets and necessary records to the successor Custodian, Trustee or Administrator. However, if the Depositor does not notify STC of the appointment of a successor Custodian, Trustee or Administrator within such 30-day period, then STC may distribute all of the assets and necessary records to the Depositor outright from the Account, and the Depositor shall be wholly responsible for the tax consequences of such distribution.

In the event of STC's resignation or the appointment of a successor Custodian, Trustee or Administrator, STC may expend any assets in the account to pay expenses of valuation and transfer (including but not limited to re-registering the assets and preparation of deeds, assignments, and other instruments of transfer or conveyance) to STC, the successor Custodian, Trustee or Administrator, or the Depositor, as the case may be. In addition, STC may retain a portion of the assets as a reserve for payment of any anticipated remaining fees and expenses. Upon satisfaction of such fees and expenses, as determined by STC, STC shall pay over any remainder of the reserve to the successor Custodian, Trustee, or Administrator or to the Depositor, as the case may be.

## **9.24 STC Security or Pin Code Terms and Conditions**

By signing this form, the Depositor expressly agrees to have read and understood the following terms and conditions related to PIN issuance by STC and PIN usage by the Depositor:

1. All details on the Personal Identification Number (PIN) Request Form are mandatory. The PIN issuance request may be rejected in case of any invalid / incomplete / ambiguous information / details provided in the form.
2. STC undertakes to offer, at the request of the Depositor, services through telephone-based inquiry, which will enable the Depositor to request information on the Depositor's account over the telephone.
3. The Depositor will choose a PIN for this purpose; the PIN is required to identify you.
4. The PIN shall under no circumstances be revealed to any third party.
5. In the event of loss of PIN by the Depositor or due to the Depositor having forgotten the PIN, a request for issue of a duplicate PIN shall be considered only on receipt of a written request from the Depositor, subject to signature verification/validation or a new PIN may be issued as per the process set up by STC from time to time.
6. The Depositor may be asked for PIN verification before information is discussed. In the interest of the Depositor, about the account of the Depositor.
7. In the event of loss of or forgotten PIN by the Account Owner, a request to change/update the PIN shall be considered only on receipt of a written request from the Account Owner, subject to signature verification/validation per the process set up by STC from time to time.
8. Fraud or dishonesty relating to any using of the PIN; Non-compliance of terms and conditions relating to using the PIN.
9. Any information provided over the telephone given to unauthorized persons by gaining access to PIN.
10. It shall be the sole responsibility of the Depositor to ensure adequate protection and confidentiality of the PIN and any disclosure thereof to any other person shall be entirely at the risk of the Depositor. The Depositor should report the loss of the PIN immediately upon discovery of such an event.
11. STC may, at its absolute discretion, issue a new PIN to the Depositor on these terms and conditions or such terms and conditions as they may deem fit. STC may also discontinue this service at any time in the future or make changes in terms and conditions for PIN requests without assigning any reasons thereof and such conditions shall be binding on the Depositor.

#### **9.25 Affiliates, Sponsorships, and Third Parties**

From time-to-time Specialized Trust Company (STC) may collaborate with outside vendors or referral sources. At times STC may receive payment for services rendered or sold at events, online, podcasts, etc. and not limited to. This considers notification that we may have entered into an agreement to receive or give potential compensation for items related to servicing or education on products and services, we offer. We do not advise or endorse third parties or investment sponsors and you should always consult with your financial team as we do not provide legal advice or investment guidance. We may offer and have third parties educate on general topics we feel our clients may have an interest in. We do not endorse the actual or any investment from any or one individual. We make every attempt to clarify this with every education product or service we offer. We are a passive custodian and not a fiduciary of your account. We encourage each and every client to work with an educated member of their financial team when completing or deciding to complete an investment. We are under no obligation to warn, deter or notify the client of information regarding to who or in what they are investing. These accounts are self-directed and any gains, losses are at the direction and responsibility of the account owner. Any legal matters will be handled in manners discussed prior in this account custodial agreements. In addition, these custodial agreements apply to products or service rendered that do not at the time include or an account has not yet been opened or activated. Use and purchase of these products, education and services constitutes agreement with these custodial agreements and terms.

