

# STANDARD BANK DEPOSIT SWEEP PROGRAM – NATURAL & NON-NATURAL PERSONS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

This section highlights certain key features of both the Standard Bank Deposit Sweep Program – Natural Persons and the Standard Bank Deposit Sweep Program Non-Natural Persons (collectively the “Program” or individually the “BDSP-NP” and “BDSP-NonNP” respectively). Read the complete Disclosure Document before you decide to participate in the Program. You should consult Avantax Investment Services<sup>SM</sup> (“Avantax”, “We”, “Us”, “Our”), which is your Broker/Dealer, or your Avantax Advisor (“Advisor”) for more information. All capitalized terms in the Program Summary below are defined below and in the Disclosure Document.

Program Summary		
How the Program Works	<p>The Program is a core account investment vehicle option, which, if either selected by default or affirmatively elected, will be used to hold your cash balance before it is invested. The cash balance in your eligible Account(s) (as defined in the “Introduction” section below) will be automatically deposited or “swept” into interest-bearing FDIC insurance eligible Program Deposit Accounts (also referred to as Deposit Accounts, as defined in the “Introduction” section below) at one or more FDIC-insured financial institutions (each a “Program Bank” or collectively, “Program Banks”). Cash Balances that cannot be placed at a Program Bank, including Excess Deposit Banks, due to capacity limits or in NFS’ sole discretion, imminent lack of capacity, shall be swept to a Money Market Mutual Fund Overflow as described herein. In the event that you have funds swept to a Money Market Mutual Fund Overflow, it will have a material impact on your insurance coverage, how interest is calculated and how funds are placed and withdrawn.</p> <p>Deposits placed through the NFS sweep program are placed at insured depository institutions that are part of the deposit network of IntraFi Network LLC (“IntraFi”).</p>	Page 4
Core Account Investment Vehicle Options	<p>The Standard Bank Deposit Sweep Program (“Program”) is a core account investment vehicle option, which may be the default option for eligible account holders who do not elect an alternative core account investment vehicle on their account application (You should consult your Avantax Advisor to learn which core account investment vehicle option is your default option). Eligible account holders may elect the Program as their core account investment vehicle option at any time. For information about any of the money market mutual funds (“Money Funds”) that may be available to use as your core account investment vehicle, including all charges and expenses, ask your Advisor to send you a free prospectus.</p>	Page 3
FDIC and SIPC Coverage	<p>Your Program Deposit (as defined in the “Introduction” section below) at the Program Banks will be eligible for FDIC insurance in the manner and to the extent more fully described herein. You need to review and understand how FDIC insurance will apply to your Program Deposits. Additional information regarding Deposit Insurance is available at <a href="https://www.fdic.gov/deposit/deposits/index.html">https://www.fdic.gov/deposit/deposits/index.html</a>. Your cash balance is only eligible for FDIC insurance once it becomes a Program Deposit held by a Program Bank. Your cash balance while held by NFS and/or Avantax is not FDIC insured, but is covered by the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (the “SIPC”). For example, this includes amounts in the cash balances placed in your Brokerage Account that have not yet been received by a Program Bank or which have been swept from a Program Bank back to your Brokerage Account or cash balances held in a Money Market Mutual Fund Overflow. SIPC currently protects these funds and securities up to \$500,000, including \$250,000 for claims for cash. Any securities held in your Brokerage Account including Money Funds (as opposed to a Program Deposit held by a Program Bank) are investment products, and as such: (i) are not insured by the FDIC; (ii) carry no bank or government guarantees; and (iii) are subject to investment risk, including loss of principal amount invested.</p>	Page 9
Program Banks	<p>The Program Bank List specifies the Program Banks into which your funds will be deposited and the sequence in which the Program Banks will receive your funds. The most up-to-date Program Bank List is available at: <a href="http://www.avantaxwealthmanagement.com/legal/cash-sweep-program/">http://www.avantaxwealthmanagement.com/legal/cash-sweep-program/</a>. You can also obtain the list from Avantax or your Advisor. The Program Bank List also indicates your Excess Deposits Bank (as defined below in the Section entitled “Maximum Deposit Amount”) which will be utilized for deposits after the maximum deposit amount has been placed in all the Banks on your Program Bank List. To the extent your deposits in your Excess Deposit Bank exceed the applicable FDIC maximum coverage amount, <b>these excess funds are ineligible for FDIC insurance. All funds not insured by the FDIC are at risk of loss in the event of a bank failure. Program Deposits are not covered by SIPC.</b></p>	Page 6
Rates of Return	<p>Avantax or your Advisor can provide you with the interest rate for your Deposit Accounts (as defined in the “Introduction” section below) and the most up-to-date interest rates are available at: <a href="http://www.avantaxwealthmanagement.com/legal/cash-sweep-program/">http://www.avantaxwealthmanagement.com/legal/cash-sweep-program/</a>. Your balances will earn the same rate of interest regardless of the Program Bank with which your funds are deposited. Your interest rate is based upon your Program Deposits in accordance with the Interest Rate Tiers, as determined by Avantax.</p> <p>Over any given period, the interest rates on the Program Deposits may be lower than the rate of return on other core account investment vehicles which are not FDIC insured or on bank account deposits available outside the Program.</p> <p>Program Banks do not have a duty to offer the highest rates available or rates that are comparable to Money Funds. By comparison, Money Funds generally seek to achieve the highest rate of return consistent with their investment objectives, which can be found in their prospectuses.</p> <p>The Program should not be viewed as a long-term investment option. If you desire, as part of an investment strategy or otherwise, to maintain a cash position in your account for other than a short period of time and/or are seeking the highest yields currently available in the market for your cash balances, contact your Advisor to discuss investment options that may be available outside of the Program that may be better suited to your goals.</p>	Page 4
Changes	<p>Avantax reserves the right to modify the Program or your core account investment vehicle option for any reason. Generally, you will be notified in advance of changes to the Program or your core account investment vehicle option. Account holders may initiate changes to their core account investment vehicle by contacting their Advisor directly or by contacting Avantax.</p>	Page 7
Duty to Monitor	<p>You are responsible for monitoring the total amount of deposits you have in each bank where you maintain cash deposits in order to determine the extent of FDIC insurance coverage available to you for the Program Banks. Depending on the amount of deposits that you maintain in each bank where you maintain cash deposits apart from your Program Deposits, you may wish to direct that one or more Program Banks be excluded from the Program Bank List applicable to you.</p>	Page 3

<p><b>Benefits to Avantax and Others</b></p>	<p>The Program creates financial benefits for Avantax and NFS. We will receive a fee from each Program Bank in connection with the Program. These fees are not shared with your Advisor. We will also pay a fee to NFS. The revenue generated by the Program may be greater than revenues generated by cash sweep options at other brokerage firms, and may be greater than other core account investment vehicles currently available to you or possible core account investment vehicles options that you have used in the past or may consider using in the future. NFS also will receive revenue from cash balances held in a Money Market Mutual Fund Overflow.</p>	<p>Page 8</p>
<p><b>Contact Information</b></p>	<p>Contact Avantax or your Advisor if you have any questions about the Program. Avantax can be reached at 972-870-6000.</p>	

## I. INTRODUCTION

As your broker/dealer ("Avantax", "we", "us", or "our"), we are making some important changes to the investments we offer to you in your brokerage account held with us in conjunction with National Financial Services LLC ("NFS") (your "Brokerage Account"). The terms "account owner," "you" and "your" refer to the owner indicated on the account application. For joint accounts, these terms refer to all owners, collectively and individually. For trust accounts, these terms refer both to the entity and to all account owners. For corporate accounts these terms refer to the corporate entity.

Your Brokerage Account has a core account that is used for settling securities transactions and holding credit balances. We may provide you with access to a variety of different cash sweep vehicles, including money market mutual funds and bank deposit accounts (each a "core account investment vehicle"), that may be used to hold a cash balance that is awaiting reinvestment. The Standard Bank Deposit Sweep Program ("Program") is one such core account investment vehicle for available cash balances (from deposits to your account, securities transactions, dividend and interest payments and other activities) awaiting reinvestment in your Brokerage Account. If you do not elect a core account investment vehicle on your account application, you will be placed into the Program. Avantax may also choose to make the Program the default core account investment vehicle for all eligible Brokerage Accounts. Contact your Advisor for more information.

