

1. Document and IRS Information

The 401(k) Hardship Withdrawal Form is enclosed in this booklet.

The instructions contained in this booklet summarize the major provisions of federal and State of California tax rules applicable to your payment. Tax rules are complex and contain conditions and exceptions not included in these instructions. You may find more specific information on the tax treatment of payments drawn from retirement plans in the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Publication 575: *Pension and Annuity Income*, and IRS Publication 590: *Individual Retirement Arrangements*. These publications are available from your local IRS office, the IRS website at irs.gov, or contact the IRS Tax Forms Distribution Center at (800) 829-3676. For more information on California State tax withholding, refer to *Withholding From Pensions, Annuities, and Certain Other Deferred Income*, available at edd.ca.gov.

2. Eligibility to Withdraw Funds

You may qualify for an in-service withdrawal from your 401(k) Plan account due to financial hardship to you, your spouse, your primary beneficiary, or a dependent for the following:

- Expenses incurred or funds needed for medical or dental care that would be deductible from your federal income taxes under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 213(d), determined without regard to whether the expenses exceed 7.5% of adjusted gross income.
- Costs directly related to the purchase of a principal residence for yourself, excluding mortgage payments.
- Payment of tuition, related educational fees, and room and board expenses for up to the next 12 months of post-secondary education for you, your spouse, children, or dependent.
- Payments necessary to prevent eviction from your principal residence or to prevent foreclosure on the mortgage on that residence. **NOTE:** No more than two hardships will be approved for reasons of foreclosure and/or eviction within a 12-month period.
- Payments for burial or funeral expenses for your deceased parent, spouse, children, or dependents.
- Expenses for the repair of damage to your principal residence that would qualify as a casualty deduction from your federal income taxes under IRC Section 165, determined without regard to whether the loss exceeds 10% of adjusted gross income.
- Expenses and losses (including loss of income) incurred by you on account of a disaster declared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 100-707, provided that your principal residence or principal place of employment at the time of the disaster was located in an area designated by FEMA for individual assistance with respect to the disaster.

A hardship withdrawal from your 401(k) account will have income tax implications and potential 10% tax for early withdrawal. You may wish to obtain the advice of a tax advisor before you request a hardship withdrawal.

To qualify for a 401(k) hardship withdrawal, you must: (1) first obtain all other currently available withdrawals (not including loans) from your 401(k) and/or 457(b) Plan accounts; and (2) certify below that you have insufficient cash or other liquid assets reasonably available to satisfy the need.

In-Service Withdrawal Note: If you have rollover source(s) or are over the age of 59½, you may consider requesting an in-service withdrawal prior to submitting your hardship request. Understand different withholding rules apply for an in-service withdrawal of your rollover source; Savings Plus will withhold 20% of the amount withdrawn for federal income taxes. You may not elect to waive this withholding.

3. General Information

Contact the Savings Plus Solutions Center to request a *Withdrawal Request Booklet* if you have separated from state employment and want a withdrawal. (do not complete this form)

Account Information

You may request to have your payment issued from a specific money source or fund. Savings Plus prorates all payments among your core funds unless you request otherwise in section 6 of the form. If your payment includes Roth assets, there may be additional tax implications.

3. General Information (continued)

Supporting Documentation

Do not include supporting documentation with your hardship withdrawal request. For your records, you should maintain copies of the documents that substantiate your amount and the reason for withdrawal, as they may be required for an IRS audit. Nationwide will not review and is not responsible for validating any supporting documentation to substantiate your amount or reason for withdrawal. See section 8 of the booklet for the supporting documentation that should be maintained for the specific hardship withdrawal reasons.

PCRA

If you have a Personal Choice Retirement Account (PCRA), it may be necessary to transfer your PCRA funds into your core funds to satisfy the amount of your hardship withdrawal request and maintain the required minimum balance in your core account. If the requested amount is above your core account balance, your entire core balance will be processed with the exception of the required minimum account balance.

Payment Dates

We issue payment within 3-5 business days of receipt of a properly completed form. Delivery of payment may vary depending on the type of payment method you request in section 7 of the form.

