

Table 4: Two-Beneficiary Example, Continued—Effect of Reduction in Taxable Account Value

	Wally	Beaver	Total
Expected marginal tax rate (A)	43%	24%	
Tax-deferred (TD) account, per beneficiary designation (B)	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000
Total TD after-tax value using 33.5% "assigned tax rate" (C = B × (1 – 0.335))			\$332,500
Taxable account total value (D)			\$250,000
"Adjusted estate" total and split (E = C + D for total; E = 50% of total for beneficiaries)	\$291,250	\$291,250	\$582,500
Assigned after-tax value of TD account (F = B × (1 – 0.335))	\$0	\$332,500	
Taxable account split (G = E – F, but not negative)	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000
Tax on TD account using actual rates (H = B × A)	\$0	\$120,000	
Total after-tax value using actual rates (B + G – H)	\$250,000	\$380,000	\$630,000
Total after-tax value under original (equal gross division) method (\$750,000 / 2 – A × \$500,000 / 2)	\$267,500	\$315,000	\$582,500
Dollar change from original method	–\$17,500	\$65,000	\$47,500
Percent change	–6.5%	20.6%	8.2%