Beginning on the Effective Date, eligible account holders may elect the Program as their core account investment vehicle at any time or may be placed in the Program by default. After the Effective Date, if your core account investment vehicle becomes the Program through either default or your election, available cash in your Brokerage Account will be deposited through the Program into FDIC insured eligible Program deposit accounts ("Deposit Accounts") at one or more FDIC-insured depository institutions set forth in the list of depository institutions participating in the Program (each, a "Program Bank" or a "Bank"). The list of Banks participating in the Program (the "Program Bank List") can be obtained from your Advisor or at the URL provided in the Program Summary page. The Program Bank List also shows the sequence in which your cash balance will be deposited in each bank, as more fully described below. Once your cash balance has been swept to a Program Bank, it is referred to as your "Program Deposit." Note that your ability to access the money held at the Bank(s) may be limited, as more fully described herein.

As more fully described in this Disclosure Document, your Brokerage Account with us is generally protected, up to applicable limits, by the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (the "SIPC"). However, at the time funds are deposited with one or more Banks through the Program, your investment in the Program is eligible, subject to the limitations described in this Disclosure Document, to be insured, up to applicable limits, by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the "FDIC"). Funds in the Deposit Accounts at each Bank are generally eligible for deposit insurance by the FDIC up to a total of \$250,000 principal and accrued interest per depositor in most insurable capacities (e.g., corporate, individual, joint, etc.) when aggregated with all other deposits, including bank accounts,

certificates of deposit ("CDs") and deposits held through other brokers, held in the same insurable capacity at a Bank. For example, funds in the Deposit Accounts at a Bank held by a company or an individual are insured up to \$250,000, and funds in the Deposit Accounts at a Bank held jointly by two or more individuals are insured up to \$250,000 per joint owner. For IRAs, Section 457 Plans, self-directed Keogh Plans, funds in the Deposit Accounts at each Bank are eligible for deposit insurance up to \$250,000 principal and accrued interest per depositor in the aggregate. Funds deposited in Deposit Accounts are not eligible for coverage by the SIPC.

Additional information regarding FDIC Deposit Insurance is available at <https://www.fdic.gov/deposit/deposits/index.html>.

Any deposits (including certificates of deposit) that you maintain in the same capacity directly with a Bank, or through an intermediary (such as us or another broker), will be aggregated with deposits in your Deposit Accounts at such Bank for purposes of the Maximum Applicable FDIC Deposit Insurance Amount. You are responsible for monitoring the total amount of deposits that you have with each Bank, including an Excess Deposit Bank (described below), to determine the extent of FDIC deposit insurance coverage available to you. You should review carefully the section of the Disclosure Document titled "FDIC/ SIPC Coverage."

**Important Note:** Note that, NFS, as your agent, will place, regardless of the Maximum Applicable FDIC insurance coverage available, in one Bank up to \$246,500 of your cash balances for a corporate or individual account, an agency account and a trust account including a transfer upon or payable on death account; up to \$493,000 in one Bank for a joint account (regardless of the number of owners); and up to \$246,500 for an individual retirement account (each such limit referred to hereinafter as the "Maximum Deposit Amount"). For certain types of accounts, the Maximum Deposit Amount is substantially less than the maximum potential amount of FDIC insurance coverage. If your cash balances and existing Program Deposits at a Bank exceed the Maximum Deposit Amount at a Bank, funds greater than the Maximum Deposit Amount for each Bank will be swept into Deposit Accounts at one or more Program Banks on your Program Bank List in the order reflected thereon (subject to removal and replacement as further described below).

Once funds equal to the Maximum Deposit Amount have been deposited for you through the Bank Deposit Sweep Program in each Bank on the Program Bank List, any additional funds will be invested in an "Excess Deposit Bank" that will accept funds without limitation and without regard to the Maximum Applicable FDIC Deposit Insurance Amount, and thus may not be covered by FDIC insurance. In the rare instances where your funds cannot be placed, at a Bank within the Program, your funds will be invested in an alternative core account investment vehicle for your applicable account type. For more complete information about any Money Fund, including all charges and expenses, contact your Advisor for a free prospectus. Read the prospectus carefully before you invest or send money. You may obtain information with respect to the current yields available on the Money Funds by contacting your Advisor.

Each Deposit Account constitutes a direct obligation of the Bank to you and is not

directly or indirectly an obligation of us or NFS. Neither we nor NFS guarantee in any way the financial condition of the Program Banks or the accuracy of any publicly available financial information concerning such Banks. You can obtain publicly available financial information concerning each Bank at <http://www.ffiec.gov/nicpubweb/nicweb/nichome.aspx> or by contacting the FDIC Public Information Center by mail at L. William Seidman Center, Virginia Square, 3501 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22226 or by phone at 703-562-2200.

You will not have a direct account relationship with the Banks. NFS, as your agent and custodian, will establish the Deposit Accounts for you at each Bank and make deposits to and withdrawals from the Deposit Accounts. We and NFS will receive a fee from each Bank and we will pay a portion of that fee to NFS and keep the balance. The amount of the fee paid to us and NFS will affect the interest rate paid on the Deposit Accounts and may have a greater impact on the interest rate you receive than the amount of interest paid by each Bank. You should review carefully the section of the Disclosure Document titled "Information About Your Relationship with Avantax and the Banks."

As discussed herein, interest rates on the Deposit Accounts may be tiered and will vary based upon prevailing economic and business conditions. The Banks do not have a duty to offer the highest rates available or rates that are comparable to Money Funds. By comparison, Money Funds generally seek to achieve the highest rate of return consistent with their investment objectives, which can be found in their prospectuses.

The information in this Disclosure Document applies, unless otherwise indicated, to each eligible Brokerage Account for which you are an owner, whether as a corporation, an individual, joint tenant, trustee, executor, custodian or in any other capacity.

### Customers Affected by the Program

Only eligible Brokerage Accounts that utilize the Program as their core account investment vehicle will be subject to the information discussed in this Disclosure Document. In accordance with federal law, the Deposit Accounts may not be held by certain business entities, including corporations, partnerships and limited liability companies, or by certain not-for-profit organizations. Refer to the "Program Eligibility" section of this Disclosure Document or contact your Advisor for information concerning your eligibility for the Deposit Accounts.

Your Advisor can provide you with more information concerning the accounts and programs for which the core account investment vehicle options do and do not apply.

### Core Account Investment Vehicle Options

Currently, in addition to the Program (for eligible Brokerage Accounts), customers may elect a Money Fund as a core account investment vehicle if this option is made available to you by Avantax. For more complete information about any of the Money Funds that are available to use as your sweep option, including all charges and expenses, request a free prospectus from your Advisor.

## Rates of Return

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Information about the Program (including interest rates, tiers, and annual percentage yield) and current yields on Money Funds may be obtained from your Advisor. The interest rate will vary and may be higher or lower than other potential investment options and/or the rates offered by other broker-dealers. You should carefully review the section of the Disclosure Document entitled "Interest."

## Alternatives to the Program as a Core Account Investment Vehicle Option

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We are not obligated to offer you any core account investment options or to make available to you bank deposit sweep program investments that offer a rate of return that is equal to or greater than other comparable investments. For non-retirement accounts, you may elect not to have available cash swept into a sweep investment. If you make this election, your Brokerage Account will not have a sweep investment feature. This means your available cash will not be invested (and therefore will not earn interest) unless you give your Advisor direction to invest a specific amount of your funds in one or more of the Money Funds, the Program or other investments available through us.

For more complete information about any of the Money Funds, including all charges and expenses, contact your Advisor for a free prospectus. Read the prospectus carefully before you invest or send money. You may obtain information with respect to the current yields available on the Money Funds by contacting your Advisor.

## You May Continue to Invest in Money Funds

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After the Effective Date, we may continue to offer Money Funds as an alternative core account investment vehicle option. If we do, you may continue to use a Money Fund available as your core account investment vehicle by contacting your Advisor. If you purchase shares in Money Funds outside of your core account investment vehicle, such investments may be subject to customary commissions or fees. Additional cash balances in your Brokerage Account will not be automatically swept into these Money Funds, unless the Money Fund is the alternative core account investment vehicle and the Program is unavailable to accept your funds for any reason (as explained in this Disclosure Document).

Accounts that are ineligible for the Program may elect other available Money Funds. A current list of Money Funds available to you can be obtained from your Advisor.

You could lose money by investing in a money market fund. An investment in a money market fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. Before investing, always read a money market fund's prospectus for policies specific to that fund.

## No Impact on Your Annual Brokerage Account Fees

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The changes in our core account investment vehicle options discussed above and within this Disclosure Document will not affect your brokerage account fees as fees for the program will be deducted from the interest amounts received from the bank and passed

on to you.

