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\$3,000 Exclusion For Retired Public Safety Officers

Section 845(a) of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 added Internal Revenue Code Section 402(1), effective as of January 1, 2007. Section 402(1) provides an exclusion up to \$3,000 annually from gross income for federal income tax purposes for distributions from eligible government plans which are used to pay the qualified health insurance premiums of an eligible retired public safety officer.

In order to qualify for the exclusion, the retiree must have separated from service by reason of disability or after attainment of the normal retirement age under the government plan <u>and</u>, as of the date of separation, must have been a public safety office employed by an employer which participates in the government plan.

For purposes of Section 402(1), a public safety officer means an individual serving a public agency in an official capacity, with or without compensation, as a law enforcement officer, a firefighter, a chaplain or as a member of a rescue squad or ambulance.

The favorable tax treatment under Section 402(1) is not available unless the eligible retired public safety officer elects to have the government plan deduct an amount from the retiree's pension or account to pay the qualifying health insurance premiums.

The exclusion is only available to the eligible retired public safety officer. Amounts deducted from distributions to surviving spouses or dependents to pay health insurance premiums do not qualify for the exclusion.

CalPERS and County Act of 1937 pensions are eligible government plans for purposes of Section 402(1). However per IRS instructions, the Form 1099-R issued annually to report a retiree's retirement allowance will <u>not</u> contain any information as to the amounts withheld for the payment of health insurance premiums and will not indicate whether the retiree qualifies as an eligible retired public safety officer. Qualifying retirees may only claim the exclusion on their Federal income tax return in accordance with the instructions which accompany their tax returns.

Please note that the above exclusion for eligible retired public safety officers is administered by the IRS. Any questions about the exclusion should be directed to the IRS or your tax advisor. Additional information is also available in Section VI of IRS Notice 2007-7 which may be accessed on the internet at http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-07-07.pdf.

IRC Section 402(1)

Section 402(1), which was added by § 845(a) of PPA '06, provides for an exclusion from gross income for distributions from certain retirement plans (referred to in this notice as "Eligible Government Plans") used to pay qualified health insurance premiums of an eligible retired public safety officer. The exclusion applies with respect to an eligible retired public safety officer who elects to have qualified health insurance premiums deducted from amounts distributed from an Eligible Government Plan and paid directly to the insurer. Qualified health insurance premiums include premiums for accident and health insurance or qualified long-term care insurance contracts for the eligible retired public safety officer and his or her spouse and dependents. The distribution is excluded from gross income to the extent that the aggregate amount of the distributions does not exceed the amount used to pay the qualified health insurance premiums of the eligible retired public safety officer and his or her spouse and dependents. An "Eligible Government Plan" is a governmental plan described in § 414(d) that is either: a § 401(a), § 403(a), or § 403(b) plan; or an eligible governmental plan under § 457(b). Section 402(l) applies to distributions in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2006.

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