## **ARTICLE X**

This agreement will be amended from time to time to comply with the provisions of the Code or IRS published guidance. Other amendments may be made with the consent of the persons whose signatures appear on the application.

## **ARTICLE XI**

**11.01 Definitions** – In this part of this agreement (Article XI), the words “you” and “your” mean the account owner. The words “we,” “us,” and “our” mean the custodian. The word “Code” means the Internal Revenue Code, and “regulations” means the Treasury regulations.

**11.02 Notices and Change of Address** – Any required notice regarding this HSA will be considered effective when we send it to the intended recipient at the last address that we have in our records. Any notice to be given to us will be considered effective when we actually receive it. You, or the intended recipient, must notify us of any change of address.

**11.03 Representations and Responsibilities** – You represent and warrant to us that any information you have given or will give us with respect to this agreement is complete and accurate. Further, you agree that any directions you give us or action you take will be proper under this agreement, and that we are entitled to rely upon any such information or directions. If we fail to receive directions from you regarding any transaction, if we receive ambiguous directions regarding any transaction, or if we, in good faith, believe that any transaction requested is in dispute, we reserve the right to take no action until further clarification acceptable to us is received from you or the appropriate government or judicial authority. We will not be responsible for losses of any kind that may result from your directions to us or your actions or failures to act, and you agree to reimburse us for any loss we may incur as a result of such directions, actions, or failures to act. We will not be responsible for any penalties, taxes, judgments, or expenses you incur in connection with your HSA. We have no duty to determine whether your contributions or distributions comply with the Code, regulations, rulings, or this agreement. We have the right to require you to provide, on a form provided by or acceptable to us, proof or certification that you are eligible to contribute to this HSA, including, but not limited to, proof or certification that you are covered by an HDHP. In no event will we be responsible to determine if contributions made by your employer to your HSA meet the requirements for comparable contributions, the rules of which are set forth in the Code and IRS published guidance.

We may permit you to appoint, through written notice acceptable to us, an authorized agent to act on your behalf with respect to this agreement (e.g., attorney-in-fact, executor, administrator, investment manager), but we have no duty to determine the validity of such appointment or any instrument appointing such authorized agent. In addition, we may allow you to designate an authorized signer to perform various limited transactions on your HSA as specified in a form provided by or acceptable to us. We may rely upon this designation until such time, if any, that we receive a written revocation of the authorization. We will not be responsible for losses of any kind that may result from directions, actions, or failures to act by your authorized agent and/or authorized signer, and you agree to reimburse us for any loss we may incur as a result of such directions, actions, or failures to act by your authorized agent and/or authorized signer.

You will have 60 days after you receive any documents, statements, or other information from us to notify us in writing of any errors or inaccuracies reflected in these documents, statements, or other information. If you do not notify us within 60 days, the documents, statements, or other information will be deemed correct and accurate, and we will have no further liability or obligation for such documents, statements, other information, or the transactions described therein.

By performing services under this agreement, we are acting as your agent. You acknowledge and agree that nothing in this agreement will be construed as conferring fiduciary status upon us. We will not be required to perform any additional services unless specifically agreed to under the terms and

conditions of this agreement, or as required under the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder with respect to HSAs. You agree to indemnify and hold us harmless for any and all claims, actions, proceedings, damages, judgments, liabilities, costs, and expenses, including attorney's fees arising from or in connection with this agreement.

To the extent written instructions or notices are required under this agreement, we may accept or provide such information in any other form permitted by the Code or applicable regulations including, but not limited to, electronic communication.

