Long-standing IRS Rollover Interpretation Changing

If you're considering rolling over your IRA assets to an existing or new IRA, you need to be aware of an upcoming change that will affect IRA rollovers. The IRS is changing its interpretation of the **one-per-12-month rule** following a recent U.S. Tax Court ruling in *Bobrow v. Commissioner*. The court ruled that a taxpayer is limited to one rollover per 12-month period, regardless of the number of IRAs he has.

The IRS for decades stated that you could roll over one IRA distribution per 12-month period



for each IRA that you own. The IRS issued guidance in March 2014, stating that it will apply the tax court's new interpretation going forward, but that it will not apply before **January 1, 2015**.

For 2014, therefore, you still are allowed to roll over one distribution for each IRA you own during any 12-month period. The 12-month period begins on the day that you receive the IRA distribution. In addition, the IRA assets that are rolled over may not be rolled over more than once during the 12-month period.

When the IRS applies its new interpretation effective for distributions taken on or after January 1, 2015, you may roll over only one IRA distribution in any 12-month period, regardless of how many IRAs you own. You still may perform an unlimited number of transfers.

You should consult with a competent tax advisor if you are rolling over an IRA distribution.

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