

## Understanding ILSB



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- ILSB definition
- Eligibility requirements
- ILSB examples
- ILSB vs. DROP
- Questions to ponder
- Things to do now

### Initial Lump-Sum Benefit (ILSB)

- You can retire and take a portion of your retirement benefit in a one-time, lump-sum payment.
- You will receive a reduced lifetime monthly benefit.



- ILSB is an alternative to DROP.
- The reduction is based on the lump-sum amount chosen and your age at time of retirement.
- The reduction is permanent.

### ILSB eligibility - Regular Plan

Membership prior to Jan. 1, 2011

Age 60 with 10 years\*

Age 55 with 25 years

Any age with 30 years

\*2.0% benefit factor if enrolled prior to 7/1/1999

Membership *between* Jan 1, 2011 & June 30, 2015

Age 60 with 5 years

Membership on or after July 1, 2015

Age 62 with 5 years

#### ILSB example - Max lump sum

Age	Reduction	Age	Reduction		
35	\$ 6.28	58	\$ 7.38	<b>EXAMPLE:</b> 57-year-old retiree with a 58-	
36	\$ 6.30	59	\$ 7.48		
37	\$ 6.32	60	\$ 7.59	year-old beneficiary	
38	\$ 6.34	61	\$ 7.71		
39	\$ 6.37	62	\$ 7.83		\$2,700/month
40	\$ 6.39	63	\$ 7.97	Maximum option	
41	\$ 6.42	64	\$ 8.11		
42	\$ 6.45	65	\$ 8.26		
43	\$ 6.48	66	\$ 8.42	Cost per \$1,000	
44	\$ 6.51	67	\$ 8.60		\$7.29
45	\$ 6.55	68	\$ 8.78		
46	\$ 6.59	69	\$ 8.98		
47	\$ 6.63	70	\$ 9.20		
48	\$ 6.67	71	\$ 9.43		
49	\$ 6.72	72	\$ 9.68	Maximum	
50	\$ 6.78	73	\$ 9.96		\$97,200
51	\$ 6.83	74	\$ 10.26	lump sum	+;
52	\$ 6.90	75	\$ 10.58	-	
53	\$ 6.96	76	\$ 10.94		
54	\$ 7.04	77	\$ 11.34	Maximum reduced	
55	\$ 7.11	78	\$ 11.76	monthly benefit	\$1,992/month
56	\$ 7.20	79	\$ 12.23		
57	\$ 7.29	80	\$ 12.74	-	

#### ILSB example - 50% max lump sum

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EXAMPL	E: 57-year-old	retiree	with	а
58-year-o	ld beneficiary			

Maximum option	\$2,700/month	
Cost per \$1,000	\$7.29	
50% Maximum Iump sum	\$48,600	
Maximum reduced monthly benefit	\$2,350/month	

### ILSB vs. DROP

ILSB	DROP
You can take a lump sum of up to 36 months of the Maximum Option retirement benefit.	You can participate in DROP for up to 36 months.
There is no participation window.	There is a limited participation window.
At the time you choose ILSB, you retire.	At the time you choose DROP, you continue working.
You pay for your nest egg by taking a reduced benefit for life.	You pay for your nest egg by working during DROP participation.
Your regular monthly retirement benefit is reduced.	Your regular monthly retirement benefit is frozen, not reduced.
Participation is an irrevocable decision.	Participation is an irrevocable decision.

#### ILSB questions to ponder:

- Do I need a lump sum amount to use in retirement? By taking a lump sum up front, you will reduce your regular monthly benefit.
- Is the reduction in benefits permanent? Yes, the reduction applied to monthly benefits is permanent.
- What factors determine the reduction? Your age at the time of retirement and the amount of the lump sum you choose are both determining factors.

### Summary

- ILSB lets members retire and take a portion of their retirement benefit in a one-time, lump-sum payment.
- ILSB does not take away your lifetime monthly benefit; it does reduce it.
- Unlike DROP, there is no window for ILSB; you can retire at any time once you reach eligibility.
- However, you can not also participate in DROP.



#### Things to do now





**Register for Member Access** 

Submit important docs

Update contact info



Check beneficiary designation



Get a retirement estimate!

- Social Security cards (member & beneficiary)
- Birth certificates (member & beneficiary)
  - Divorce/separation decrees, community property settlements

- DIY via TRSL's
  Member Access
- Submit Form 10



- Update name & mailing/email address
- Estimate future benefit with online calculators
- View annual statements
- Apply for retirement/DROP

- View DROP account
- View beneficiary(ies)
- Print income
  verification letter
- Request Social Security verification letter

#### Create a benefit estimate

#### **Online calculators loaded with your account information**



- 1. Log on to Member Access.
- 2. Under "My Estimates" drop-down menu, select "Estimate Your Retirement Benefit."
- 3. Enter your desired retirement date and months of contract (9, 10, 11, 12), then click "Create Estimate!"

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