

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE DOL'S

NEW FIDUCIARY INVESTMENT ADVICE RULE



Under the Department of Labor's new fiduciary rule, the definition of investment advice will be greatly expanded.

Many retirement investor interactions will for the first time become investment advice subject to the ERISA fiduciary standard, which requires that an adviser act solely in the client's best interest and meet ERISA's conflicts of interest requirements.

To help keep abreast of the upcoming changes, here is a brief overview of the rule.

What the rule applies to:

- Qualified retirement plans (DB and DC)
- Rollover transactions
- IRAs, including Simple and SEP IRAs
- Health Savings Accounts

Implementation timeline



What qualifies as investment advice?

The DOL defines fiduciary investment advice as a recommendation specifically directed to a retirement investor to buy, sell or hold securities or other property, to select an investment manager, or to take a distribution or rollover. What does this mean in practice?

COMMON PARTICIPANT SERVICE	NOT ADVICE	ADVICE
Transaction services including balance inquiries, loans, and QDROs		
Savings guidance		
Asset allocation modeling		
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Enrollment		
Financial wellness		
Investment advice buy, sell, hold		
Fundamental financial advice		
Rollover and distribution interactions		

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