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DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20224

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Uniform Issue List: 408.03-00

Legend:

IRA X =

IRA Y =

Amount D =

Dear

This is in response to your request dated October 4, 2003, for a ruling to waive the 60-day rollover requirement contained in section 408(d)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code"). Correspondence dated February 17, 2004, supplemented the request.

You have submitted the following facts and representations:

On July 10, . IRA X, in your name (which consisted of a certificate of deposit) became due. On that date you took Amount D out of IRA X and placed it into a money market account at the same institution with the intention of rolling over the amount into a brokerage individual retirement arrangement. The 60 day rollover period ended on September 8, . On or about August 22, your son fell into depression for which he began treatment on August 28, . Furthermore, on September 4, your daughter fell into depression, for which she began to receive treatment on September 10, . Treatments for your son and daughter have been provided by a psychiatrist and licensed certified counselor. You state that your concern for the illnesses of your children and your involvement in their treatment caused you to miss the deadline for completing the rollover. On September 30, the amount distributed from IRA X was deposited into IRA Y, as a rollover contribution.

Based on the facts and representations, you request that the Internal Revenue Service waive the 60 day rollover requirement with respect to the distribution of Amount D, because the failure to waive such requirement would be against equity or good conscience.

Section 408(d)(1) of the Code provides that, except as otherwise provided in section 408(d), any amount paid or distributed out of an IRA shall be included in gross income by the payee or distributee, as the case may be, in the manner provided under section 72 of the Code.

Section 408(d)(3) of the Code defines, and provides the rules applicable to IRA rollovers.

Section 408(d)(3)(A) of the Code provides that section 408(d)(1) of the Code does not apply to any amount paid or distributed out of an IRA to the individual for whose benefit the IRA is maintained if (i) the entire amount received (including money and any other property) is paid into an IRA for the benefit of such individual not later than the 60th day after the day on which the individual receives the payment or distribution; or (ii) the entire amount received (including money and any other property) is paid into an eligible retirement plan (other than an IRA) for the benefit of such individual not later than the 60th day after the date on which the payment or distribution is received, except that the maximum amount which may be paid into such plan may not exceed the portion of the amount received which is includible in gross income (determined without regard to section 408(d)(3)).

Section 408(d)(3)(B) of the Code provides that section 408(d)(3) does not apply to any amount described in section 408(d)(3)(A)(i) received by an individual from an IRA if at any time during the 1-year period ending on the day of such receipt such individual received any other amount described in section 408(d)(3)(A)(i) from an IRA which was not includible in gross income because of the application of section 408(d)(3).

Section 408(d)(3)(D) of the Code provides a similar 60-day rollover period for partial rollovers.

Section 408(d)(3)(I) of the Code provides that the Secretary may waive the 60-day requirement under sections 408(d)(3)(A) and 408(d)(3)(D) of the Code where the failure to waive such requirement would be against equity or good conscience, including casualty, disaster, or other events beyond the reasonable control of the individual subject to such requirement. Only distributions that occurred after December 31, 2001, are eligible for the waiver under section 408(d)(3)(I) of the Code.

Rev. Proc. 2003-16, 2003-4 I.R.B. 359, provides that in determining whether to grant a waiver of the 60-day rollover requirement pursuant to section 408(d)(3)(I), the Service will consider all relevant facts and circumstances, including: (1) errors committed by a financial institution; (2) inability to complete a rollover due to death, disability, hospitalization, incarceration, restrictions imposed by a foreign country or postal error, (3) the use of the amount distributed (for example, in the case of payment by check, whether the check was cashed); and (4) the time elapsed since the distribution occurred.

The information presented by you demonstrates that you were unable to complete the transaction because of the illnesses of your children. Also, the funds

distributed from IRA X were placed in an IRA approximately 22 days after the time had expired for completing the rollover, and none of the funds were used for any personal expenses during this time.

Therefore, pursuant to section 408(d)(3)(l) of the Code, the Service hereby waives the 60-day rollover requirement with respect to the distribution of the amount from IRA X. Provided all other requirements of section 408(d)(3) of the Code, except the 60-day requirement, are met with respect to such contributions, the amounts deposited into IRA Y, will be considered rollover contributions within the meaning of section 408(d)(3) of the Code.

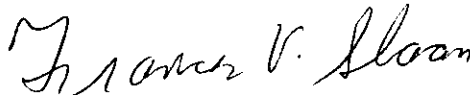
This ruling does not authorize the rollover of amounts that are required to be distributed by section 401(a)(9) of the Code

No opinion is expressed as to the tax treatment of the transaction described herein under the provisions of any other section of either the Code or regulations which may be applicable thereto.

This letter is directed only to the taxpayer who requested it. Section 6110(k)(3) of the Code provides that it may not be used or cited as precedent.

If you wish to inquire about this ruling, please contact ***** (ID **-*****) at (***) ***-****. Please address all correspondence to SE:T:EP:RA:T3.

Sincerely yours,



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Enclosures:

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