**11.04 Disclosure of Account Information** – We may use agents and/or subcontractors to assist in administering your HSA. We may release nonpublic personal information regarding your HSA to such providers as necessary to provide the products and services made available under this agreement, and to evaluate our business operations and analyze potential product, service, or process improvements.

**11.05 Service Fees** – We have the right to charge an annual service fee or other designated fees (e.g., a transfer, rollover, or termination fee) for maintaining your HSA. In addition, we have the right to be reimbursed for all reasonable expenses, including legal expenses, we incur in connection with the administration of your HSA. We may charge you separately for any fees or expenses, or we may deduct the amount of the fees or expenses from the assets in your HSA at our discretion. We reserve the right to charge any additional fee after giving you 30 days' notice. Fees such as subtransfer agent fees or commissions may be paid to us by third parties for assistance in performing certain transactions with respect to this HSA.

Any brokerage commissions attributable to the assets in your HSA will be charged to your HSA. You cannot reimburse your HSA for those commissions.

**11.06 Investment of Amounts in the HSA** – You have exclusive responsibility for and control over the investment of the assets of your HSA. All transactions will be subject to any and all restrictions or limitations, direct or indirect, that are imposed by our charter, articles of incorporation, or bylaws; any and all applicable federal and state laws and regulations; the rules, regulations, customs and usages of any exchange, market or clearing house where the transaction is executed; our policies and practices; and this agreement. We will have no discretion to direct any investment in your HSA. We assume no responsibility for rendering investment advice with respect to your HSA, nor will we offer any opinion or judgment to you on matters concerning the value or suitability of any investment or proposed investment for your HSA. In the absence of instructions from you, or if your instructions are not in a form acceptable to us, we will have the right to hold any uninvested amounts in cash, and we will have no responsibility to invest uninvested cash unless and until directed by you. We will not exercise the voting rights and other shareholder rights with respect to investments in your HSA unless you provide timely written directions acceptable to us.

You will select the investment for your HSA assets from those investments that we are authorized by our charter, articles of incorporation, or bylaws to offer and do in fact offer for HSAs (e.g., term share accounts, passbook accounts, certificates of deposit, money market accounts.)

**11.07 Beneficiaries** – If you die before you receive all of the amounts in your HSA, payments from your HSA will be made to your beneficiaries. We have no obligation to pay to your beneficiaries until such time we are notified of your death by receiving a valid death certificate.

You may designate one or more persons or entities as beneficiary of your HSA. This designation can only be made on a form provided by or acceptable to us, and it will only be effective when it is filed with us during your lifetime. Each beneficiary designation you file with us will cancel all previous designations. The consent of your beneficiaries will not be required for you to revoke a beneficiary designation. If you have designated both primary and contingent beneficiaries and no primary beneficiary survives you, the contingent beneficiaries will acquire the designated share of your HSA. If you do not designate a beneficiary or if all of your primary and contingent beneficiaries predecease you, your estate will be the beneficiary.

If your surviving spouse acquires the interest in this HSA by reason of being the beneficiary at your death, this HSA (or in accordance with rules established by the IRS, the relevant portion thereof) will be treated as if the surviving spouse is the account owner.

If the beneficiary is not your spouse, the HSA (or in accordance with rules established by the IRS, the relevant portion thereof) will cease to be an HSA as of the date of your death.

Upon learning of your death, we may, in our complete and sole discretion, make a final distribution to a beneficiary (other than your spouse) of his or her interest in the HSA. This distribution may be made without the beneficiary's consent and may be placed in an interest-bearing (or similar) account that we choose.

**11.08 Termination of Agreement, Resignation, or Removal of Custodian** – Either party may terminate this agreement at any time by giving written notice to the other. We can resign as custodian at any time effective 30 days after we send written notice of our resignation to you. Upon receipt of that notice, you must make arrangements to transfer your HSA to another financial organization. If you do not complete a transfer of your HSA within 30 days from the date we send the notice to you, we have the right to transfer your HSA assets to a successor HSA trustee or custodian that we choose in our sole discretion, or we may pay your HSA to you in a single sum. We will not be liable for any actions or failures to act on the part of any successor trustee or custodian, nor for any tax consequences you may incur that result from the transfer or distribution of your assets pursuant to this section.

