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THE CHARITABLE IRA ROLLOVER

The Charitable IRA Rollover allows otherwise taxable distributions from a traditional IRA or a Roth IRA of up to \$100,000 per person to be made directly to a charitable organization, such as Emory, and be excluded from gross income.

Without the IRA Rollover legislation, an individual gifting IRA assets to a charitable organization would have to report a withdrawal from an IRA as income and then declare an offsetting income tax deduction for the charitable contribution. Due to a variety of tax rules, including deduction limitations and phase-outs, the net effect of increasing income and then declaring a deduction can increase income taxes for some donors. The charitable IRA rollover avoids this increase in taxable income.

The charitable IRA rollover provision can benefit you if any of the following apply:

- You would like to give to a charity from your IRA without having to first report the income and then take the offsetting charitable deduction.
- You are currently giving 50 percent of your adjusted gross income to charity.
- You do not itemize your deductions on your tax return.
- Your income level triggers the phase-out of your charitable deduction.
- You have already taken your required IRA distribution but want to use the IRA Rollover as a convenient way to make a year-end gift.

To qualify for charitable IRA rollover treatment, you must be at least age 70½ on the date of the gift and the benefiting charity must be a qualified tax-exempt organization to which deductible contributions can be made. Emory is such a charity. The gift must be outright to the charity. Rollovers to a planned gift, such as a gift annuity or charitable remainder trust, do not qualify; nor do outright distributions to charity from employer-sponsored retirement plans, such as Simple IRAs, 401(k)s, 403(b)s and Keoghs.

How to make charitable gifts to Emory from your IRA:

To initiate a gift, instruct your IRA administrator to transfer funds directly to Emory. For your convenience, both a letter of instruction for your IRA administrator and a letter to be returned to Emory informing us of the pending gift are attached. Please contact the Office of Gift Planning at 404.727.8875 or by email at giftplanning@emory.edu for assistance or additional information.

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