## Access to Funds in the Deposit Accounts

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As required by federal banking regulations, each Program Bank has reserved the right to require seven (7) calendar days prior notice before permitting a withdrawal of any Program Deposits. So long as this right is not exercised, and there is not a bank failure that would require FDIC intervention, your ability to access funds, including the ability to write checks against your account, should not be impacted. Your interest in a Deposit Account is not transferable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, you will remain obligated for all obligations arising from your account, including, but not limited to, margin balances, settlement of transactions, checks, wires, and debit card purchases.

## Tax Information

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For most clients, with non-retirement account types, interest earned from the Deposit Accounts will be taxed as ordinary income in the year it is received. For applicable account types, a Form 1099 will be sent to you by NFS each year showing the amount of interest income you have earned on deposits in your Deposit Accounts. You should consult with your tax adviser about how the Standard Bank Deposit Sweep Program affects you.

## II. DETAILS

This Disclosure Document contains key information about the Program which is offered by us in conjunction with NFS, a New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") and Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") member, whom we have engaged to provide custody and clearing services to us. Additional terms, conditions, and disclosures applicable to your Brokerage Account held with us are included in other documents, including your account application, account agreement, and applicable privacy notice ("Other Agreements") and are hereby incorporated by reference into this Disclosure Document. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this Disclosure Document and the Other Agreements, this Disclosure Document will control. Review these Other Agreements for important information governing your account.

### A. Program Eligibility

Eligibility for the Program, either the BDSP-NP or BDSP-NonNP, is based on your account type and the ownership of your Brokerage Account. In order to be eligible for the BDSP-NP, each beneficial owner of your Brokerage Account (including any beneficiary of a trust account) must be a natural person (each such beneficial owner and beneficiary, an "Eligible Person"). Eligibility is subject to the limitations described herein and as determined by us and NFS. The Program is available to Eligible Persons, acting for themselves or through an agent or fiduciary, whether having a single account, or joint account, (so long as all beneficial owners are natural persons), and trust accounts (so long as all beneficial owners and beneficiaries of the trust accounts are natural persons), and sole proprietorships (so long as they are not incorporated or in company form). The following individual retirement accounts are also eligible for the Program if each beneficial owner is an Eligible Person: the Premiere Select® IRA, Premiere

Select Roth IRA, Premiere Select SEP-IRA and Premiere Select SIMPLE IRA. In addition, certain tax-exempt non-profit organizations may be eligible for the Program.

To the extent that you change any beneficial owner or beneficiary on your Brokerage Account, you are responsible for determining whether each beneficial owner or beneficiary of your Brokerage Account continues to qualify as an Eligible Person. If we or NFS determine that your Brokerage Account is not eligible for the Program or the Program eligibility requirements change, we may change your core account investment vehicle, as that term is defined in Brokerage Account documentation, or any amendments thereto, including but not limited to the Customer Agreement, from the Program to an alternative core account investment vehicle made available by us and NFS, which may not be an FDIC-insured investment.

Brokerage Accounts beneficially owned by entities organized to make a profit, such as corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships, limited liability partnerships, associations, business trusts, and other organizations (other than sole proprietorships which are not incorporated or in company form) are eligible for the BDSP-NonNP (each such entity, an "Eligible Non-Person").

Eligibility is subject to the limitations described herein and as determined by us and NFS.

### B. How the Program Works Sweep to Program Banks

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Through the Program, cash balances in your Brokerage Account (resulting from sales of securities, deposits, dividend and interest payments and other activities) will be automatically deposited or "swept" into FDIC-Insured Program Deposit Accounts at one or more Program Banks on the Program Bank List in the order in which the banks appear on the list. Once your cash balance has been swept to a Program Bank, it is referred to as your "Program Deposit". Note that your ability to access the money held at the Banks(s) may be limited as fully described herein.

Funds will be swept into Deposit Accounts at a Program Bank up to the Maximum Deposit Amount (as defined below in the section titled "Maximum Deposit Amount"). Funds in excess of the Maximum Deposit Amount (or funds that cannot otherwise be deposited at a particular bank because that Bank is not accepting additional deposits due to capacity constraints or other issues) will be swept into the next successive Bank on the Program Bank List. Once the Maximum Deposit Amount has been reached in all Banks on the Program Bank List that are accepting additional deposits, additional funds will be swept into the Excess Deposit Bank (as defined below in the section titled "Maximum Deposit Amount").

One of the entries on the Program Bank List may contain the names of up to four Banks ("Alternative Banks"). When each of the Banks prior to the Alternative Banks on the Program Bank List has received deposits equal to the Maximum Deposit Amount, your funds will be deposited in one of the Alternative Banks up to the Maximum Deposit Amount. Once funds in this Alternative Bank have reached the Maximum Deposit Amount, your funds will be deposited in the next Bank on the Program Bank List, not the next Alternative Bank. If all your funds are withdrawn from an Alternative Bank, the next time your funds are available for deposit in an Alternative Bank your funds may be deposited in a different Alternative Bank.

You may not change the Banks on the Program Bank List, the order in which funds are deposited at the Banks on the Program Bank List or the Maximum Deposit Amount at any Bank. You may, however, at any time, designate a Bank as ineligible (otherwise referred to as "opting out" of a Bank) to receive any funds by contacting your Advisor. Any such action will result in any current Program Bank Deposit at such Bank being withdrawn and such funds (along with any new Program Deposits) being deposited into Deposit Accounts at the next available Bank on the Program Bank List on the next business day that a sweep is effected after such "opt out" instructions have been processed. No new funds will be deposited into any Bank that you have opted out of (i.e., designated as ineligible). If you designate one or more Banks as ineligible to receive funds, the total amount of FDIC insurance for which your cash balances will be eligible in the Program may be reduced. Participation in this Program requires at least one (1) Bank remaining eligible to receive your deposits. Thus, you may not opt out of all Banks on the Program Bank List.

With the exception of the Excess Deposit Bank, your cash balances will not be swept into a Deposit Account at a Program Bank in an amount that exceeds the Maximum Deposit Amount, and you may designate any Bank on the Program Bank List as ineligible to accept your funds by "opting out" in accordance with the procedures set forth herein. You are responsible for monitoring the total amount and insurable capacity of deposits both as part of and outside of the Program that you have at each Program Bank, including any CDs, or other deposits made through us or through any other intermediary, for the purpose of determining the FDIC insurance coverage for those deposits.

## Maximum Deposit Amount

NFS, as your agent, will place, regardless of the maximum potential applicable FDIC insurance coverage available, in one Bank, up to \$246,500 of your cash balances for an individual account, an agency account and a trust account including a transfer upon or payable on death account, up to \$493,000 in one Bank for a joint account (regardless of the number of owners), and up to \$246,500 for an individual retirement account (each such limit referred to hereinafter as the "Maximum Deposit Amount"). For certain types of accounts, the Maximum Deposit Amount is substantially less than the maximum potential amount of FDIC insurance coverage. If your cash balances and existing Program Deposits at a Bank exceed the Maximum Deposit Amount at a Bank, funds greater than the Maximum Deposit Amount for each Bank will be swept into Deposit Accounts at one or more Program Banks on your Program Bank List in the order reflected thereon (subject to removal and replacement as further described below).

If the Maximum Deposit Amount has been deposited for you through the Program in each Program Bank on the Program Bank List (taking into consideration any Bank that you have opted out of or excluded), all excess cash balances will be deposited into one designated Bank on the Program Bank List without regard to FDIC-insurance limitations (an "Excess Deposit Bank").

## Program Limitations

The amount of your cash balances that are swept into Deposit Accounts may need to be limited if one or more Program Banks stop

accepting deposits, become ineligible for the Program as described in this Disclosure Document, or for other exceptional circumstances, and such limitations may affect the total amount of FDIC insurance that is available to you. You will generally receive notification in advance of any Program Bank being removed from the Program Bank List, and if advance notice is not practical due to the circumstances, you will be notified as soon as is reasonably practical. Consult the following sections for further important information, as such action may affect the amount of your cash balances that are covered by FDIC insurance.

### Money Market Mutual Fund Overflow

Certain events will result in the sweeping of Cash Balances into a money market mutual fund instead of Program Banks- this feature is called the Money Market Mutual Fund Overflow ("MMKT Overflow"). The events for sweeping of funds into the MMKT Overflow may include:

If the Program does not have sufficient deposit capacity to accept new or maintain existing deposits, any balance that cannot be placed or maintained at a Program Bank(s), including Excess Deposit Banks, will then be swept into the MMKT Overflow.