If this agreement is terminated, we may charge to your HSA a reasonable amount of money that we believe is necessary to cover any associated costs, including but not limited to, one or more of the following.

- Any fees, expenses, or taxes chargeable against your HSA
- Any penalties or surrender charges associated with the early withdrawal of any savings instrument or other investment in your HSA

If we are a nonbank custodian required to comply with Regulations section 1.408-2(e) and we fail to do so or we are not keeping the records, making the returns, or sending the statements as are required by forms or regulations, the IRS may require us to substitute another trustee or custodian.

We may establish a policy requiring distribution of the entire balance of your HSA to you in cash or property if the balance of your HSA drops below the minimum balance required under the applicable investment or policy established.

**11.09 Successor Custodian** – If our organization changes its name, reorganizes, merges with another organization (or comes under the control of any federal or state agency), or if our entire organization (or any portion that includes your HSA) is bought by another organization, that organization (or agency) will automatically become the trustee or custodian of your HSA, but only if it is the type of organization authorized to serve as an HSA trustee or custodian.

**11.10 Amendments** – We have the right to amend this agreement at any time. Any amendment we make to comply with the Code and related regulations does not require your consent. You will be deemed to have consented to any other amendment, unless within 30 days from the date we send the amendment, you notify us in writing that you do not consent.

**11.11 Withdrawals or Transfers** – All requests for withdrawal or transfer will be in writing on a form provided by or acceptable to us. The method of distribution must be specified in writing or in any other method acceptable to us. The tax identification number of the recipient must be provided to us before we are obligated to make a distribution. Withdrawals will be subject to all applicable tax and other laws and regulations, including but not limited to possible early distribution penalty taxes, surrender charges, and withholding requirements.

We may allow the return of mistaken distributions if there is clear and convincing evidence that the amounts distributed from the HSA were because of a mistake of fact due to reasonable cause. In determining whether this

standard has been met, we may rely on your representation that the distribution was, in fact, a mistake.

In no event will we restrict HSA distributions to pay or reimburse only your qualified medical expenses. We may, however, on a case-by-case basis or as a matter of policy, place reasonable restrictions on both the frequency and the minimum amount of distributions from the HSA.

We may establish a policy whereby having a zero balance in your HSA may not cause the HSA to be closed. At our discretion, future contributions may be made to the HSA until you instruct us to close the HSA.

**11.12 Transfers from Other Plans** – We can receive amounts transferred to this HSA from the trustee or custodian of another HSA. In addition, we can accept rollovers of an eligible amount from an Archer MSA. We reserve the right not to accept any transfer or rollover.

**11.13 Liquidation of Assets** – We have the right to liquidate assets in your HSA if necessary to make distributions or to pay fees, expenses, taxes, penalties, or surrender charges properly chargeable against your HSA. If you fail to direct us as to which assets to liquidate, we will decide, in our complete and sole discretion, and you agree to not hold us liable for any adverse consequences that result from our decision.

**11.14 Restrictions on the Fund** – Neither you nor any beneficiary may sell, transfer, or pledge any interest in your HSA in any manner whatsoever, except as provided by law or this agreement.

The assets in your HSA will not be responsible for the debts, contracts, or torts of any person entitled to distributions under this agreement.

**11.15 What Law Applies** – This agreement is subject to all applicable federal and state laws and regulations. If it is necessary to apply any state law to interpret and administer this agreement, the law of our domicile will govern.

If any part of this agreement is held to be illegal or invalid, the remaining parts will not be affected. Neither your nor our failure to enforce at any time or for any period of time any of the provisions of this agreement will be construed as a waiver of such provisions or your right or our right thereafter to enforce each and every such provision.

