

Retirement Tax Surprises Quick Guide

- **IRMAA (Medicare Premiums)** – Income from two years ago affects today's Medicare costs.
- **RMDs** – Start at age 73. Missing one results in a 25% penalty.
- **QCDs** – Charitable gift directly from your pre-tax account. Satisfies your RMD and is not considered taxable income.
- **NIIT** – 3.8% tax on investment income if MAGI is above \$200k (single) or \$250k (married filing jointly).
- **Social Security** – Up to 85% of these benefits may be taxable, depending on total income (including ½ your SS benefits).
- **Estimated Payments** – Avoid underpayment penalties plus interest by making estimated payments and/or having withholdings.
- **Proactive Planning Tools** – Roth conversions, tax-loss harvesting, and solid income-planning strategies can all help minimize future taxes and penalties.

Blaine Bowers, MBA, CFP®, CEPA
BOWERS PRIVATE WEALTH MANAGEMENT

984-308-1908 • 260 West Millbrook Road • Raleigh, NC 27609 • www.bowersprivatewealthmanagement.com