Payment Information

Payments are issued via direct deposit, at no charge, to one financial institution of your choice or via check (\$2 fee deducted from your account) to your address on file.

To issue payment via direct deposit to your financial institution, you must provide the following information:

- Name and 9-digit routing number of your financial institution
- Account number and account type

NOTE: Direct Deposit is not available to financial institutions outside of the United States.

If any of the required information is incomplete, invalid, or not provided, you will be mailed a check.

Check Fee

A \$2 processing fee is charged for each payment you choose to have issued by check. This fee is deducted from your account.

Overnight Mail

If you receive payment by check, you may request to have your check sent to your home address via overnight mail for a \$25 fee. The fee is deducted from your account.

Uncashed Checks

Checks are valid for 120 days from the date of issuance. If uncashed after 120 days, the check may not be negotiated by your financial institution. In the event you have a check which remains uncashed for more than 120 days, you must contact the Savings Plus Solutions Center so that a replacement check can be issued.

Lost or Stolen Checks

You may contact the Savings Plus Solutions Center to report a check as lost or stolen if you do not receive it within 14 days from the issue date.

Definition of Dependent

The definition of “dependent” is set forth in IRC Section 152 as either a “qualifying child” or a “qualifying relative.”

A qualifying child is someone who meets all the following criteria:

- Is a child or brother or sister (or stepbrother or stepsister) of the participant or a descendant of either
- Has the same principal place of residence as the participant for more than one-half the taxable year
- Has not yet turned age 19 (or is a student who has not yet turned age 24 as of the end of the taxable year)
- Has not provided more than one-half of his or her own support for the taxable year

A qualifying relative is someone who meets all the following criteria:

- Is a child (or a descendant), brother or sister (or stepbrother or stepsister), father or mother (or ancestor), stepmother or stepfather, niece or nephew, aunt or uncle, or in-law (father, mother, sister, brother, son, or daughter) of the participant or has the same principal place of residence as the participant (other than a spouse) and is a member of the participant’s household
- Income must not exceed the personal exemption amount as defined in Section 151 of the IRC
- Receives more than one-half his or her support in that taxable year from the participant
- Is not a “qualifying child” of any taxpayer in the taxable year

For purposes of a hardship withdrawal for educational expenses, a “dependent” includes a qualifying child or qualifying relative, even if the dependent is married and irrespective of their gross income. For purposes of a hardship withdrawal for funeral expenses, a “dependent” includes a qualifying child or qualifying relative irrespective of their gross income. For purposes of a hardship withdrawal, a “child” includes natural, foster, adopted, and stepchildren.

3. General Information (continued)

Definition of Primary Beneficiary

The Participant's Beneficiary is a person who a Participant designates as a "primary beneficiary" and who is or may become entitled to a Participant's Plan account upon the Participant's death. A Participant's hardship event includes a severe financial hardship of the participant's primary Beneficiary, if they are the primary Beneficiary at the time of the emergency event.

4. Tax Withholding Information

Federal Income Tax Withholding

Savings Plus will withhold 10% of the amount withdrawn for federal income taxes unless you request otherwise in section 5 of the form. You are not permitted to specify a total dollar amount for withholding. However, you may elect to increase the withdrawal amount, submit a **Withholding Certificate for Nonperiodic Payments and Eligible Rollover Distributions (Form W-4R)** with this form.

Special withholding rules apply to payments to non-U.S. citizens. Please refer to IRS Publication 505: *Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax*, IRS Publication 515: *Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities*, and IRS Publication 519: *U.S. Tax Guide for Aliens* for further information.

State Income Tax Withholding

All California residents are subject to California State income tax withholding at the rate of 10% of federal withholding unless you request otherwise by completing a **California State Withholding Certificate for Pension or Annuity Payments (DE 4P)**.

California State Withholding Certificate for Pension or Annuity Payments (DE 4P)

A **DE 4P** allows you to modify the amount of California State income tax withholding from your payment(s). You are not permitted to specify a dollar-amount withholding on the **DE 4P**. However, you may elect to modify your withholding amount by designating an additional dollar amount to be withheld, or claiming exempt.

