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Important Participant Notice Regarding Qualified Default Investment Alternative and Automatic Contribution Arrangement

You have the right to direct the investment of retirement plan contributions among the investment options offered under the retirement plan. Properly investing retirement contributions is important for planning your future retirement income. You should consider your investment direction decision carefully. This notice provides information regarding where contributions submitted to the retirement plan for your benefit will be directed in the absence of your investment election. You may direct the investment of the retirement funds by visiting principal.com.

Automatic Enrollment

This retirement plan includes an automatic contribution arrangement that applies to new participants or re-hired participants as they enter the plan. If you are a new participant, you will be automatically enrolled in the retirement plan, meaning 3% of your pay will be deducted from paychecks and contributed to the retirement plan on your behalf unless you elect a different salary deferral percentage. If you are currently eligible for the plan, you will maintain your current salary deferral amount unless you elect a different salary deferral percentage.

The retirement plan also includes an automatic salary deferral increase provision. Salary deferral contributions for automatically enrolled participants will automatically be increased by 1% every 1/1 up to 6%.

If you do not wish to be automatically enrolled, you may elect not to defer or to defer another percentage. If you affirmatively elect to make salary deferral contributions, or if you are automatically enrolled, and you do not provide an investment direction as to how contributions made on your behalf should be directed, then the contributions will be directed to the plan's investment option default discussed below.

Investment Option Default

If you have not provided complete, up-to-date direction as to how the account set up for you under the retirement plan is to be invested, the account will be invested under automatic rules. You need to understand these rules and make sure that you are comfortable with them or that you take action to direct the investment of the account according to your preferences. These rules state that, if we do not have complete investment directions from you, the retirement funds in the account and new contributions for which we do not have direction will be directed to the applicable target date fund in the BlackRock Lifepath Index Retirement K Fund, sub advised by BlackRock Advisors, LLC. Your directions must be received at the Corporate Center of Principal Life Insurance Company[®].

See the table below to identify the BlackRock Lifepath Index Retirement K Fund that will apply based on your current age and when you will reach the plan's normal retirement date. For information on how you may make an investment direction election, please see the "Right to Direct" section below. See your Summary Plan Description for the definition of Normal Retirement Date.

| Normal Retirement Date | BlackRock Lifepath Index Retirement K Fund |
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| 2027 or earlier | BlackRock Lifepath Index Retirement K Fund |

| Between 2028 and end of 2032 | BlackRock Lifepath Index 2030 K Fund |
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| Between 2033 and end of 2037 | BlackRock Lifepath Index 2035 K Fund |
| Between 2038 and end of 2042 | BlackRock Lifepath Index 2040 K Fund |
| Between 2043 and end of 2047 | BlackRock Lifepath Index 2045 K Fund |
| Between 2048 and end of 2052 | BlackRock Lifepath Index 2050 K Fund |
| Between 2053 and end of 2057 | BlackRock Lifepath Index 2055 K Fund |
| Between 2058 and end of 2062 | BlackRock Lifepath Index 2060 K Fund |
| 2063 or later | BlackRock Lifepath Index 2065 K Fund |

Asset allocation/diversification does not guarantee a profit or protect against a loss.

Note: Neither the principal nor the underlying assets of the BlackRock Lifepath Index Retirement K Fund are guaranteed at any time, including the target date. Investment risk remains at all times.

To learn about the retirement plan's default investment option and related objectives, risk and return characteristics, and associated fees and expenses, please see the following description and attached investment information or Investment Option Summary included in the enrollment workbook for the BlackRock Lifepath Index Retirement K Fund that will apply.

Target Date portfolios are managed toward a particular target date, or the approximate date the investor is expected to start withdrawing money from the portfolio. As each target date portfolio approaches its target date, the investment mix becomes more conservative by increasing exposure to generally more conservative investments and reducing exposure to typically more aggressive investments. Neither the principal nor the underlying assets of target date portfolios are guaranteed at any time, including the target date. Investment risk remains at all times. Neither asset allocation nor diversification can assure a profit or protect against a loss in down markets. Be sure to see the relevant prospectus or offering document for full discussion of a target date investment option including determination of when the portfolio achieves its most conservative allocation.

Right to Direct

If you do not want retirement funds to be directed as indicated above, then you may elect to direct the retirement funds to investment options under the retirement plan by visiting **principal.com** and logging into the account or by calling 1-800-547-7754.

You may make changes to your investment direction as allowed under the retirement plan. This includes transferring any contributions from the applicable investment option default to another investment option. Transfers out of the investment option default are not subject to restrictions, fees or expenses¹ for a 90-day period, unless the fees and expenses are charged on an ongoing basis for the operation of the investment². See the attached investment information for information regarding restrictions, fees or expenses.

Additional Information

For additional information about the investment option default or other investment alternatives under the plan please visit **principal.com** or contact:

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- ¹ Includes surrender charges, liquidation or exchange fees, redemption fees and similar expenses charged in connection with the liquidation of, or transfer from, the investment option default.
- ² Includes investment management fees, distribution and/or service fees, "12b-1" fees, or legal, accounting, transfer agent and similar administrative expenses.

See the investment option summary for detail on the plan's default investment option and other investment options available.

Investing involves risk, including possible loss of principal.

Asset allocation and diversification does not ensure a profit or protect against a loss. Equity investment options involve greater risk, including heightened volatility, than fixed-income investment options.