

## **Introducing Illinois Secure Choice**

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## What is Illinois Secure Choice?

Illinois Secure Choice is a retirement savings program sponsored by the State of Illinois for employers who do not already offer a plan.

- Administered by a private-sector financial services firm
- Funded by employee savings (no employer fees or contributions)
- Employee participation is completely voluntary and they can opt in or out at any time

### **Limited Employer Role:**

- Distribute information to employees
- Enroll all employees in Illinois Secure Choice
- Set up the payroll deduction process
- Send participating employee contributions to the program provider

## **Your Employees' Benefits:**

- Roth Individual Retirement Account (IRA)
- Easy, automated enrollment
- Save through payroll deductions
- Account stays with employees if they change jobs

# Flexible Employee Participation and Investment Choice



- Default savings rate of 5%
- Adjust your savings rate at any time within the federal contribution limits for a Roth IRA
- Select from a menu of investment options
- Adjust your default savings rate at any time to as little as 1%
- Choose to opt out of Illinois Secure Choice at any time



### **All-in Cost to Employee:**

- Approximately \$0.75 (75 cents) per year for every \$100 in employee's account
- Pays for:
  - Administration of the program
  - Underlying fund expenses
- This fee is collected in the form of an annual asset-based fee of approximately 0.75%

### **Investment Menu**



- Illinois Secure Choice Capital Preservation Fund: 100% invested in the State Street Institutional Liquid Reserves Fund (Ticker: SSHXX)
- Illinois Secure Choice Target Date
  Retirement Funds: 100% invested in the
  BlackRock LifePath® Index Target Date
  Retirement Funds. Choose your fund based
  on your target retirement date
- Illinois Secure Choice Growth Fund: 100% invested in the Schwab<sup>®</sup> S&P 500 Index Fund (Ticker: SWPPX)
- Illinois Secure Choice Conservative Fund: 100% invested in the Schwab U.S. Aggregate Bond Index Fund (Ticker: SWAGX)

The 90 Day Holding Vehicle is the default investment vehicle for participants in the program for the first 90 days after the initial contribution made to an account after enrollment.

## **Employee Registration Timeline**









> 30 days

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During this period, enter employee information to get them enrolled.

Contributions are made on each payroll date following the enrollment date.

## **Employer Registration Timeline**

Employers can register at any time, but no later than their registration deadline shown below.

500+ employees
November 1,
2018

100-499 employees **July 1, 2019** 

25-99 employees November 1, 2019 16-24 employees November 1, 2022 5-15 employees November 1, 2023

The Illinois Secure Choice Savings Program ("IL Secure Choice") is overseen by the Illinois Secure Choice Savings Board ("Board"). Ascensus College Savings Recordkeeping Services, LLC ("ACSR") is the program administrator. ACSR and its affiliates are responsible for day-to-day program operations. Participants saving through IL Secure Choice beneficially own and have control over their Roth IRAs, as provided in the program offering set out at saver.ilsecurechoice.com.

IL Secure Choice's Portfolios offer investment options selected by the Board. For more information on IL Secure Choice's Portfolios go to saver.ilsecurechoice.com. Account balances in IL Secure Choice will vary with market conditions and are not guaranteed or insured by the Board, the State of Illinois, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or any other organization.

IL Secure Choice is a completely voluntary retirement program. Saving through a Roth IRA will not be appropriate for all individuals. Employer facilitation of IL Secure Choice should not be considered an endorsement or recommendation by your employer of IL Secure Choice, Roth IRAs, or these investments. Roth IRAs are not exclusive to IL Secure Choice and can be obtained outside of the program and contributed to outside of payroll deduction. Contributing to an IL Secure Choice Roth IRA through payroll deduction offers some tax benefits and consequences. You should consult your tax or financial advisor if you have questions related to taxes or investments.

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