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## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

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*Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code.*

### WHAT'S NEW

**Additional Tax Increased** – For tax years beginning after December 31, 2010, the additional tax on distributions not used for qualified medical expenses increases from 10 percent to 20 percent.

### PURPOSE OF FORM

Form 5305-C is a model custodial account agreement that has been approved by the IRS. An HSA is established after the form is fully executed by both the account owner and the custodian. The form can be completed at any time during the tax year. This account must be created in the United States for the exclusive benefit of the account owner. **Do not** file Form 5305-C with the IRS. Instead, keep it with your records. For more information on HSAs, see Notice 2004-2, 2004-2 I.R.B. 269, Notice 2004-50, 2004-33 I.R.B. 196, Pub. 969, *Health Savings Accounts and Other Tax-Favored Health Plans*, and other IRS published guidance.

### DEFINITIONS

**Identifying Number** – The account owner's Social Security number will serve as the identification number of this HSA. For married persons, each spouse who is eligible to open an HSA and wants to contribute to an HSA must establish his or her own account. An employer identification number (EIN) is required for an HSA for which a return is filed to report unrelated business taxable income. An EIN is also required for a common fund created for HSAs.

**High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP)** – For calendar year 2011, an HDHP for self-only coverage has a minimum annual deductible of \$1,200 and an annual

out-of-pocket maximum (deductibles, co-payments and other amounts, but not premiums) of \$5,950. In 2012, the \$1,200 minimum annual deductible remains the same and the annual out-of-pocket maximum increases to \$6,050. For calendar year 2011, an HDHP for family coverage has a minimum annual deductible of \$2,400 and an annual out-of-pocket maximum of \$11,900. In 2012, the \$2,400 minimum annual deductible remains the same and the annual out-of-pocket maximum increases to \$12,100. These limits are subject to cost-of-living adjustments after 2012.

**Self-Only Coverage and Family Coverage Under an HDHP** – Family coverage means coverage that is not self-only coverage.

**Qualified Medical Expenses** – Qualified medical expenses are amounts paid for medical care as defined in section 213(d) for the account owner, his or her spouse, or dependents (as defined in section 152) but only to the extent that such amounts are not compensated for by insurance or otherwise. With certain exceptions, health insurance premiums are not qualified medical expenses.

**Custodian** – A custodian of an HSA must be a bank, an insurance company, a person previously approved by the IRS to be a custodian of an individual retirement account (IRA) or Archer MSA, or any other person approved by the IRS.

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## SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

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**Article XI** – Article XI and any that follow it may incorporate additional provisions that are agreed to by the account owner and custodian. The additional provisions may include, for example, definitions, restrictions on rollover contributions from HSAs or Archer MSAs (requiring a rollover not later than 60 days after receipt of a distribution and limited to one rollover during a one-year period), investment powers, voting rights, exculpatory provisions, amendment and termination, removal of custodian, custodian's fees, state law requirements, treatment of excess contributions, distribution procedures (including frequency or minimum dollar amount), use of debit, credit, or stored-value cards, return of mistaken distributions, and descriptions of prohibited transactions. Attach additional pages if necessary.

# DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

## REQUIREMENTS OF AN HSA

A. **Cash Contributions** – Your contribution must be in cash, unless it is a rollover contribution.

B. **Maximum Contribution** – The total amount that may be contributed to your HSA for any taxable year is the sum of the limits determined separately for each month. The determination for each month is based on whether, as of the first day of such month, you are eligible to contribute and whether you have self-only or family coverage under a high deductible health plan (HDHP). If you have self-only coverage, the maximum monthly contribution is 1/12 of \$3,450 (for 2018) or \$3,500 (for 2019). If you have family coverage, the maximum monthly contribution is 1/12 of \$6,900 (for 2018) or \$7,000 (for 2019). These limits are subject to cost-of-living increases. In addition, if you have attained age 55 before the close of the taxable year, the annual contribution limit is increased by an additional amount not to exceed \$1,000 each year. The annual limit is decreased by aggregate contributions made to an Archer MSA and by any qualified HSA funding distributions from an IRA deposited into the HSA.