The enhanced sweep process between your Account, the Program Deposit Account and the MMKT Overflow is referred to together as the "Program" and may also be included in the definition of your "Core Account Investment Vehicle". The Fidelity Government Money Market: "S" Class fund is the money market mutual fund that will be utilized for the MMKT Overflow (the "MMKT Overflow Fund").

**Summary:** Balances will sweep into the Program Banks as described above in the "How the Program Works" section. If, however, the Program Banks are unwilling or unable to accept funds, these funds will be swept to the "MMKT Overflow" rather than the Program Bank(s).

Your Program Deposit is also automatically "swept out of" a Program Deposit Account as necessary to satisfy debits in your Account. However, in the event you have Cash Balances in the MMKT Overflow, the Cash Balances will first be debited from the MMKT Overflow Fund, then from program Banks.

Debits in your Account associated with certain actual or anticipated transactions to generate a debit in your Account during the business day will first be settled using proceeds from the redemption of any shares of the MMKT Overflow Fund first, then withdrawal of Program Deposits that are swept out on such business day. Other debits will be settled using proceeds from redemption of any shares of the MMKT Overflow Fund first, then the withdrawal of Program Deposits that are swept out on the next business day.

In the event that additional capacity becomes available at the Program Banks, any cash balances in the MMKT Overflow Fund will remain and will not automatically be transferred or rebalanced into newly open and/or available Program Banks. Other than being used to satisfy debits or withdrawals in the account, funds will remain in the MMKT Overflow.

**Rate of return for Cash Balances held in the MMKT Overflow:** In the event there is a Cash Balance held in the MMKT Overflow, the rate of return for a money market fund is typically shown for a seven-day period. It is typically expressed as an annual percentage rate. It is referred to as the "7-day yield" and may change at any time based on the performance of the investments held by the

money market fund. The effective yield on a money market fund reflects the effect of compounding of interest over a one-year period.

In general, a money market mutual fund earns interest, dividends, and other income from its investments, and distributes this income (less expenses) to shareholders as dividends. Each fund may also realize capital gains from its investments, and distributes these gains (less losses), if any, to shareholders as capital gain distributions.

Distributions from a money market mutual fund consist primarily of dividends. A money market mutual fund normally declares dividends daily and pays them monthly. Funds held in the MMKT Overflow begin earning the dividend accruals on the day they are received by the MMKT Overflow Fund and stop accruing dividends on the day they are withdrawn. For additional information on returns of the MMKT Overflow Fund, see the fund's prospectus.

**Statements:** The statement for your Account will (i) indicate your balance in your core account including your Program Deposit balance at each Program Bank and MMKT Overflow (if applicable) as of the last business day of each monthly statement period, (ii) detail sweeps to and from your core account during the statement period, and (iii) reflect the rate of return for the MMKT Overflow if applicable. This information is provided in lieu of separate confirmations.

**Insurance:** If funds are swept from a Program Deposit Account into the MMKT Overflow, such funds will no longer be eligible for FDIC insurance but will be subject to SIPC protection, up to certain limits as further described in the section titled "FDIC Insurance Coverage/SIPC Protection" above. More details about the MMKT Overflow Fund can be found in the MMKT Overflow Fund's prospectus, which will be made available to you when applicable.

**Rebalance Event:** From time to time, and as part of the management of the Program, if additional deposit capacity becomes available, NFS, in collaboration with your Broker/Dealer may periodically sweep funds out of the MMKT Overflow and back to Banks on your Program Bank List to be held as a Program Deposit (a "Rebalance Event"). You will be notified in advance of any MMKT Overflow fund Rebalance Event. Notice will be provided to you in writing. In addition, the notice will inform you of approximately when such Rebalance Event will be implemented. Continued use of your Account and/or the Program after notice of a Rebalance Event will constitute your consent to such an event and the changes described therein.

The MMKT Overflow Fund is a money market mutual fund offered by Fidelity Management and Research Company ("FMR Co."). FMR Co. will receive management and other fees for assets held in the MMKT Overflow Fund, as more fully described in the fund's prospectus.

## C. FDIC Insurance Coverage In General

The Deposit Accounts (including principal and accrued interest) are insured by the FDIC, an independent agency of the U.S. Government, to the Maximum Applicable FDIC Deposit Insurance Amount set by the FDIC for all deposits held in the same insurable capacity at any one Bank as more fully explained below. Your funds become eligible for deposit insurance immediately upon placement into a Deposit Account at a Bank. Generally, any accounts or deposits (including CDs) that you may maintain directly with a particular Bank, or through us or through any other

intermediary, in the same insurable capacity in which the Deposit Accounts are maintained would be aggregated with the Deposit Accounts for purposes of the Maximum Applicable FDIC Deposit Insurance Amount.

You are responsible for monitoring the total amount of deposits, including bank accounts, CDs, and deposits held through other brokers, that you hold with any one Bank, directly or through an intermediary (for example through a retirement plan) in order to determine the extent of deposit insurance coverage available to you on your deposits, including the Deposit Accounts.

We and NFS are not responsible for any insured or uninsured portion of the Deposit Accounts or any other deposits. All funds that are not insured by the FDIC are at a risk of loss in the event of a bank failure.

See "FDIC/SIPC Coverage" below for more detailed information on insurance coverage of Deposit Accounts and Brokerage Accounts.

#### **D. Alternatives to the Program**

If you have an existing eligible Brokerage Account with a different core account investment vehicle than the Program, you may contact your Advisor to elect the Program if you desire or to determine if an alternative exists. For new accounts, if you do not affirmatively elect a core account investment vehicle, then your core account investment vehicle will be the Program. If a Money Fund option exists, you may contact your Advisor with respect to current yields, as well as to request a free prospectus. If you elect not to participate in the Program and your available cash awaiting reinvestment is not invested in a Money Fund, accruing cash balances may not earn a rate of return prior to direct investment.

If you wish to specify a different core account investment vehicle, if available for your account type, you may do so at any time by contacting us or your Advisor. Existing balances in your prior core account investment vehicle will be automatically transferred to the new core account investment vehicle you select.

### **III. PROGRAM BANKS**

#### **A. General Information About Program Banks**

The Program Bank List specifies the Program Banks into which your funds will be deposited and the order of the Program Banks which will receive your funds. The Program Bank List will be available from your Advisor or at the URL provided in the Program.

There may be separate Program Banks Lists for the BDSP-NP and BDSP-NonNP so be sure to consult the appropriate list. The Program Bank List indicates all Banks on the Program Bank List, including your Excess Deposit Bank, which will be utilized for deposits after the Maximum Deposit Amount has been placed in all the Banks on your Program Bank List and the sequence that will be used for deposits into these Banks. You cannot select the Excess Deposit Bank at which such excess deposits will be made. If an Excess Deposit Bank is also a Program Bank, the Excess Deposit Bank would receive, in the sequence listed, deposits up to the Maximum Deposit Amount just as any other Program Bank and after deposits of the Maximum Deposit Amount have been made at all of the other Banks on your Program Bank List, excess deposits would then be placed in your Excess Deposits Bank. If your Excess Deposit Bank has already received Program Deposits up to the Maximum Deposit Amount, any further deposits in that

Bank would generally not be eligible for FDIC insurance coverage. To the extent your deposits in your Excess Deposit Bank exceed the Maximum Applicable FDIC Deposit Insurance Amount, these excess funds are ineligible for FDIC insurance.

You should review the Program Bank List carefully. You are responsible for monitoring the total amount of deposits that you have at each Bank for purposes of reviewing deposits which may be eligible for insurance by the FDIC. We and NFS do not have any duty to monitor the core account investment vehicle for your account or make recommendations about, or changes to, the Program that might be beneficial to you.

Deposits at each Program Bank are eligible for FDIC insurance coverage, except for amounts deposited in your Excess Deposit Bank in excess of the Maximum Applicable FDIC Deposit Insurance Amount, which will not be insured by the FDIC. The amount of FDIC insurance in all Program Banks may be limited pursuant to the limitations explained in this Disclosure Document. In any event, all deposits in the Program are subject to all applicable FDIC qualification requirements and to the Program limitations described in this Disclosure Document.

#### **B. Program Bank List**

Program Banks are organized into regional bank lists with each Program Bank List assigned based upon the state as reflected in your account mailing address.

Your Brokerage Account mailing address is the address to which correspondence from Avantax is mailed and for e-mail correspondence, the designated address contained on the electronic document. You may contact your Advisor or go to the URL provided in the Program Summary page for a current Program Bank List and priority sequence order.

