## 2021 · WHAT ISSUES SHOULD I CONSIDER IF I LOSE MY JOB?



| ASH FLOW ISSUES   | YES | NO | HEALTH INSURANCE ISSUES  |   | YE |
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| Are you still employed but will lose your job soon?<br>f so, consider the following:<br>Try to increase your emergency fund reserves before you lose<br>your job.   |     |    | Will you lose your health insurance soon?<br>If so, consider making sure you are up-to-date on medical and<br>dental exams and any medical procedures before your health<br>insurance ends.  |   |    |
| <ul> <li>If you have a Flexible Spending Account, spend the money while<br/>still employed (or while covered under COBRA) for items you<br/>may need when unemployed.</li> </ul>  |     |    | <ul> <li>Will you need health insurance?</li> <li>If so, consider the following:</li> <li>If you worked for a company with 20 or more employees, you</li> </ul>  |   |    |
| Are you entitled to any compensation (back pay, sick pay, vacation pay) or a severance package?<br>If so, consider confirming the details with your HR department.  |     |    | may be eligible for COBRA, which will allow you to stay on your<br>employer's health plan for 18 months, typically. You will have an<br>election period of 60 days to decide.  |   |    |
| Were you laid off, downsized or was your position eliminated?<br>As long as you weren't fired, you may be eligible for<br>unemployment benefits. Benefits are determined based on your<br>state of residence and typically last for about 26 weeks. |     |    | <ul> <li>If you are married and your spouse has a plan through their employer, you may be able to join that plan.</li> <li>You may be eligible for insurance on the Health Insurance Marketplace. You have 60 days after you lose your job to enroll, according to the special enrollment period rules.</li> </ul> |   |    |
| <b>Do you need to review your budget?</b><br>If so, look for areas to reduce spending, especially your<br>discretionary expenses.   |     |    | <ul> <li>If you are over age 65, you may be eligible to sign up for<br/>Medicare if you haven't already. The Special Enrollment Period<br/>for Part A and B is an eight-month window, beginning the month<br/>after the earlier of the end of your employment, or the end of</li> </ul>                            |   |    |
| Will your cash flow be tight?   |     |    | your employer-provided health insurance.   |   |    |
| <ul><li>If so, consider the following:</li><li>The length of time your emergency fund will last.</li><li>If you have debts, contact your creditors to see if you can reduce</li></ul>   |     |    | ASSET & DEBT ISSUES  | ٢ | Έ  |
| <ul> <li>or defer payments while you are between jobs.</li> <li>Part-time jobs, freelancing, and consulting may provide some income while you are between jobs and might lead to a permanent career path.</li> </ul>                                |     |    | <b>Do you have any debts (student loans, credit card debt)?</b><br>If so, consider contacting your lenders/creditors to explain the situation. They may offer a short-term hardship program.   |   |    |
| • <b>Are you age 62 or older?</b><br>If so, you may be eligible for Social Security benefits. However, you<br>will need to review how timing affects your benefit amount and<br>your overall retirement situation.                                  |     |    | <ul> <li>Do you have a 401(k) with your former employer?</li> <li>If so, consider the following:</li> <li>Loan repayment can vary by the plan rules, although most loans on a 401(k) balance must be paid back by the due date of your tax return for the year you leave your employer.</li> </ul>                 |   |    |
|   |     |    | <ul> <li>Distributions may be subject to an early withdrawal penalty of 10% if you leave the employer before turning age 55.</li> <li>If you are at least age 55, you may be eligible to begin distributions without incurring a penalty. (continue on next page)</li> </ul>                                       |   |    |

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| ASSET & DEBT ISSUES (CONTINUED)  | YES | NO | TAX PLAN   |
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| <ul> <li>&gt; Do you have a home equity loan or line of credit?</li> <li>If so, consider the following:</li> <li>These may be a source to help you during a period of unemployment. They tend to have lower interest rates than credit cards.</li> <li>If you are currently unemployed, you most likely will not qualify for a new or increased line or loan.</li> </ul>               |     |    | <ul> <li>Do you ex<br/>If so, cons</li> <li>If you ha<br/>doing a<br/>benefici</li> <li>If your in<br/>contribution</li> </ul> |
| Do you have a Roth IRA?<br>If so, the contributions can be withdrawn tax and penalty-free if<br>you need to supplement your cash flow.   |     |    | tradition<br>and "Ca<br>■ If you ha<br>and pay   |
| <ul> <li>&gt; Do you have any unvested stock options?</li> <li>If so, consider the following:</li> <li>■ Review equity plan documents as you will likely forfeit some or all of these stock options.</li> <li>■ Refer to your vesting schedule to understand what will vest next and how you can coordinate your departure with the schedule.</li> </ul>                               |     |    | CAREER P<br>Are you s<br>agreemen<br>If so, cons   |
| <ul> <li>Do you have vested stock options?</li> <li>If so, consider the following:</li> <li>Review post-termination exercise periods which are usually about three months from your last day of employment (but in some cases you must exercise the options before your departure).</li> <li>If you were terminated for cause, your vested stock options might be canceled.</li> </ul> |     |    | <ul> <li>Does you</li> <li>Do you no network,</li> </ul>   |
| Do you have any deferred compensation?<br>If so, review plan documents to understand the distribution<br>schedule and the distribution option selected, such as yearly or<br>lump sum.   |     |    |  |
| <ul> <li>Did you own stock (or stock options) in a private company for which you were also employed?</li> <li>If so, consider the impact of the shares being illiquid and if there are any clawback or repurchase rights.</li> </ul>   |     |    |  |

| TAX PLANNING ISSUES   | YES | NO |
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| <ul> <li>Do you expect this year to be a low-income year?</li> <li>If so, consider the following:</li> <li>If you have the cash available to pay the resulting income tax, doing a Roth conversion in a low-income tax year could be beneficial.</li> <li>If your income has dropped below the phaseouts, you can make contributions to Roth IRAs and/or deductible contributions traditional IRAs. See "Can I Make A Deductible IRA Contribution?" and "Can I Contribute To My Roth IRA?" flowcharts.</li> <li>If you have taxable investments, you may be able to sell them and pay capital gains tax at a lower rate.</li> </ul> |     |    |
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| CAREER PLANNING ISSUES  | YES | NO |
| Are you subject to non-solicitation or non-compete<br>agreements?<br>If so, consider how this will impact your search for another job.  |     |    |
| > Does your former employer offer any outplacement services?  |     |    |
| > Do you need to update your contact information with your<br>network, professional organizations, online subscriptions, etc.?  |     |    |

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