If you become HSA-eligible after the beginning of the year, you may make a full year's contribution up to the statutory contribution limit as long as you maintain eligibility during the testing period. The testing period begins the last month of the initial eligibility year and ends at the end of the 12-month period following that month. If you do not remain eligible during the testing period, you must include in your gross income the contributions made for the months that you were not otherwise eligible and pay a 10 percent penalty tax on the amount.

C. **Contribution Eligibility** – You are an eligible individual for any month if you (1) are covered under an HDHP on the first day of such month; (2) are not also covered by any other health plan that is not an HDHP and that provides coverage for any benefit covered under the HDHP (with limited exceptions); (3) are not enrolled in Medicare; and (4) are not eligible to be claimed as a dependent on another person's tax return.

In general, an HDHP is a health plan that satisfies certain requirements with respect to deductibles and out-of-pocket expenses. Specifically, an HDHP has an annual deductible of at least \$1,350 (for 2018 and 2019) for self-only coverage and at least \$2,700 (for 2018 and 2019) for family coverage. In addition, the sum of the annual out-of-pocket expenses required to be paid (deductibles, copayments, and amounts other than premiums) cannot exceed \$6,650 (for 2018) or \$6,750 (for 2019) for self-only coverage and \$13,300 (for 2018) or \$13,500 (for 2019) for family coverage. All of these dollar amounts may be adjusted annually for cost-of-living increases.

D. **Nonforfeiture** – Your interest in your HSA is nonforfeitable.

E. **Eligible Custodians** – The custodian of your HSA must be a bank, savings and loan association, credit union, or a person or entity approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

F. **Commingling Assets** – The assets of your HSA cannot be commingled with other property except in a common custodial fund or common investment fund.

G. **Life Insurance** – No portion of your HSA may be invested in life insurance contracts.

## INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES OF ESTABLISHING AN HSA

A. **HSA Deductibility** – If you are eligible to contribute to your HSA for any month during the taxable year, amounts contributed to your HSA are deductible in determining adjusted gross income up to the maximum contribution limits discussed above. The deduction is allowed regardless of whether you itemize deductions. Employer contributions to your HSA are excludable from your gross income and you cannot deduct such amounts on your tax return as HSA contributions.

B. **Contribution Deadline** – The deadline for making an HSA contribution

is your tax return due date (not including extensions). You may designate a contribution as a contribution for the preceding taxable year in a manner acceptable to us. For example, if you are a calendar-year taxpayer and you make your HSA contribution on or before your tax filing deadline, your contribution is considered to have been made for the previous tax year if you designate it as such.

C. **Excess Contributions** – An excess contribution is any amount that is contributed to your HSA that exceeds the amount that you are eligible to contribute. If the excess is not corrected timely, an additional penalty tax of six percent will be imposed upon the excess amount. The procedure for correcting an excess is determined by the timeliness of the correction as identified below.

1. **Removal Before Your Tax Filing Deadline.** An excess contribution may be corrected by withdrawing the excess amount, along with the earnings attributable to the excess, before your tax filing deadline, including extensions, for the year for which the excess contribution was made. An excess withdrawn under this method is not taxable to you, but you must include the earnings attributable to the excess in your taxable income in the year in which the contribution was made. The six percent excess contribution penalty tax will be avoided.

2. **Removal After Your Tax Filing Deadline.** If you are correcting an excess contribution after your tax filing deadline, including extensions, remove only the amount of the excess contribution. The six percent excess contribution penalty tax will be imposed on the excess contribution for each year it remains in the HSA.

3. **Carry Forward to a Subsequent Year.** If you do not withdraw the excess contribution, you may carry forward the contribution for a subsequent tax year. To do so, you under-contribute for that tax year and carry the excess contribution amount forward to that year on your tax return. The six percent excess contribution penalty tax will be imposed on the excess amount for each year that it remains as an excess contribution at the end of the year.

