## Life Insurance in a 401(k) Plan

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# In the accompanying presentation, you will see the financial data from an illustration of a cash value life insurance policy integrated with a 401(k) plan. 

Inserting a life insurance policy in a 401(k) plan (or certain other qualified retirement plans) can be a very efficient method of providing death benefits for family protection while, at the same time, the policy cash values accrue in the plan as part of the participant's account.
Rules: According to Treasury Regulations, "incidental" life insurance benefits can be included in a 401(k) plan. (Regs. 1.401-1(b)(1)(i) and 1.401-1(b)(1)(ii).) There must, however, be specific plan language that permits the use of life insurance.

In addition, all 401(k) plans are subject to the incidental death benefit limits, i.e., no more than $25 \%$ of contributions can be spent on term insurance or flexible premium products like Universal Life, Indexed Universal Life, and Variable Universal, and no more than $49 \%$ of contributions can be spent for Whole Life.

The above limits may be superseded by the two-year and five-year rules. The two-year rule says that if the monies have been in the plan for at least two years, they can all be used for life premiums. The five-year rule says that if a participant has been a plan participant for at least five years, all the monies in the plan can be used for life insurance premiums whether or not the monies have actually been in the plan for two years or not. (In the latter case, the need to satisfy the two-year aging of the funds is not required (Rev. Rul. 60-83, 68-24 and Reg.

### 1.40-1(b)(1)(ii)).)

Note: There must be specific plan language to permit the use of the two- and five-year rules.
Taxable Economic Benefit: The participant's taxable "economic benefit" of the death benefit element provided by the life insurance policy is measured annually by applying risk rates from IRS Table 2001, or the issuing insurance company's qualifying yearly renewable term rates, if lower, to the net amount at risk (face amount of the policy minus its cash value). The risk rates increase annually, and the participant pays income tax on the resulting economic benefit.

For example, if a given policy has a face amount of $\$ 100,000$ and a cash value of $\$ 30,000$, the net amount at risk is $\$ 70,000$. If the participant is age 45 , and the IRS Table 2001 rates are used ( $\$ 1.53$ per 1,000 at age 45), the taxable economic benefit of the net amount at risk of $\$ 70,000$ is $\$ 107.10$ ( 70 times \$1.53).
If the participant is in, say, a $28 \%$ income tax bracket, the resulting income tax would be $\$ 29.99$ ( $28 \%$ of $\$ 107.10$ ). This produces a very efficient cost of 43 cents per thousand ( $\$ 29.99$ divided by 70). Expressed on a monthly basis (as is typically the case with, for example, group life insurance), the cost in this case would be slightly over $31 / 2$ cents per thousand of the net death benefit.

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## Preface (continued)

Conclusion: If life insurance is needed and the cash values of the policy selected perform competitively with the balance of funds in the $401(\mathrm{k})$, the overall results of including life insurance can be compelling.

Note: If an insured concept makes sense, be certain your 401(k) plan allows for the use of life insurance. This can usually be confirmed by examining your employee booklet for the plan. If the plan does not allow life insurance, it could be amended to do so -although some employers might be reluctant to do so
for just one or two participants. On the other hand, the value of using $401(\mathrm{k})$ funds for the purpose of purchasing needed life insurance may be a valuable enough option that an employer may be willing to amend the current plan -- or replace it with a prototype plan from another vendor that permits life insurance.

Favorable income tax consequences combine with significant policy values and benefits to produce a retirement solution that has a considerable amount of financial leverage.


|  | At Year 33 |
| ---: | :--- |
| Cumulative Funding Costs | $\$ 154,569$ |
| Combined Plan Values | $\$ 1,447,236$ |
| Combined Plan Death Benefit | $\$ 1,534,975$ |
| Cumulative Distributions from the Plan | $\$ 652,448$ |

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## Illustration of Policy Values