#### **C. Deposit Accounts**

Your Program Deposits will generally be deposited in two linked bank accounts at one or more Program Banks: (1) an interest-bearing savings deposit account (commonly referred to as a Money Market Deposit Account or "MMDA" account) and (2) an interest-bearing transaction account (which may be a Negotiable Order of Withdrawal ("NOW") account or a demand deposit account ("DDA"), collectively with the NOW account referred to as the "Transaction" account). You will receive the same interest rate on the funds in your MMDA account and in your Transaction account at each Bank. Your Brokerage Account statement will reflect the combined balances of the MMDA account and the Transaction account at each Program Bank. There may be times when, to maximize the amount of FDIC insurance that your account is eligible for, your Program Deposits may be deposited into non-interest-bearing savings accounts.

Your Program Deposits will be deposited at the Program Bank into a Transaction account and an MMDA account maintained by NFS for your benefit and the benefit of other Avantax customers and/or NFS that participate in the Program. A portion of your Program Deposit will be allocated to the Transaction account, and a portion of your Program Deposit will be allocated to the MMDA account as described herein. Available cash balances are deposited in your MMDA account at each Bank as set forth above. From time to time, part of such deposits may be transferred to your Transaction account to establish and/or maintain a threshold amount which may differ among customers. All withdrawals will be made from the NOW account at the Bank

based on the reverse of the priority sequence of the Program Bank List (i.e., last in, first out). As necessary to satisfy debits in your Brokerage Account (securities purchases, checking, debit card, etc.), funds will automatically be transferred from the MMDA account to the related Transaction account at the applicable Bank.

If there are insufficient funds in the Deposit Accounts to satisfy a debit, NFS will withdraw funds from other available sources as described in this Disclosure Document or in your account opening paperwork.

Federal banking regulations limit the number of days in which you can have net withdrawals from an MMDA account to a total of six (6) during a monthly statement cycle. At any point during a month in which transfers from an MMDA account at a Bank have reached the applicable limit, all funds will be transferred from that MMDA account to the linked Transaction account at the Bank. For the remainder of the month, all deposits for that Bank will be made to the Transaction account. At the beginning of the next month, an amount of funds on deposit in the Transaction account less any applicable threshold amount will be automatically transferred back to the MMDA account. Due to the linking of the NOW and MMDA accounts as described above, the federal banking limits on MMDA account transfers will not effectively limit the number of withdrawals you can make from funds on deposit at a Program Bank.

The cash balances awaiting reinvestment in your Brokerage Account will be automatically swept from your Brokerage Account into your Deposit Accounts on the business day following the day your Brokerage Account reflects a cash balance. For purposes of this Program, business day generally means a day on which Banks participating in this Program are open for business. Available cash balances will not begin to earn interest or be eligible for FDIC insurance until swept into the Deposit Account(s) at the Program Bank(s). As stated above, to the extent your deposits outside of the Program, in combination with Program Deposits, exceed the Maximum Applicable FDIC Deposit Insurance Amount at any Program Bank the amounts above such limits will NOT be eligible for FDIC insurance protection. Deposits at Program Banks are not eligible for SIPC coverage.

Although your funds generally will be deposited in Deposit Accounts at the Banks in the order in which the Banks appear on the Program Bank List, in rare circumstances, a Bank on the Program Bank List may be unable to accept your funds on a particular day or a Bank may be removed from the Program Bank List and not replaced. If advance notice is not practical due to the circumstances, you will be notified as soon as is reasonably practical. See the Section entitled "Changes" for options available to you resulting from a change in the Program Bank List. You should also consult your Advisor or regularly check in the Program Summary page for changes to your Program Bank List.

If a Bank is unable to accept your funds on a day you have funds to deposit, your funds will be deposited

in the next available Bank on the Program Bank List up to the Program Limit. Due to the unavailability of a Bank for any circumstance, funds may be placed at a Bank in excess of the Maximum Deposit Amount and, as indicated above, Program Deposits in excess of the FDIC eligible amount will NOT be eligible for FDIC insurance protection. At the end of any given month, a reallocation of Program Deposits may occur, due to deposits

in excess of the Maximum Deposit Amount at any Bank including an Excess Bank, an elimination of a Bank or the temporary removal of a Bank from the Program. If such occurs, NFS will determine the amount of your funds, if any, that are in excess of the Maximum Deposit Amount or that have been deposited in Banks in an order different than the priority sequence on the Program Bank List. If it is possible to re-balance your funds based upon the priority sequence of the Program Bank List, NFS as your agent, will withdraw your funds and re-deposit them in that sequence. If this cannot be accomplished, your balances will remain at the Bank(s) where the deposits are currently situated.

#### **D. Withdrawals and Credits – Access to Your Program Deposits**

When funds are needed to cover transactions in your Brokerage Account, generated by account activity occurring prior to NFS' nightly processing cycle these debits will be settled using the following sources, in this order:

- any Intra-day or After-hours Free Credit Balances
- if applicable, proceeds from the sale of shares of the MMKT Overflow
- proceeds from the withdrawal of Program Deposits occurring on the next business day (not including bank holidays or days on which the New York Stock Exchange is closed, such as Good Friday)
- redemption proceeds from the sale of any shares of a Fidelity money market mutual fund held in the account that maintains a stable (i.e., \$1.00/share) net asset value and is not subject to a liquidity fee of similar fee or assessment
- if you have a margin account, any margin surplus available, which will increase your margin balance

In addition, early in the morning prior to the start of business on each business day, certain unsettled debits in your account along with debits associated with certain actual or anticipated transactions that would otherwise generate a debit in your account during the business day will be settled using proceeds from the withdrawal of Program Deposits occurring that business day (not including bank holidays or days on which the New York Stock Exchange is closed, such as Good Friday).

If a withdrawal of funds from your Deposit Accounts is necessary to satisfy a debit, funds will be withdrawn from your accounts at the Banks in the reverse order in which Banks appear on the Program Bank List on the date of the withdrawal. Funds will be withdrawn on a "last in, first out" basis, (beginning with the Bank designated to hold funds in excess of the Program Bank Limit, if applicable) and moving backward through the Program Bank List up to the first Bank on the Program Bank List.

Review your Brokerage Account agreement for important information regarding your unsatisfied obligations owed to us and/or NFS.

You may access your Program Deposits only through your Brokerage Account. You cannot access or withdraw Program Deposits by contacting a Program Bank directly.

NFS will automatically withdraw funds from your Deposit Accounts (up to the amount of your Program Deposit) back to your Brokerage Account in order to satisfy any obligation you have to us or NFS or to settle a securities transaction or other debit transaction (including, but not limited to, checks, wires, debit card purchases or margin balances) in any account you have with us or

NFS. Your Program Deposits are also subject to legal process such as a levy or a garnishment delivered to us or NFS to the same extent as if those funds were in your Brokerage Account.

As required by federal banking regulations, each Program Bank has reserved the right to require seven (7) calendar days prior notice before permitting a withdrawal of any Program Deposits. So long as this right is not exercised, and there is not a bank failure that would require FDIC intervention, your ability to access funds, including the ability to write checks against your Brokerage Account, should not be impacted. Your interest in a Deposit Account is not transferable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, you will remain obligated for all obligations arising from your Brokerage Account, including, but not limited to, margin balances, settlement of transactions, checks, wires, and debit card purchases.

Credits to your Account including any Intra-day Free Credit Balance as well as any After-hours Free Credit Balance generated by activity occurring prior to NFS nightly processing cycle are automatically swept into your core account as part of that nightly cycle (the "Evening Bank Sweep") and reflected in your Account as Program Deposits in anticipation of the deposit process described below occurring on the next business day.

There will be an additional automatic sweep into your core account early in the morning prior to the start of business on each business day that will also be invested in the BDSP at that time (the "Morning Bank Sweep"). This will include credit amounts attributed to certain actual or anticipated transactions that would otherwise generate an Intra-day Free Credit Balance on such business day.

The total amount of the Evening Bank Sweep and the Morning Bank Sweep is referred to as your Cash Balance. In the morning of the business day of the Morning Bank Sweep, your Cash Balance will be deposited at one or more Program Bank. The Program Deposit will earn interest, provided that the accrued interest for a given day is at least half a cent.