You must file IRS Form 5329 along with your income tax return to report and remit any additional penalty taxes to the IRS.

D. **Tax-Deferred Earnings** – The investment earnings of your HSA are not subject to federal income tax until distributions are made (or, in certain instances, when distributions are deemed to be made).

E. **Taxation of Distributions** – Distributions taken from your HSA to pay for qualified medical expenses or to reimburse you for qualified medical expenses that you already paid are excluded from your gross income. Qualified medical expenses are amounts you pay for medical care (as defined in Internal Revenue Code Section (IRC Sec.) 213(d)) for yourself, your spouse, and your dependents (as defined in IRC Sec. 152), but only to the extent that such amounts are incurred after the HSA was established and are not covered by insurance or otherwise. For a general description of qualified medical expenses, refer to IRS Publication 502, *Medical and Dental Expenses*, available at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). Distributions made for purposes other than qualified medical expenses are included in your gross income and are subject to an additional 20 percent penalty tax. This additional 20 percent penalty tax will apply unless a distribution is made on account of (1) attainment of age 65, (2) death, or (3) disability.

Withdrawals from your HSA are not subject to federal income tax withholding.

F. **Rollovers** – Your HSA may be rolled over to another HSA of yours or may receive rollover contributions, provided that all of the applicable rollover rules are followed. Rollover is a term used to describe a tax-free movement of cash or other property between any of your HSAs. The general rollover rules are summarized below. These transactions are often complex. If you have any questions regarding a rollover, please see a competent tax advisor.

1. **HSA or Archer MSA to HSA Rollovers.** Assets distributed from your HSA may be rolled over to an HSA of yours if the requirements of IRC Sec. 223(f)(5) are met. A proper HSA to HSA rollover is completed if all or part of the distribution is rolled over not later than 60 days after the distribution is received. You may make only one rollover contribution to an HSA during a 12-month period.

Assets distributed from your Archer MSA also may be rolled over to your HSA. A proper Archer MSA to HSA rollover is completed if all or part of the distribution is rolled over not later than 60 days after the distribution is received.

2. **Written Election.** At the time you make a rollover to an HSA, you must designate in writing to the custodian your election to treat that contribution as a rollover. Once made, the rollover election is irrevocable.

G. **Qualified HSA Funding Distributions** – If you are eligible to contribute to an HSA, you may be eligible to take a one-time, tax-free HSA funding distribution from your IRA and directly deposit it to your HSA. The amount of the qualified HSA funding distribution may not exceed the maximum HSA contribution limit in effect for the type of HDHP coverage (i.e., self-only or family coverage) that you have at the time of the deposit, and counts toward your HSA contribution limit for that year. If you do not remain HSA-eligible (for reasons other than death or disability) for 12 months following the transaction, the amount of the transaction is subject to taxation and a 10 percent penalty tax. For further detailed information, see IRS Publication 969, *Health Savings Accounts and Other Tax-Favored Health Plans*.

H. **Beneficiary Issues** – If you die and your beneficiary is your spouse, your HSA (or the relevant portion thereof) will become your spouse's HSA as of the date of your death.

If your beneficiary is not your spouse, the HSA (or the relevant portion thereof) will cease to be an HSA as of the date of your death.

If the beneficiary is your estate, the fair market value of the account as of your date of death is taxable on your final tax return. For other beneficiaries, the fair market value of the account is taxable to that beneficiary in the tax year that includes the date of death.

## LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

A. **Deduction of Rollovers and Transfers** – A deduction is not allowed for rollover or transfer contributions.

B. **Prohibited Transactions** – If you or your beneficiary engage in a prohibited transaction with your HSA, as described in IRC Sec. 4975, your HSA will lose its tax-exempt status and you must include the value of your account in your gross income for that taxable year. Overdrawing your HSA is considered a prohibited transaction.