Initial
Payment
5,000

| Year | Male Age | (1) <br> Net Payment | (2) <br> Year End Accum Value* | (3) <br> Year End Cash Value* | (4) <br> Death Benefit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 45 | 5,000 | 4,480 | 280 | 300,000 |
| 2 | 46 | 5,000 | 9,180 | 780 | 300,000 |
| 3 | 47 | 5,000 | 14,180 | 5,240 | 300,000 |
| 4 | 48 | 5,000 | 19,451 | 10,511 | 300,000 |
| 5 | 49 | 5,000 | 25,007 | 16,067 | 300,000 |
| 6 | 50 | 5,000 | 30,868 | 22,375 | 300,000 |
| 7 | 51 | 5,000 | 37,035 | 29,078 | 300,000 |
| 8 | 52 | 5,000 | 43,527 | 36,196 | 300,000 |
| 9 | 53 | 5,000 | 50,360 | 43,745 | 300,000 |
| 10 | 54 | 5,000 | 57,553 | - 51,742 | 300,000 |
| 11 | 55 | 5,000 | 65,127 | - 60,210 | 300,000 |
| 12 | 56 | 5,000 | 73,109 | - 69,175 | 300,000 |
| 13 | 57 | 5,000 | 81,519 | - 78,658 | 300,000 |
| 14 | 58 | 5,000 | 90,390 | - 88,691 | 300,000 |
| 15 | 59 | 5,000 | 99,755 | $\square \mathbf{-} 99,755$ | 300,000 |
| 16 | 60 | 0 | 104,271 | 104,271 | 300,000 |
| 17 | 61 | 0 | 108,946 | 108,946 | 300,000 |
| 18 | 62 | 0 | 113,784 | 113,784 | 300,000 |
| 19 | 63 | 0 | 118,786 | 118,786 | 300,000 |
| 20 | 64 | 0 | 123,957 | 123,957 | 300,000 |
| 21 | 65 | 0 | 129,304 | 129,304 | 300,000 |
| 22 | 66 | 0 | 134,832 | 134,832 | 300,000 |
| 23 | 67 | 0 | 140,549 | 140,549 | 300,000 |
| 24 | 68 | 0 | 146,468 | 146,468 | 300,000 |
| 25 | 69 | 0 | 152,598 | 152,598 | 300,000 |
| 26 | 70 | 0 | 158,955 | 158,955 | 300,000 |
| 27 | 71 | 0 | 165,558 | 165,558 | 300,000 |
| 28 | 72 | 0 | 172,433 | 172,433 | 300,000 |
| 29 | 73 | 0 | 179,608 | 179,608 | 300,000 |
| 30 | 74 | 0 | 187,123 | 187,123 | 300,000 |

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| Year | Male Age | (1) <br> Net Payment | (2) <br> Year End Accum Value* |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 31 | 75 | 0 | 195,026 |
| 32 | 76 | 0 | 203,379 |
| 33 | 77 | 0 | 212,261 |