If you choose to modify the amount of state income tax withholding with a **DE 4P**, the modification will only apply to the withdrawal request to which the **DE 4P** is attached. If you live outside California, consult your state taxing authority for more information. The **DE 4P** form is available at edd.ca.gov or contact the Savings Plus Solutions Center to have one mailed to you.

Form 1099-R Tax Document

For tax reporting, a Form 1099-R will be issued by January 31 of the year following your payment.

5. Payment Method

One Time Payment

A specific dollar amount paid directly to you. This withdrawal is not eligible for rollover.

6. Contact Information

Voice Response System: (855) 616-4776, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Savings Plus Solutions Center: (855) 616-4776, 5 a.m. – 8 p.m. (PT), Monday–Friday
To speak with a Customer Service Representative, press *0

Walk-In Center: Open 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. (PT), Monday–Friday
1810 16th Street
Room 108
Sacramento, CA 95811-6606

To connect with us via TTY: (800) 848-0833

Website: savingsplusnow.com

7. Submission Instructions

You may submit your completed application by mail or fax, or you may be able to submit via DocuSign. Do not include supporting documentation with your hardship withdrawal request. For your records, you should maintain copies of the documents that substantiate your amount and the reason for withdrawal, as they may be required for an IRS audit. Nationwide will not review and is not responsible for validating any supporting documentation to substantiate your amount or reason for withdrawal.

By Mail: Nationwide Retirement Solutions
PO Box 182797, Columbus, OH 43218-2797

By Fax: (877) 677-4329

By DocuSign: Contact the Savings Plus Solutions Center

NOTE: If you submit your completed form by mail, please send the original with wet signatures and keep a copy for your records. If you submit it by fax, please keep the original with wet signatures for your records.

8. Documentation Checklist to Maintain for Your Records

Do not include supporting documentation with your hardship withdrawal request. For your records, you should maintain copies of the documents that substantiate your amount and the reason for withdrawal, as they may be required for an IRS audit. Nationwide will not review and is not responsible for validating any supporting documentation to substantiate your amount or reason for withdrawal.

Reason	Documentation to verify hardship in the event they are requested by the IRS
Medical/Dental Expenses	<input type="checkbox"/> If you have insurance, Explanation of Benefits forms from the insurance company indicating insurance coverage (or reasons for no coverage), patient responsibility, and dates of service for all charges <input type="checkbox"/> If you do not have insurance, detailed bills indicating the dates of service for all charges and a signed statement indicating you do not have insurance <input type="checkbox"/> If the procedure could be considered cosmetic, a letter from a medical doctor/dentist indicating the reasons why the procedure is medically necessary
Home Purchase	<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of the purchase agreement signed by the buyer and seller that includes the closing date and balance of the purchase price <input type="checkbox"/> Invoices for associated expenses required for the purchase of the home such as appraiser and inspection <input type="checkbox"/> Document that shows the services requested for payment were required to purchase the home <input type="checkbox"/> If building a home, you must show reasonable proof such as building permits or receipts
Post-Secondary Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuition statement or school invoice on letterhead from the institution showing the student's name and amount owed. The statement must be for the current quarter/semester in which the student is enrolled and/or up to 12 months into the future (No reimbursement for past schooling permitted) <input type="checkbox"/> Room and board expenses must be for housing and show the name of the student and the itemized cost <input type="checkbox"/> Books and other educational materials must accompany an itemized receipt <input type="checkbox"/> If the student is a spouse or dependent, copies of tax documentation or official paperwork proving their relationship to you is required
Federally Declared Disaster Area	<input type="checkbox"/> If you have insurance, a letter from your insurance company indicating the amount covered by insurance and deductible amount owed, or reasons for no coverage <input type="checkbox"/> If you do not have insurance, a signed statement indicating you do not have insurance <input type="checkbox"/> Detailed repair estimate that indicates cause of damage from a licensed contractor <input type="checkbox"/> Receipts of other expenses incurred, or documentation of lost income, as a result of the disaster
Funeral Expenses	<input type="checkbox"/> Detailed invoice from a funeral home and/or cemetery that itemizes the cost of funeral expenses for which you are responsible <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of receipts, booking information (air/hotel), and other travel expenses related to the funeral and/or burial <input type="checkbox"/> Verification of relationship to the decedent <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of the Death Certificate
Foreclosure and/or Eviction	<input type="checkbox"/> If foreclosure, a letter dated within 60 days from the mortgage company indicating the dollar amount needed to prevent imminent foreclosure or acceleration on your primary residence. The letter must include the property address of the loan under threat of foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> If eviction, a letter dated within 60 days from the landlord/leasing agency or court ordered eviction notice indicating the dollar amount needed to prevent imminent eviction from your primary residence NOTE: No more than two hardships will be approved for reasons of foreclosure and/or eviction within a 12-month period
Home Repair	<input type="checkbox"/> If you have insurance, a letter from your insurance company indicating the amount covered by insurance and deductible amount owed, or reasons for no coverage <input type="checkbox"/> If you do not have insurance, a signed statement indicating you do not have insurance <input type="checkbox"/> Detailed repair estimate that indicates cause of damage from a licensed contractor <input type="checkbox"/> Letter of medical necessity from a licensed medical professional (e.g. - wheel chair ramps)