C. **Pledging** – If you pledge any portion of your HSA as collateral for a loan, the amount so pledged will be treated as a distribution and will be included in your gross income for that year.

## OTHER

A. **IRS Plan Approval** – The agreement used to establish this HSA has been approved by the IRS. The IRS approval is a determination only as to form. It is not an endorsement of the plan in operation or of the investments offered.

B. **Important Information About Procedures for Opening a New Account** – To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, federal law requires all financial organizations to obtain, verify, and record information that identifies each person who opens an account. Therefore, when you open an HSA, you are required to provide your name, residential address, date of birth, and identification number. We may require other information that will allow us to identify you.





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## **PRIVACY POLICY**

Specialized Trust Company is committed to maintaining the privacy and security of your personal information. During the application and investments processes, we collect personal information, including, but not necessarily limited to, name, address, phone numbers, email addresses, Social Security number, birth date and, at times, credit card information. We will also ask for similar information about beneficiaries to assist us in locating them in the future should the need arise. Please know that this information is collected only for our internal reference and will not be disseminated except as required by law or as discussed below.

## **INFORMATION WE COLLECT**

The information we collect will be used in our processing operations to establish your account and to carry forward your investment directions. It is also used in our statutory reporting obligations, which include responding to requests for information from governmental and quasi-governmental agencies and to insure proper billing of our services to you. We will, from time to time, use the information to provide you with marketing and promotional material and to deliver to you correspondence we have received concerning your account or assets held within your account. It will also be used to answer questions that you may have concerning your account or the assets held within your account.

## **USING INFORMATION**

In addition to the uses described above, we use information for purposes as allowed by law such as: servicing; communicating with you; improving our website, products, or services; legal compliance; risk control; information security; anti-fraud purposes; marketing or personalizing the presentation of our products and services to you; tracking website usage, such as number of hits, pages visited, and the length of user sessions in order to evaluate the usefulness of our sites; and using read-receipt notifications in our email communications.

## **INFORMATION GATHERED ONLINE**

In addition to the above, when you access our website, information concerning you and your computer are collected. Our servers automatically collect this data. We collect and track data that tells us who visits our website, which pages on the site they visit, how long they stay on the site, their geographic location and what equipment, Internet provider and browser were used to access the site.

## **USE OF CLIENT INFORMATION**

Please know that Specialized Trust Company reserves the right to disseminate information derived from the aggregation of the information it collects. An example of this would be to include in a report or marketing piece the total number of accounts held or the average age of our account holders. In these instances, no account holder will be identifiable nor will specific personal information be used. At any time, you may request, in writing, a summary of the personal information Specialized Trust Company maintains about you. You may also request, in writing, that your information be modified, corrected or removed. Your use and continued use of our website constitutes your acceptance of this Privacy Policy and any changes made to it by us.





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## CLIENT INFORMATION PROTECTION

Specialized Trust Company adheres to all applicable legal standards and utilizes state-of-the-art technology to ensure the security of your personal information. Except as stated in this Policy, Specialized Trust Company will not disseminate your personal information to anyone not affiliated with the company except as authorized by you or as permitted or required by law.

## ADDITIONAL TECHNOLOGIES

We may also use additional technologies such as pixel tags, web beacons, and clear GIFs, and may permit our third party service providers to use these technologies. We use these technologies for purposes such as measuring the effectiveness of our advertisements or other communications, determining viewing and response rates, and determining which offers to present to you on our own or on third party sites.

## SHARING

We may share information with service providers with whom we work, such as data processors and companies that help us market products and services to you. When permitted or required by law, we may share information with additional third parties for purposes including response to legal process.

## POLICY CHANGES

As required by federal law and regulation Specialized Trust Company will notify you of our privacy policy annually. Specialized Trust Company reserves the right to modify its Privacy Policy and related procedures at any time in accordance with applicable federal and state laws. You will be notified of any such changes.