## Initial Policy Death Benefit 300,000

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Flow Chart


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## Summary of the Plan

CVI
Interest Rate
$6.00 \%$

[^0]| Year |  | Funding Analysis |  |  | Living Benefits |  |  | Death Benefits |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male Age | (1) <br> Participant's After Tax Cost of the Plan Contribution* | (2) <br> Income Tax <br> Due on Economic Benefit of the Life Insurance** | (3) <br> Participant's <br> After Tax <br> Funding Costs $(1)+(2)$ | (4) <br> Scheduled Distributions from the Plan | (5) <br> Cumulative Distributions from the Plan | (6) <br> Year End Combined Value of the Plan** | (7) <br> Year End <br> Combined <br> Death <br> Benefit <br> of the <br> Plan |
| 1 | 45 | 7,150 | 161 | 7,311 | 0 | 0 | 42,479 | $\square \quad 342,199$ |
| 2 | 46 | 7,475 | 175 | 7,650 | 0 | 0 | 56,944 | $\square \quad 356,164$ |
| 3 | 47 | 7,475 | 189 | 7,664 | 0 | 0 | 76,612 | $\square$ 371,372 |
| 4 | 48 | 7,800 | 201 | 8,001 | 0 | 0 | 99,125 | $\square \quad 388,614$ |
| 5 | 49 | 8,125 | 212 | 8,337 | 0 | 0 | 124,138 | $\square$ 408,071 |
| 6 | 50 | 8,450 | 223 | 8,673 | 0 | 0 | 152,315 | $\square$ 429,940 |
| 7 | 51 | 8,450 | 239 | 8,689 | 0 | 0 | 182,834 | $\square$ 453,756 |
| 8 | 52 | 8,775 | 259 | 9,034 | 0 | 0 | $\square \quad 216,568$ | $\square$ 480,372 |
| 9 | 53 | 9,100 | 287 | 9,387 | 0 | 0 | 253,782 | $\square 510,037$ |
| 10 | 54 | 9,425 | 317 | 9,742 | 0 | 0 | 294,765 | $\square 543,023$ |
| 11 | 55 | 9,750 | 348 | 10,098 | 0 | 0 | $\square$ - 339,836 | $\square 579,626$ |
| 12 | 56 | 10,075 | 378 | 10,453 | 0 | 0 | 389,342 | 620,167 |
| 13 | 57 | 10,400 | 403 | 10,803 | 0 | 0 | $\square$ - 443,655 | -664,997 |
| 14 | 58 | 10,725 | 419 | 11,144 | 0 | 0 | $\square 503,188$ | 714,497 |
| 15 | 59 | 11,050 | 425 | 11,475 | 0 | 0 | 568,839 | 769,084 |
| 16 | 60 | 0 | 446 | 446 | 0 | 0 | 615,103 | 810,832 |
| 17 | 61 | 0 | 475 | 475 | 0 | 0 | 665,242 | 856,296 |
| 18 | 62 | 0 | 519 | 519 | 0 | 0 | 719,590 | 905,806 |
| 19 | 63 | 0 | 576 | 576 | 0 | 0 | 778,509 | 959,723 |
| 20 | 64 | 0 | 641 | 641 | 0 | 0 | 842,395 | 1,018,438 |
| 21 | 65 | 0 | 711 | 711 | 0 | 0 | 911,683 | 1,082,379 |
| 22 | 66 | 0 | 781 | 781 | 0 | 0 | 986,843 | 1,152,011 |
| 23 | 67 | 0 | 848 | 848 | 0 | 0 | 1,068,389 | 1,227,840 |
| 24 | 68 | 0 | 909 | 909 | 0 | 0 | 1,156,886 | 1,310,418 |
| 25 | 69 | 0 | 965 | 965 | 0 | 0 | 1,252,943 | 1,400,345 |
| 26 | 70 | 0 | 1,018 | 1,018 | 60,385 | 60,385 | 1,291,472 | 1,432,517 |
| 27 | 71 | 0 | 1,069 | 1,069 | 65,511 | 125,896 | 1,327,528 | 1,461,970 |
| 28 | 72 | 0 | 1,119 | 1,119 | 71,063 | 196,959 | 1,360,431 | 1,487,998 |
| 29 | 73 | 0 | 1,162 | 1,162 | 77,074 | $\square$ 274,033 | 1,389,404 | 1,509,796 |
| 30 | 74 | 0 | 1,192 | 1,192 | 83,581 | 357,614 | 1,413,571 | 1,526,448 |
|  |  | 134,225 | 16,667 | 150,892 | 357,614 |  |  |  |

*Excluding employer's matching contribution.
**See pre-retirement and retirement detail pages for specifics.

| Cumulative Distributions: | 357,614 |
| :--- | ---: |
| Combined Value of the Plan: | $1,413,571$ |
| Combined Death Benefit of the Plan: | $1,526,448$ |

