## 2022 · WHAT ISSUES SHOULD I CONSIDER AT THE START OF THE YEAR?



RSONAL ISSUES	YES	NO	CASH FLOW ISSUES (CONTINUED)
o you need to assess the progress you made toward your pals last year? If so, consider the following:			If you are married and your spouse does not have earned income, explore spousal IRA options.
Review and compare your financial models, comparing a snapshot of where you are today to last year and/or a prior time. Inventory your recent accomplishments to identify what strategies worked well.			<b>Do you need to confirm that you are adequately saving toward your goals?</b> If so, review your target savings and funding rates. If you fully fund some goals early in the year, continue saving toward other goals.
ave you identified new goals for this year or the future? so, assign a priority and time horizon, and incorporate them into our overall plan.			<b>Do you have funds left in your FSA from last year?</b> If so, consider spending such funds before the expiration of any grace period.
re there any life events that are likely to occur for yourself or our immediate family this year (e.g., move, marriage, birth, igher education, job change, retirement, illness, death)?			<ul> <li>Are you subject to taking RMDs (inherited IRA or age 72 or older)? If so, consider the following:</li> <li>■ If you are charitably inclined and age 70½ or older, you can do a QCD to satisfy your RMD. Note the "first dollars out" rule.</li> </ul>
o you need to confirm whether you or any family members vill reach a milestone age this year? If so, reference the mportant Milestones" guide.			■ Time the satisfaction of your RMD to support your goals, and be sure to review your withholdings.
Are you concerned about any variables or circumstances that could potentially impact your plans for this year?			> <b>Do you make annual gifts?</b> If so, make a plan to fund strategically, and track the use of your annual exclusion amount for noncharitable gifts.
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ASH FLOW ISSUES	YES	NO	ASSET & DEBT ISSUES
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CASH FLOW ISSUES  Do you expect your household income and/or expenses to change materially this year?  Do you need to review your cash flow plan? If so, evaluate your actual income and expenses, and adjust your spending plan as necessary.  Do you need to review your employee benefits to ensure that you are taking advantage of what your employer offers? If so, consider maxing out annual contributions to any retirement accounts, Health Savings Account, Flexible Spending Account, and/or Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account.			<ul> <li>Do you need to adjust or replenish your emergency fund?</li> <li>Are you planning to buy or sell business, personal, or real property this year?</li> <li>Do you need to review your investment risk tolerance?</li> <li>Do you need to review the performance of your investment</li> </ul>

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ASSET & DEBT ISSUES (CONTINUED)	YES	NO	INSURANCE ISSUES
<b>Do you need to review your asset location across the accounts in your portfolio?</b> If so, consider holding tax-efficient investments in taxable accounts, and tax-inefficient investments in tax-preferred accounts.			Do you expect any changes with regard to your heamedical treatments? If so, consider reviewing your hinsurance coverage and alternate options.
If you have a mortgage, should you explore refinancing?			Do you need to review your life insurance coverage?  Do you need new or increased disability insurance of list it time to explore (or review existing) LTC insurance. Have you made any improvements to your property acquired new valuables? If so, consider reviewing you insurance (homeowners, renters, etc.), increasing cover adding riders as appropriate.
<b>Are there debts that you would like to eliminate this year?</b> If so, strategically target debts with the least favorable terms first.			
Are you a co-signer/guarantor on any loans/agreements? If so, check in with the other interested parties to confirm the terms, payment history, current status, etc.			
Will you potentially need to borrow funds this year?			
Do you need to review your credit report/score?			LEGAL ISSUES
Do you need to freeze your credit?			LEGAL ISSUES
			Do you need to review your estate plan?
TAX ISSUES	YES	NO	Do you need to review the titling/ownership of you
Do you need to collect tax forms and organize other documents in preparation for filing income tax returns for last year? If so, use last year's filings and/or a tax organizer to begin to gather all information necessary for filing Form 1040 and any state returns.  Did you make taxable gifts, or do you want to split gifts for last			<ul> <li>Are you, or will you be, serving as a fiduciary? If following:</li> <li>Review your duties and your performance to ensurpholding applicable standards.</li> <li>If you are an Executor or Trustee of an irrevocable whether a distribution and election under the 65-</li> </ul>
<b>year?</b> If so, collect documentation necessary for filing Form 709.			be prudent.
Would Roth conversions be beneficial this year?			<ul> <li>Have any new laws gone into effect that might implifinancial plan? If so, consider how your saving stratege tax situation, estate plan, etc. might have been affected steps might be necessary.</li> <li>Are you subject to any new contracts/agreements, such arrangements expire?</li> <li>If you own a business, are there any changes on the this year?</li> </ul>
<b>Did you fail to make an IRA contribution for the prior tax year, but would you like to do so?</b> If so, you have until Tax Day (excluding extensions) this year to make a contribution for last year.			
Do you own investments in taxable accounts that are likely to make capital gains or income distributions (e.g., certain mutual funds and ETFs)? If so, consider your cost basis and whether it might be advantageous to sell in advance of such distributions.			
Do you need to review your unrealized gains and losses and			Are there any state-specific issues to consider?

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