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1. Participant Information

Name: _____ Account Number or SSN: _____

Email: _____ Preferred Phone: _____

Phone Type: Home Work Cell

2. Reason for Hardship Withdrawal

If the event is not a reason listed below, it is not a qualifying event. Do not send supporting documentation. See section 8 of the booklet for documents to maintain for your records.

- Medical/Dental Expenses
- Home Purchase
- Post-Secondary Education
- Federally Declared Disaster Area
- Funeral Expenses
- Foreclosure and/or Eviction
- Home Repair

Note: No more than two hardship withdrawals will be approved for reasons of foreclosure and/or eviction within a 12-month period

3. Indicate whom you are taking the hardship withdrawal for

If the event does not involve one of these parties below, it is not a qualifying event.

- Self
- Spouse
- Primary Beneficiary
- Dependent (as defined in Internal Code Section 152(a))
- Child

4. Hardship Withdrawal Request

NOTE: If you request an amount greater than your account balance, we will process your entire account balance. If you have a PCRA, you should complete any transfers prior to this request. If the requested amount is above your core account balance, your entire core balance will be processed with the exception of the required minimum account balance.

I wish to withdraw: \$_____ due to my immediate and heavy financial need, for which I have no alternative means reasonably available to satisfy.

I understand that my hardship withdrawal is limited to the amount reasonably necessary to satisfy the hardship need and the anticipated taxes and penalties. I hereby request the amount shown above.

5. Federal and State Income Tax Withholding Information

Federal and state income tax withholding: Select one option, if no option is selected, Savings Plus will use a default rate of 10% federal and any applicable state income tax withholding.

- I elect to increase the total amount of the withdrawal. Include funds to cover 10% federal and any applicable state income tax withholding.

You will receive 100% of the approved amount of the request. If your account balance is insufficient to accommodate federal income tax withholding, the entire account balance will be distributed, 10% will be withheld for federal and applicable state income taxes, and the remaining balance will be paid to you.

- I elect to opt-out of federal and state income tax withholding (0% withholding).

You will be liable for all federal and state income taxes that may result from this withdrawal.

NOTE: All California residents are subject to California State income tax withholding at the rate of 10% of federal withholding unless you request otherwise by completing a **California State Withholding Certificate for Pension or Annuity Payments (DE 4P)**. Information on the **DE 4P** can be found in section 4 of the booklet.

State income tax withholding: All California residents are subject to California default State income tax withholding at the rate of 10% of federal withholding unless you request otherwise by completing a **DE 4P**

6. Withdrawal Direction

If an option is not selected, your assets will be withdrawn proportionately from all money sources and investment options. If you indicate a percentage, you must use whole percents only.

1. Proportionately from all money sources and investment options **OR**

2. From Specific Money Sources **AND/OR**
(Pre-tax, Roth, Rollover, etc. - indicate all that apply)

_____ \$ _____ or _____ %
 _____ \$ _____ or _____ %

3. From Specific Investment Options
(Please list investment options)

_____ \$ _____ or _____ %
 _____ \$ _____ or _____ %

7. Payment Method (select one)

NOTE: Direct Deposit is not available to financial institutions outside of the United States. If information is not completed correctly or no option is selected, a check will be sent to your address on file.