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## Summary of the Plan



134,225
20,344
154,569
652,448
*Excluding employer's matching contribution.
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Pre-Retirement Phase

|  |  |  | Pre-Retirement Tax Bracket 35.00\% |  | Beginning Balance in Hypothetical Inv. Acct. 30,000 |  | Hypothetical Inv. Acct. Yield 10.00\% | $\begin{gathered} \text { CVI } \\ \text { Interest Rate } \\ 6.00 \% \end{gathered}$ | Initial Policy Death Benefit 300,000 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Funding Analysis |  |  |  | Account Value Analysis |  |  | Life Insurance Analysis |  |  |
| Yr | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Male } \\ & \text { Age } \end{aligned}$ | (1) <br> Beginning of Year Combined Value of the Plan | (2) <br> Tax <br> Deductible Contribution to the Plan | (3) <br> Matching <br> Amount from Employer | (4) <br> Premium <br> For <br> Life Insurance | (5) Balance to Accrue in the Investment Account (2)+(3)-(4) | (6) <br> Year End Investment Value of the Plan | (7) <br> Year End Life Insurance Cash Value* | (8) <br> Year End Combined Value of the Plan (6) + (7) | (9) <br> Net <br> Amount at Risk of the Life Insurance** | (10) Taxable Economic Benefit of Life Insurance ${ }^{+}$. | (11) <br> Income Tax Due on Column 10 |
| 1 | 45 | 30,000 | 11,000 | 2,750 | 5,000 | 8,750 | 42,199 | 280 | 42,479 | 299,720 | 459 | 161 |
| 2 | 46 | 42,479 | 11,500 | 2,875 | 5,000 | 9,375 | 56,164 | 780 | 56,944 | 299,220 | 500 | 175 |
| 3 | 47 | 56,944 | 11,500 | 2,875 | 5,000 | 9,375 | 71,372 | 5,240 | 76,612 | 294,760 | 539 | 189 |
| 4 | 48 | 76,612 | 12,000 | 3,000 | 5,000 | 10,000 | 88,614 | 10,511 | 99,125 | 289,489 | 573 | 201 |
| 5 | 49 | 99,125 | 12,500 | 3,125 | 5,000 | 10,625 | 108,071 | 16,067 | 124,138 | 283,933 | 605 | 212 |
| 6 | 50 | 124,138 | 13,000 | 3,250 | 5,000 | 11,250 | 129,940 | 22,375 | 152,315 | 277,625 | 639 | 223 |
| 7 | 51 | 152,315 | 13,000 | 3,250 | 5,000 | 11,250 | 153,756 | 29,078 | 182,834 | 270,922 | 683 | 239 |
| 8 | 52 | 182,834 | 13,500 | 3,375 | 5,000 | 11,875 | 180,372 | 36,196 | 216,568 | 263,804 | 741 | 259 |
| 9 | 53 | 216,568 | 14,000 | 3,500 | 5,000 | 12,500 | 210,037 | 43,745 | 253,782 | 256,255 | 820 | 287 |
| 10 | 54 | 253,782 | 14,500 | 3,625 | 5,000 | 13,125 | 243,023 | 51,742 | 294,765 | 248,258 | 906 | 317 |
| 11 | 55 | 294,765 | 15,000 | 3,750 | 5,000 | 13,750 | 279,626 | 60,210 | 339,836 | 239,790 | 995 | 348 |
| 12 | 56 | 339,836 | 15,500 | 3,875 | 5,000 | 14,375 | 320,167 | 69,175 | 389,342 | 230,825 | 1,080 | 378 |
| 13 | 57 | 389,342 | 16,000 | 4,000 | 5,000 | 15,000 | 364,997 | 78,658 | 443,655 | 221,342 | 1,151 | 403 |
| 14 | 58 | 443,655 | 16,500 | 4,125 | 5,000 | 15,625 | 414,497 | 88,691 | 503,188 | 211,309 | 1,196 | 419 |
| 15 | 59 | 503,188 | 17,000 | 4,250 | 5,000 | 16,250 | -469,084 | 99,755 | 568,839 | 200,245 | 1,213 | 425 |

**Face amount of the policy less the policy cash value.
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$\overline{454,677} \quad$|  |
| :---: |
| 652,448 |

Column (2) is calculated using Uniform Lifetime table life expectancy factors.

Amounts in column (4) are withdrawn from the investment account.
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Management fees reflected in column (5): 1.00\%
**After scheduled distributions from the plan.
$\dagger$ Face amount of the policy less the policy cash value.
$\dagger \dagger$ Based on the net amount at risk using Table 2001 rates.

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## 33 Year Analysis




[^0]:    Initial Policy
    Death Benefit
    300,000