## **IV. INTEREST**

### **A. Interest Rates for Deposit Account**

The current interest rates for your Deposit Accounts are located at - [www.avantaxwealthmanagement.com/legal/cash-sweep-program/](http://www.avantaxwealthmanagement.com/legal/cash-sweep-program/), or can be obtained from Avantax or your Advisor. Interest on your Program Deposit is accrued daily, compounded monthly and is reflected on your Brokerage Account statement as of the last business day of the statement period. Interest on your Program Deposit begins to accrue on the business day those funds are received by the Program Bank, which will typically be the business day following the day your Brokerage Account reflects a cash balance. Generally, interest will accrue to Deposit Account balances through the business day preceding the date of withdrawal from your Deposit Accounts at the Bank (which will typically be the day on which a withdrawal of funds is made from your Brokerage Account). Non-business days occurring between Brokerage Account withdrawal and Deposit Account withdrawal and deposit with a Bank will be included in the interest accrual.

Your balances will earn the same rate of interest regardless of the Program Bank with which your funds are deposited. The rate of interest paid is tiered based on the value of your Program Deposits ("Eligible Assets"). Eligible Assets are currently evaluated on a

daily basis. Interest rates, evaluation period and Eligible Assets may change at any time and may be based on a number of factors including general economic, market and business conditions. You will receive notification in advance of any changes to the Interest Rate Tiers and if advance notice is not practical due to the circumstances, you will be notified as soon as is reasonably practical. Customers with Eligible Assets of a greater value generally will receive higher interest rates on their Program Deposits than customers with Eligible Assets of a lower value. Interest on your Program Deposit will be paid by the Program Bank.

Over any given period, the interest rates on the Program Deposits may be lower than the rate of return on other core account investment vehicles which are non-FDIC insured or on bank account deposits offered outside of the Program, including at other broker-dealers. Program Banks do not have a duty to offer the highest rates available or rates that are comparable to Money Funds. By comparison, Money Funds generally seek to achieve the highest rate of return consistent with their investment objectives, which can be found in their prospectuses. In addition, fees that are paid to us and NFS will affect the interest rate paid on the Deposit Accounts, and may have a greater impact on the interest rate you receive than the amount of interest paid by each Bank. See the Money Market Mutual Fund Overflow section above for details on yields for MMKT Overflow balances.

The Program should not be viewed as a long-term investment option. If you desire, as part of an investment strategy or otherwise, to maintain a cash position in your account for other than a short period of time and/or are seeking the highest yields currently available in the market for your cash balances, contact your Advisor to discuss investment options that may be available outside of the Program that may be better suited to your goals. Avantax does not guarantee that you will receive a more favorable interest rate available to depositors if you elect to participate in the Program. Before you elect the Program as a core account investment vehicle option, you should compare the terms, interest rates, required minimum amounts, and other features of the Avantax Program with other accounts and investment options.

### **B. Interest Credited to Your Deposit Account**

While interest will generally be credited to your Deposit Accounts at month-end, intra-month interest credits to your Deposit Accounts may occur. Intra-month interest credits may occur in the following instances: (i) where you close your account intra-month, (ii) where you make a Bank ineligible to receive deposits intra-month or (iii) where there has been a change to the Program Bank List (or a Bank becomes otherwise unavailable) intra-month. Intra-month interest credits will appear on your Brokerage Account statement to reflect interest accrued at that Bank through such intra-month event. See the Money Market Mutual Fund Overflow section above for details on yields for MMKT Overflow balances.

## **V. CHANGES**

### **A. Changes to the Program Bank List**

One or more of the Banks included on the Program Bank List may be removed, and in some cases replaced with a substitute Bank. At times, new Banks may be added, or the order of the Banks on the Program Bank List may be changed. Generally, you will receive

notification in advance of any change to the Program Bank List, interest rate tiers (if applicable), material changes to the Program, etc. We may also notify you that a change will be forthcoming and direct you to your Advisor or to the URL provided in the Program Summary page, for specific information on such change. While we will endeavor to provide advance notice of changes, we may be unable to do so in some cases. We will provide you with notice of such changes as soon as is reasonably practical. It is your obligation to monitor your accounts, your FDIC coverage and your FDIC insurance eligibility. Changes to the Program Bank List can be obtained from your Advisor or will be posted at the URL provided in the Program Summary page. You should consult with your Advisor for the most up-to-date information about Bank eligibility and the priority sequence of Banks for your deposits. Other changes to the Program may be posted to this site (if available) as well and you should direct any questions you may have to your Advisor. If you do not agree with any of the changes, you should contact your Advisor to discuss an alternative core account investment vehicle or transferring your Brokerage Account to another provider. If you do not take any action in response to a change, you are deemed to consent to the change to the Program.

Generally, you will receive notification in advance of any such change to the Program Bank List and will have an opportunity to "opt out of" deposits being placed at such Bank. As previously stated, "opting out" of a Bank will affect the amount of your deposits eligible for FDIC insurance. If advance notice of a Program modification is not practical due to the circumstances, you will be notified, as soon as is reasonably practical, of any change in the Program that results in changing the Program Bank List. Contact your Advisor to "opt out" of any Bank. We may also notify you that changes to the Program Bank List will be forthcoming and direct you to your Advisor or to the URL provided in the Program Summary page for information on such change. Updated Program Bank Lists may be obtained by contacting your Advisor. It is your obligation to monitor your FDIC coverage and FDIC insurance eligibility.

### **B. Limitations on Deposits**

The amount of your cash balances awaiting reinvestment that are swept into a Deposit Account may need to be limited if a Program Bank cannot accept deposits due to exceptional circumstances or if a Program Bank becomes ineligible for the Program, as described in this Disclosure Statement, and the Program Bank is not replaced. In such event, funds not swept into a Program Deposit Account will be invested up to the Maximum Deposit Amount into

the next successive Bank on the Program Bank List if possible. Once the Maximum Deposit Amount has been reached in all Banks on the Program Bank List,

additional funds will be swept into the Excess Deposit Bank or if not available, the alternative core account investment vehicle chosen by us, as identified on

the front page of this Document, as amended from time to time. If advance notice is not practical due to the circumstances, you will be notified as soon as is reasonably practical. See the "Changes to Your Core Account Investment Vehicle" below for additional information.

### **C. Changes to Your Core Account Investment Vehicle**

From time to time, circumstances, such as described in this Disclosure Document or otherwise, may require that we or NFS modify the Program, which may result in changing the core account investment vehicle for your Brokerage Account. If we make any change, there is no guarantee that such change will provide an equal or greater rate of return to you during any given period, and the rate of return may be lower. Generally, you will receive notification in advance of any such change. If advance notice of a Program modification is not practical due to the circumstances, you will

be notified as soon as is reasonably practical of any change in the Program that results in changing the core account investment vehicle for your Brokerage Account. Unless you object within the time period specified, we will change your core account investment vehicle and, depending on the new vehicle, either transfer the balances from your prior core account investment vehicle into a new core account investment vehicle or leaving your balances in your prior account investment vehicle and withdrawing all debits from this vehicle while investing all credits in the new core account investment vehicle. If you object to the core account investment vehicle that we select, or, if at any time the Program does not meet your needs, including, but not limited to, due to any change in the Program, your Advisor can assist you in finding an alternative core account investment vehicle or in transferring your Brokerage Account to another provider or another program.

If we need to change your core account investment vehicle under the circumstances set forth in this Disclosure Document, or for other circumstances as may be necessary, the core account investment vehicle that we choose for you may receive a lower effective rate of return than is available on funds swept into a Deposit Account. We cannot guarantee any rate of return, including a return that is equal to or greater than your current return. We will notify you, as soon

as is reasonably practical, if your cash balance is deposited into a core account investment vehicle other than the Program and additionally, if you will receive a lower effective rate of return.

The Money Market Mutual Fund Overflow process as described above is part of the Bank Deposit Sweep Program.

### **D. Notices**

All notices described in this Disclosure Document may be made by means of a letter, an entry on or insert with your Brokerage Account statement, or an entry on a trade confirmation or by electronic or other form of notification if available to you by us which may include but is not limited to, electronic alerts or e-mail.

## **VI. ACCOUNT INFORMATION**

### **A. Statements and Confirmations**

The statement for your Brokerage Account will: (i) indicate your beginning and ending Program Deposit at each Bank as of the last business day of each monthly statement period (however, if your Brokerage Account was established on the last business day of a month, your statement will not include a Bank Deposit Sweep Detail section); (ii) detail sweeps to and from the Program Deposit Accounts during the statement period; and (iii) reflect interest credited to your Brokerage Account. This information is provided in lieu of separate confirmations for each sweep to and

from a Program Deposit Account during the statement period. Transfers between your MMDA accounts and NOW accounts will not be reflected in your Brokerage Account statements.

