

# Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA)

# **Defined Contribution HRA Plan**

# **OUR PLAN**

Our Defined Contribution HRA Plan is a type of Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) that allows Employers to make tax-free contributions on behalf of their current Employees to use post-employment.

Contributions earn interest tax-free and can be used at any time post-employement for eligible medical expenses based on plan provisions.

# **PLAN OBJECTIVES**

These plans are most commonly used for:

- Reducing the Employer's
   OPEB liability by regularly
   funding their Employees'
   HRA accounts during active
   employment
- Converting from a defined benefit retiree health plan to a defined contribution plan funded during active employment
- Setting aside funds on a tax advantaged basis for retiree health care expenses

# CONTRIBUTIONS AND ELIGIBILITY

Contributions are made by the Employer to help cover the cost of post-employment medical expenses incurred by the Employee and their covered dependents.

- Employers may determine which expenses the HRA funds can be used for, from all health related expenses to premium only expenses
- There is flexibility with plan eligibility and contribution formulas (subject to nondiscrimination rules)

- Vesting schedules can apply
- The Employer and Employee save 7.65% on FICA tax
- All reimbursements from the plan are tax-free

# SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

For our Plan to comply with the ACA and other regulations, the following must be considered when structuring the plan:

- The Employee must be separated from service in order to access HRA funds
  - Vesting schedule can apply, with forfeitures available to apply against future contributions
  - If a Retiree returns to work in a capacity where they would otherwise qualify for health benefits, the HRA must be suspended for that participant until they reseparate from service

• In the event of a participant's death,
HRA funds can be used for eligible health care
expenses for their spouse or any other eligible
dependent

- Participation in an HRA may affect eligibility to contribute to an HSA
- Participants are not eligible for a subsidy on the exchange if they have an HRA account balance

### **INVESTMENTS**

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