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38.2668 Methods of distribution.

Sec. 718. (1) A qualified participant is eligible to receive distribution of his or her accumulated balance in Tier 2 upon becoming a former qualified participant.

- (2) Upon the death of a qualified participant or former qualified participant, the accumulated balance of that deceased participant is considered to belong to the refund beneficiary, if any, of that deceased participant. If a valid nomination of refund beneficiary is not on file with the state treasurer, the state treasurer, in a lump sum distribution, shall distribute the accumulated balance to the legal representative, if any, of the deceased participant or, if there is no legal representative, to the deceased participant's estate.
- (3) A former qualified participant or refund beneficiary may elect 1 or a combination of several of the following methods of distribution of the accumulated balance:
 - (a) A lump sum distribution to the recipient.
 - (b) A lump sum direct rollover to another qualified plan, to the extent allowed by federal law.
 - (c) Periodic distributions, as authorized by the state treasurer.
- (d) No current distribution, in which case the accumulated balance shall remain in Tier 2 until the former qualified participant or refund beneficiary elects a method or methods of distribution under subdivisions (a) to (c), to the extent allowed by federal law.

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