

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employee Benefits Security Administration****29 CFR Part 2550****RIN 1210–AC33****Selection of Annuity Providers—Safe Harbor for Individual Account Plans; Withdrawal**

AGENCY: Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.

ACTION: Direct final rule; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: Due to the receipt of significant adverse comments, the Department of Labor (Department) is withdrawing the July 1, 2025 direct final rule (DFR) published at 90 FR 28007.

DATES: Effective August 11, 2025, the DFR published at 90 FR 28007 on July 1, 2025, is withdrawn.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jason DeWitt, Office of Regulations and Interpretations, Employee Benefits Security Administration, (202) 693–8500. This is not a toll-free number. Individuals with hearing or speech impairments may access the telephone number above by TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the DFR, the Department stated that if significant adverse comments (as

defined in the DFR) were received by July 31, 2025, the Department would publish a timely notification in the **Federal Register** before the effective date either withdrawing the DFR or issuing a new final rule which responds to significant adverse comments. The Department received significant adverse comments and, therefore, withdraws the DFR.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 8th day of August 2025.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employee Benefits Security Administration****29 CFR Part 2550****RIN 1210–AC34****Removal of Definition of “Plan Assets”—Insurance Company General Accounts; Withdrawal**

AGENCY: Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.

ACTION: Direct final rule; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: Due to the receipt of significant adverse comments, the

Department of Labor (Department) is withdrawing the July 1, 2025 direct final rule (DFR) published at 90 FR 28009.

DATES: Effective August 11, 2025, the DFR published at 90 FR 28009 on July 1, 2025, is withdrawn.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Wilker, Office of Exemption Determinations, Employee Benefits Security Administration, (202) 693–8540. This is not a toll-free number. Individuals with hearing or speech impairments may access the telephone number above by TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the DFR, the Department stated that if significant adverse comments (as defined in the DFR) were received by July 31, 2025, the Department would publish a timely notification in the **Federal Register** either withdrawing the DFR or issuing a new final rule which responds to significant adverse comments. The Department received significant adverse comments and, therefore, withdraws the DFR.

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