Direct Deposit on file: Assets will be sent to the financial institution previously submitted to and on file with Nationwide. If direct deposit information is not on file, a check will be sent to your address on file.

Mail Check: Your check will be mailed first class to your address on record with Savings Plus. Allow 5-10 business days from process date for delivery. If no other option is selected, your payment will be issued by check and mailed. An additional \$2 fee will be deducted from your account.

Overnight Check: Your check will be mailed overnight at your expense to your address on record with Savings Plus. An additional \$25 fee will be deducted from your account. PO Box addresses are not eligible for overnight delivery and Saturday delivery may not be available in your area. Allow 2 business days from process date for delivery.

New Direct Deposit Authorization: Assets will be sent to the financial institution that you indicate below. If information is not completed correctly, a check will be sent to your address on file.

Financial Institution Information:

Financial Institution Name _____

Account Type: Checking Savings

If account type is not selected, checking will be used.

Routing Number _____

Account Number _____

John Doe
123 Main Street Ph. (916) 555-1212
Hometown, CA 98765

Date _____ 1492

PAY TO THE ORDER OF _____ \$ _____
DOLLARS

Money Bank, Inc.
321 Main Street
Hometown, CA 98765

MEMO _____

⑆ 123456789 ⑆ 000012345678 ⑆ 1492

9-digit Routing Number Checking Account Number Check Number

NOTE: If information is not completed correctly or no option is selected, a check will be sent to your address on file.

Is this account associated with a brokerage firm or other investment firm? Yes No

If yes, have you confirmed that the routing and account numbers are correct? Yes No

I hereby authorize Savings Plus to initiate automatic direct deposits to my account at the financial institution named above. In the event an error is made, I authorize Savings Plus to make a corrective reversal from this account. Further, I agree not to hold Savings Plus responsible for any delay or loss of funds due to incorrect or incomplete information which I supplied or due to an error caused by my financial institution. This authorization will remain in effect until I submit a new **Direct Deposit/Debit Authorization Form** to Savings Plus to change or revoke this authorization or until Savings Plus receives a written notice of cancellation from my financial institution.

8. Hardship Self-Certification

By signing and submitting this form, I hereby certify that my hardship withdrawal request meets all of the following requirements:

1. My hardship withdrawal request is deemed to be an immediate and heavy financial need.
2. My hardship withdrawal request is not in excess of the amount required to satisfy such financial need.
3. I have no alternative means reasonably available to satisfy such financial need.

9. Tax ID Certification

NOTE: Backup withholding does not apply to retirement plan withdrawals. FATCA does not apply as this is a U.S. account. Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The Taxpayer Identification Number or Social Security Number listed on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because:
 - a. I am exempt from backup withholding; or
 - b. I have not been notified that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends; or
 - c. The Internal Revenue Service has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person; and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

10. Signature

I request a hardship withdrawal in accordance with my election. I have read and understand the booklet and all provisions contained herein. I certify that the hardship withdrawal represents an immediate and heavy financial need, that the amount requested and reason for withdrawal is necessary to satisfy that financial need, and I have no alternative means reasonably available to satisfy such financial need.

The Internal Revenue Service does not require your consent to any provision of this document other than the certifications required to avoid backup withholding.

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

11. Submission Instructions

You may submit your completed application by mail or fax, or you may be able to submit via DocuSign. Do not include supporting documentation with your hardship withdrawal request. For your records, you should maintain copies of the documents that substantiate your amount and the reason for withdrawal, as they may be required for an IRS audit. Nationwide will not review and is not responsible for validating any supporting documentation to substantiate your amount or reason for withdrawal.

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By Fax: (877) 677-4329

By DocuSign: Contact the Savings Plus Solutions Center

NOTE: If you submit your completed form by mail, please send the original with wet signatures and keep a copy for your records. If you submit it by fax, please keep the original with wet signatures for your records.