Because you are responsible for monitoring the total amount of your deposits at a Program Bank (including any Program Deposit held at such Program Bank and all deposits you may make at a Program Bank outside the Program, including other bank accounts, CDs, or other amounts deposited through us or through an intermediary), in order to determine the extent of FDIC insurance coverage available, you should carefully review your statements to determine if a change in Program Banks has an impact on your deposit insurance coverage. See the Money Market Mutual Fund Overflow section above for information on how MMDA Overflow balance will display on your statement.

### **B. Tax Information**

For most clients with non-retirement account types, interest earned on deposits in the Deposit Accounts will be taxed as ordinary income in the year it is received. For applicable account types, a Form 1099 will be sent to you by NFS each year showing the amount of aggregate interest income you have earned on deposits in your Deposit Accounts. You should consult with your tax advisor about how the Program affects you.

## **VII. INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH AVANTAX AND THE BANKS**

### **A. Relationship with Avantax and the Banks**

As your agent, NFS is establishing the Deposit Accounts at each Bank, depositing funds into the Deposit Accounts, withdrawing funds from Deposit Accounts and transferring funds between Deposit Accounts. Deposit Account ownership will be evidenced by a book entry on the account records of each Bank showing the Deposit Account as an agency account held by NFS for the benefit of you and other customers and by records maintained by NFS as your agent and custodian. No evidence of ownership, such as a passbook or certificate, will be issued to you. Your Brokerage Account statements will reflect the balances in your Deposit Accounts at the Banks. You should retain the Brokerage Account statements for your records. Once established on your behalf, the Deposit Accounts are obligations solely of the Banks and not Avantax, NFS or any other entity. You may at any time obtain information about your Deposit Accounts by contacting your Advisor.

If either you or we terminate your use of the Program as a core account investment vehicle, or if one or more Program Banks with which you have deposits in the Program cease to participate in the Program,

you may establish a direct depository relationship with each such Bank, subject to its rules with respect to maintaining Deposit Accounts.

Establishing the Deposit Account directly in your name at a bank will separate the Deposit Accounts from your brokerage account. If you establish a direct depository relationship with a bank, the Deposit Accounts will no longer be reflected in your brokerage account statement and we and NFS will have no further responsibility concerning the Deposit Account.

### **B. Benefits to Avantax and Others**

The Program creates financial benefits for us and our affiliates, and for NFS.



The combined total fees that we and NFS may earn in the Bank Deposit Sweep Program will be a maximum of the Federal Funds Target Rate (as can be found online at <https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/DFEDTARU>) plus 0.25% as determined by the total deposit balances at all of the Program Banks over a 12-month rolling period. Your broker-dealer and NFS may earn fees that are higher or lower than that amount from individual Program Banks. In our and NFS' discretion, the fee may be reduced and the amount of the reductions may vary between clients. The fee may vary from Bank to Bank. The amount of fee will affect the interest rate paid by the Bank on your Deposit Accounts. At this time, no portion of these fees is paid to your Advisor. NFS also receives an economic benefit for shares held in the MMKT Overflow. The fee paid to NFS is for record keeping and other services with respect to amounts invested in the Program. Both we and NFS may receive more revenue with respect to amounts in the Program than with respect to other sweep products. The fees received from Program Banks may be modified. From time to time, if the maximum fee amount as described above increases, you will receive notification of any such change. In addition to these fees, other service providers with respect to the Program may receive fees from us, NFS, and each Bank (collectively, with the fees paid to us and/or NFS, "Program Fees").

In addition to the Program Fees referenced above, your Brokerage Account generally may be charged additional fees that apply to brokerage and securities accounts maintained by us.

Applicable law governing retirement accounts, such as qualified plans under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA") and individual retirement accounts under the Internal Revenue Code, necessitates that interest rates paid by the Program Banks for deposits in the Deposit Accounts, our fee, and other service fees were negotiated at arm's length, are believed to be fair and reasonable, and are designed to approximate value for the services involved and in the context of customers'

Eligible Assets. Avantax believes its fee complies with these requirements. In addition, for accounts governed by ERISA, such as 401(k) or SIMPLE accounts, Avantax does not receive a fee to participate in the Program. NFS, however, does receive a fee on such accounts.

The Program Banks use Program Deposits to fund current and new lending and for investment activities. The Program Banks earn net income from the difference between the interest they pay on Program Deposits and the fees paid to us and the income they earn on loans, investments and other assets. As noted above, the Program Banks may pay rates of interest on Program Deposits that are lower than prevailing market interest rates that may have been paid on accounts otherwise opened directly with such Program Bank.

Program Banks do not have a duty to provide the highest rates available and may instead seek to pay a low rate. Lower rates may be more financially beneficial to a Program Bank. There is no necessary linkage between bank rates of interest and the highest rates available in the market, including any Money Fund rates. By comparison, a Money Fund generally seeks to achieve the highest rate of return (less fees and expenses) consistent with the Money Fund's investment objective, which can be found in the fund's prospectus.

The revenue generated by us and/or NFS may be greater than revenues generated by sweep options at other brokerage firms, and is likely to be greater than other core account

investment vehicles currently available to you or possible core account investment vehicles that we have used in the past or may consider using in the future.

As a result of the fees and benefits described above, the Program is likely be significantly more profitable to us and/or NFS than other available sweep options, if any. We and/or NFS may also benefit from the possession and temporary investment of cash balances prior to the deposit of such balances in the Program.

### **C. Sharing of Your Information with Banks**

NFS may provide the Banks and their regulators (including but not limited to the FDIC) with information related to the Customers and any individual authorized by a Customer to trade in his/her Brokerage Account used in the Standard Bank Deposit Sweep Program (each an "Authorized Individual") pursuant to agreement between NFS and the Banks. If provided, the information could consist of the name, address (including city, state, postal code, and, if applicable, foreign country), date of birth, either Social Security number or taxpayer identification number and any other information as necessary or requested by the Banks and/or their regulators (including but not limited to the FDIC).

### **D. Questions/Comments Regarding this Program**

You may contact Avantax or your Advisor to determine the current interest rate on the Deposit Accounts for each Interest Rate Tier. For the current yields for Money Funds, contact your Advisor.

The material in this document is intended for informational purposes. If there is any conflict between the descriptions in this document and the terms of your account agreement, this document will control.

## **VIII. FDIC/SIPC COVERAGE<sup>1</sup>**

### **A. Deposit Insurance**

FDIC deposit insurance coverage maximum per insurable ownership capacity (the "Maximum Applicable FDIC Deposit Insurance Amount") is \$250,000 per deposit in any Bank. The Deposit Accounts are eligible for insurance by the FDIC, an independent agency of the U.S. government, up to a maximum amount of \$250,000 (including principal and accrued interest) when aggregated with all other deposits, including other bank accounts, CDs and deposits held through us or through other brokers, held by you in the same insurable capacity at a Bank (e.g., corporate, individual, joint, etc.) and \$250,000 for certain individual retirement accounts, in each case such FDIC insurance may be insured for such greater or lesser amount as may be approved by the FDIC from time to time. Your funds become eligible for deposit insurance immediately when a Bank accepts your deposits into Deposit Accounts. To the extent that your deposits at a Program Bank that are in one ownership capacity, either through the Program or otherwise, including other bank accounts, CDs and deposits held through us or through other brokers, exceed the FDIC insurance limits applicable to that ownership capacity, deposits in excess of the limits will not be insured.

In the event a Bank fails, the Deposit Accounts at that Bank are insured up to the \$250,000 limit, or such other applicable limit, as applicable, for principal and interest accrued to the day the Bank is closed. Neither Avantax

nor NFS is responsible for any insured or uninsured portion of a Deposit Account. All funds that are not insured by the FDIC are at a risk of loss in the event of a bank failure. You are responsible for monitoring the total amount of deposits that you have with each Bank in order to determine the extent of deposit insurance coverage available to you. Depending on the amount of deposits that you have at a Bank apart from the Deposit Accounts, you may wish to direct that the Bank be excluded from the Program Bank List applicable to you.

Under certain circumstances, if you become the owner of deposits at a Bank because another depositor dies, beginning six months after the death of the depositor the FDIC will aggregate those deposits for purposes of the \$250,000 limit or such other applicable limit, as applicable, with any other deposits, including bank accounts, CDs, and deposits held through other brokers, that you own in the same insurable capacity at the Bank. Subject to Program limits, examples of accounts that may be subject to this FDIC policy include joint accounts, and certain trust accounts including transfer upon or payable on death accounts. The FDIC provides the six-month "grace period" to permit you to restructure your deposits to obtain the maximum amount of deposit insurance for which you are eligible.

