

SSET & DEBT ISSUES	YES	NC
<b>Do you have unrealized investment losses in your taxable</b> <b>accounts?</b> If so, consider realizing losses to offset any gains and/or write off up to \$3,000 against ordinary income.		
<b>Do you have investments in taxable accounts that are subject to end-of-year capital gain distributions?</b> If so, consider strategies to minimize tax liability.		
<ul> <li>Are you subject to taking RMDs (including from inherited IRAs)?</li> <li>If so, consider the following:</li> <li>RMDs from multiple IRAs can generally be aggregated; however, RMDs from inherited IRAs can't be aggregated with traditional IRAs.</li> <li>RMDs from employer retirement plans generally must be calculated and taken separately, with no aggregation allowed. However, 403(b) plans are an exception, and RMDs from multiple 403(b)s can be aggregated.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>(or below) the 24% percent marginal tax bracket. Taxable income in the next bracket will be taxed at 32%.</li> <li>If taxable income is above \$518,900 (\$583,750 if MFJ), any long-term capital gains will be taxed at the higher 20% rate.</li> <li>If your Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) is over \$200,000 (\$250,000 if MFJ), you may be subject to the 3.8% Net Investment location are the access.</li> </ul>	
TAX PLANNING ISSUES	YES	NO
<ul> <li>Do you expect your income to increase in the future? If so, consider the following strategies to minimize your future tax liability:</li> <li>Make Roth IRA and Roth 401(k) contributions and Roth conversions. If eligible, consider electing Roth employer matching contributions.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>If offered by your employer plan, consider making after-tax 401(k) contributions.</li> <li>If you are age 59.5 or over, consider accelerating traditional IRA withdrawals to fill up lower tax brackets.</li> </ul>		
Do you expect your income to decrease in the future? If so, consider strategies to minimize your tax liability now, such as traditional IRA and 401(k) contributions instead of contributions to Roth accounts.		
<ul> <li>Do you have any capital losses for this year or carryforwards from prior years? If so, consider the following:</li> <li>There may be opportunities to take offsetting gains. (continue on next column)</li> </ul>		

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TAX PLANNING ISSUES (CONTINUED)	YES	NO	INSURANCE PLANNING ISSUES
<ul> <li>If you have business expenses, consider if it makes sense to defer or accelerate the costs to reduce overall tax liability.</li> <li>Many retirement plans must be opened before year-end (if you follow a calendar tax year), with the exception of certain solo 401(k)s and SEP IRAs (if the appropriate rules are followed).</li> <li>Have there been any changes to your marital status? If so, consider how your tax liability may be impacted based on your marital status as of December 31st.</li> </ul>			<ul> <li>Will you have a balance in your FSA before the end of the year of the second second</li></ul>
CASH FLOW ISSUES	YES	NO	<b>Did you meet your health insurance plan's annual deduction</b> If so, consider incurring any additional medical expenses before
<ul> <li>Are you able to save more? If so, consider the following:</li> <li>If you have an HSA, you may be able to contribute \$4,150 (\$8,300 for a family) and an additional \$1,000 if you are age 55 or over. See "Can I Make A Deductible Contribution To My HSA?" flowchart for details.</li> <li>If you have an employer retirement plan, such as a 401(k), you may be able to save more but must consult with the plan provider as the rules vary as to when you can make changes.</li> <li>The maximum salary deferral contribution to an employer plan is \$23,000, plus the catch-up contribution if age 50 or over is \$7,500 per year.</li> </ul>			end of the year, after which point your annual deductible will res ESTATE PLANNING ISSUES Have there been any changes to your family, heirs, or have
			<ul> <li>you bought/sold any assets this year? If so, consider reviewin your estate plan. See "What Issues Should I Consider When Reviewing My Estate Planning Documents?" checklist for details.</li> <li>Are there any gifts that still need to be made this year? If so gifts up to the annual exclusion amount of \$18,000 (per year, per section).</li> </ul>
<b>Do you want to contribute to a 529 account?</b> If so, consider the following:			donee) are gift tax-free.
<ul> <li>You can use your annual exclusion amount to contribute up to \$18,000 per year to a beneficiary's 529 account, gift tax-free.</li> <li>Alternatively, you can make a lump sum contribution of up to \$90,000 to a beneficiary's 529 account, and elect to treat it as if it were made evenly over a 5-year period, gift tax-free.</li> <li>You may be able to transfer portions of unused 529 funds to the beneficiary's Roth IRA (rules and limitations apply).</li> </ul>			OTHER ISSUES
			Do you have children in high school or younger who plan to attend college? If so, consider financial aid planning strategies, such as reducing income in specific years to increase financial aid packages.
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overall financial plan?



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