In the event that federal deposit insurance payments become necessary, payments of principal plus unpaid and accrued interest will be made to you through NFS. There is no specific time period during which the FDIC must make insurance payments available and therefore you may not have access to your funds during this time. Furthermore, you may be required to provide certain documentation to the FDIC and NFS before insurance payments are made. For example, if you hold deposits as trustee or in other fiduciary capacities for beneficiaries, you may be required to furnish affidavits and provide indemnities regarding an insurance payment.

If your Deposit Accounts or other deposits, including bank accounts, CDs, and deposits held through other brokers, at the Bank are assumed by another depository institution pursuant to a merger or consolidation, such deposits will continue to be separately insured from the deposits that you might have established with the acquiror until (i) the maturity date of the certificates of deposit or other time deposits which were assumed, or (ii) with respect to deposits which are not time deposits, the expiration of a six month period from the date of the acquisition. Thereafter, any assumed deposits will be aggregated with your existing deposits, including other bank accounts, CDs and deposits held through us or through other brokers, with the acquiror held in the same capacity for purposes of federal deposit insurance. Any deposit opened at the acquiror after the acquisition will be aggregated with deposits established with the acquiror for purposes of federal deposit insurance.

The application of a \$250,000 federal deposit insurance limitation is illustrated by several common factual situations discussed below.

<sup>1</sup>The information contained in this section regarding FDIC deposit insurance and the applicable limits are subject to the limitations described throughout this document and as specifically noted in the section entitled "Maximum Deposits" and "Program

Limitations" under Section II. B. "How the Program Works" of this document.

## **B. Information on Deposit Insurance for Specific Types of Accounts**

### **Individual Customer and Agency Accounts.**

Funds owned by an individual and held in an account in the name of the individual or an agent or nominee of such individual (such as the Deposit Accounts held through NFS) are not treated as owned by the agent or nominee, but are added to other deposits of such individual held in the same capacity (including funds held in a sole proprietorship) and are insured up to \$250,000 in the aggregate. Refer to the "Maximum Deposit Amount" and "Program Limitations" sections within Section II.B "How the Program Works" for Program specific limitations.

**Custodial Accounts.** Funds in accounts held by a custodian (for example, under the Uniform Gifts to Minors Act or the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act) are not treated as owned by the custodian, but are added to other deposits of the minor or other beneficiary held in the same insurable capacity and are insured up to \$250,000 in the aggregate. Refer to the "Maximum Deposit Amount" and "Program Limitations" sections within Section II.B "How the Program Works" for Program specific limitations.

**Joint Accounts.** An individual's interest in funds in all qualified accounts held under any form of joint ownership valid under applicable state law may be insured up to \$250,000 in the aggregate, separately and in addition to the \$250,000 allowed on other deposits individually owned by any of the co-owners of such accounts (hereinafter referred to as a "Joint Account"). For example, a Joint Account owned by two persons would be eligible for insurance coverage of up to \$500,000 (\$250,000 for each person), subject to aggregation with each owner's interests in other Joint Accounts at the same depository institution. Joint Accounts will be "qualified" and insured separately from individually owned accounts only if each of the co-owners is an individual person and has a right of withdrawal on the same basis as the other co-owners. Nonqualified joint accounts are not insured separately and are added to individual accounts for the purposes of the individual maximum coverage of \$250,000 in the aggregate per Bank. Refer to the "Maximum Deposit Amount" and "Program Limitations" sections within Section II.B "How the Program Works" for Program specific limitations.

**Irrevocable Trust Accounts.** Funds in an account established pursuant to one or more irrevocable trust agreements created by the same grantor (as determined under applicable state law) will be insured for up to \$250,000 for the interest of each beneficiary provided that the beneficiary's interest in the account is non-contingent (i.e., capable of determination without evaluation of contingencies). The deposit insurance of each beneficiary's interest is separate from the coverage provided for other accounts maintained by the beneficiary, the grantor, the trustee or other beneficiaries. The interest of a beneficiary in irrevocable trust accounts at a depository institution created by the same grantor will be aggregated and insured up to \$250,000. Refer to the "Maximum Deposit Amount" and "Program Limitations" sections within Section II. B "How the Program Works" for Program specific limitations.

**Revocable Trust Accounts.** Revocable trusts include informal revocable trust accounts where the owner has designated the names of beneficiaries to whom the funds in the account will pass upon the owner's death (referred to as transfer upon or payable on

death accounts ("POD Accounts") and formal revocable trusts usually established for estate planning purposes (referred to as living or family trusts). Revocable trusts will be insured as to each named beneficiary separately from another account of the owner or the beneficiary provided the beneficiaries are natural persons, and for POD Accounts, NFS' account records disclose the names of all trust beneficiaries. For each trust owner with combined revocable trust account deposits of \$1.25 million or less at a Bank the maximum coverage will be determined by multiplying the number of different beneficiaries by \$250,000. If an owner has in excess of combined revocable trust account deposits of \$1.25 million at a Bank and has named more than five beneficiaries there is a limitation on the maximum coverage. Refer to the "Maximum Deposit Amount" and "Program Limitations" sections within Section II.B "How the Program Works" for Program specific limitations.

**Individual Retirement Accounts.** Individual retirement accounts as described in the Internal Revenue Code Sections 408(a) and 408A are insured up to \$250,000 per depositor. Each person's deposits in self-directed retirement accounts at the same Bank are added together and insured up to \$250,000, separately from any retirement accounts that are not self-directed and any non-retirement accounts. Refer to the "Maximum Deposit Amount" and "Program Limitations" sections within Section II.B "How the Program Works" for Program specific limitations

## **C. Questions about FDIC Deposit Insurance Coverage**

If you have questions about basic FDIC insurance coverage, contact your Advisor. You may wish to seek advice from your own attorney or tax advisor concerning FDIC insurance coverage of deposits held in more than one capacity. You may also obtain information by contacting the FDIC, Deposit Insurance Outreach, Division of Supervision and Consumer Affairs, by letter (550 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20429), by phone (877-275-3342 or 800-925-4618 (TDD)), by visiting the FDIC website at [www.fdic.gov/deposit/index.html](http://www.fdic.gov/deposit/index.html), or by e-mail using the FDIC's On-line Customer Assistance Form available on its website.

## **D. SIPC Coverage**

Your cash balance awaiting reinvestment is only eligible for FDIC insurance once it becomes a Program Deposit held by a Program Bank. Your cash balance while held by NFS and/or Avantax is not FDIC insured, but is covered by SIPC. This includes amounts in the cash balances placed in your Brokerage Account that have not yet been received by the Program Bank or which have been swept from the Program Bank back to your Brokerage Account. Any balance held in the MMKT Overflow also is covered by SIPC, up to applicable SIPC limits. SIPC currently protects these funds and securities up to \$500,000, including \$250,000 for claims for cash. SIPC coverage does not cover fluctuations in the market value of your investments. Any securities held in your Brokerage Account (as opposed to the Program Deposit held by a Program Bank) are investment products, and as such: (i) are not insured by the FDIC; carry no bank or government guarantees; and are subject to investment risk, including loss of principal amount invested.

If, due to Program limitations, your cash balance is placed into a core account investment vehicle other than the Program, your cash balance will not be eligible for FDIC insurance, but may be protected by SIPC in accordance with applicable legal requirements

and limitations. SIPC is a non-profit membership corporation created by the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970, funded primarily by its member securities brokerage firms registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. SIPC provides protection against custodial risk to clients of securities brokerage firms, like NFS, in the event such firms become insolvent. Unlike FDIC insurance, SIPC does not insure against the loss of your investment, nor does SIPC protection insure the quality of investments or protect against a decline or fluctuations in the value of your investment. SIPC protects each client's securities and cash held in a client's Brokerage Account at an insolvent brokerage firm. SIPC protects against the loss of customer securities and cash up to a total of \$500,000 (of which up to \$250,000 may be cash) per customer in each separate capacity under SIPC rules. Money Fund Shares are considered to be securities for purposes of SIPC coverage. The Deposit Accounts are not eligible for SIPC coverage.

If you have questions about SIPC coverage and additional SIPC-like coverage, contact your Advisor. You may also obtain information about SIPC coverage, including a brochure that describes SIPC and SIPC insurance, by accessing the SIPC website at [www.sipc.org](http://www.sipc.org).

**Investment and Insurance Products:**

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