

Taxes & the Health Insurance Marketplace

Overview for Marketplace Assisters January 2016

This presentation is for the use of Navigators, non-Navigator assistance personnel ("in-person assister"), or certified application counselors (collectively, assisters) in states with a Federally- facilitated Marketplace or State Partnership Marketplace.

Outline

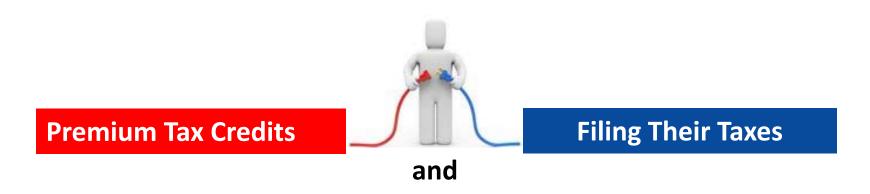
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Background

What Consumers Need to Know

Consumers need help making the connection between



Many consumers are unaware that:

- (1) They must reconcile their advance payments of the premium tax credit or claim the premium tax credit for the first time,
- (2) They may have to pay a fee if they did not maintain minimum essential coverage, or
- (3) They may qualify for an exemption from the fee

Premium Tax Credit Process

1. Marketplace Eligibility & Enrollment Process: CMS oversees the enrollment of eligible consumers into QHPs through the Marketplace, which pays APTC to QHP issuers on consumers' behalf

2. CMS Form 1095-A Process: At the end of the plan year, CMS provides information via Form 1095-A to consumers and the IRS about consumers' enrollment and APTC

3. Federal Income Tax Filing Process: Consumers use the information provided on Form 1095-A to file their federal income tax return with the IRS, reconcile APTC, and/or claim PTC

4. APTC Reconciliation Process: The IRS processes consumers' claims for a PTC via the income tax process

Form 1095-A

- Form 1095-A is a prepopulated tax form that the Marketplace will send to consumers (like a W-2)
- Form 1095-A provides consumers with information about their health coverage so they can:
 - File their taxes
 - Reconcile advance payments of the premium tax credit (APTC)
 - Claim the premium tax credit (PTC)
- Consumers need the information on Form 1095-A to complete Form 8962
 - Consumers must complete Form 8962 and file it with their tax return if they want to claim the PTC or if they received premium assistance through APTC (whether or not consumers otherwise are required to file a tax return)

What Consumers Will Receive

By January 31, 2016, the FFM will mail an envelope labeled "Important Tax or Health Coverage Information Inside", which will include:

- Cover letter
 - Available in either English or Spanish, depending on user's language preference
- Form 1095-A instructions
 - Line-by-line instructions developed by IRS
- Form 1095-A
 - A separate Form 1095-A will be generated for each policy in which the household enrolled
 - Each member of a tax household, who is on the same policy, will be listed together on one Form 1095-A
 - Households of more than 5 enrolled members will receive an additional Form 1095-A that continue Part II

FFM Dissemination of Form 1095-A

- By January 31, 2016, the FFM will:
 - Mail a paper copy of Form 1095-A to the last known address of each tax filer or other responsible adult; and
 - Upload Form 1095-A to consumers' online website account
- IRS will also receive the information included on Form 1095-A from the Marketplace via the Hub

A tax filer is someone who:

 Enrolled in a qualified health plan (QHP) on behalf of one or more individuals, and received APTC

Other responsible adult is someone who:

 Enrolled in a QHP on behalf of one or more individuals, but did not receive APTC

Receipt of and Inclusion on Form 1095-A

Who receives the form	Who is included on the form:
Tax filers or other responsible adults	 All members of a tax household who enrolled in a qualified health plan (QHP) Members of the household will be included on the form regardless of whether they received financial assistance (i.e., APTC)

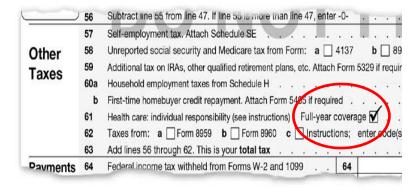
Note: Form 1095-A will **not** be generated for Marketplace consumers who were enrolled in **catastrophic plans** or received an **exemption** and did not enroll in QHP coverage

Availability of Form 1095-A in Languages Other than English

- Currently Form 1095-A will only be available in English; however, the envelope and the cover letter accompanying Form 1095-A will be available in English and Spanish
- Each Form 1095-A will contain a notice tagline addendum that provides instructions in 15 additional languages for consumers to call 1-800-318-2596 if they need assistance interpreting or understanding Form 1095-A

Non-Marketplace Coverage

 Most people just need to check a box – more than 75% of taxpayers in 2014



 Consumers who had non-Marketplace minimum essential health coverage for every month of the coverage year for themselves, their spouse (if filing jointly), and anyone they could or did claim as a dependent, will just check a box on their tax return



Anatomy of Form 1095-A

Form 1095-A Elements

Information about a tax filer or other relevant adult, and his or her tax household, who were enrolled in a Marketplace QHP

Information that can be used to complete a federal income tax return (e.g., monthly premium amount)

The amount of APTC that was paid to an issuer on a consumer's behalf

APTC Reconciliation

Enrollees who receive advance payments of the premium tax credit (APTC) are required to file an income tax return including the IRS Form 8962 to compare the amount of tax credit paid in advance based on estimated income with the final tax credit (i.e., the premium tax credit (PTC)) the enrollee is eligible for based on actual income for the year during which they receive APTC.

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Part I Recipient	Information				
1 Marketplace identifier	2 Marketplace-assigned policy number	3 Policy issuer's name	10		
4 Recipient's name		5 Recipient's SSN		6 Recipie	nt's date of birth
7 Recipient's spouse's nam	ne	8 Recipient's spouse	's SSN	9 Recipie	nt's spouse's date of birti
10 Policy start date	11 Policy termination date	12 Street address (inc	luding apartmer	nt no.)	
13 City or town	14 State or province	15 Country and ZIP or	foreign postal	code	
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Excess APTC Repayment Limitation

If a consumer receives excess APTC, the amount of repayment is capped based on actual annual household income.

Household Income as a Percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)	Limitation of Excess APTC Repayment for 2014 Single filing status	Limitation of Excess APTC Repayment for 2014 Any other filing status
Less than 200%	\$300	\$600
201% - 299%	\$750	\$1,500
300% - 399%	\$1,250	\$2,500
400% or more	No repayment limitation	No repayment limitation

The excess APTC repayment limitation applies only to excess APTC for coverage of lawfully present individuals. Excess APTC that relates to the coverage of individuals who are not lawfully present must be repaid without limitation.

Form 1095-A, Part I: Recipient Information

Part I, lines 1–15, reports information about:

- The tax filer or other relevant adult
- The insurance company that issued the policy
- ▶ The Marketplace where they enrolled in coverage

Part I Recipient Information			
1 Marketplace identifier	2 Marketplace-assigned policy number	3 Policy issuer's name	
4 Recipient's name	•	5 Recipient's SSN	6 Recipient's date of birth
7 Recipient's spouse's name	7 Recipient's spouse's name		9 Recipient's spouse's date of birth
10 Policy start date	11 Policy termination date	12 Street address (including apartment	nt no.)
13 City or town	14 State or province	15 Country and ZIP or foreign postal	code

Form 1095-A, Part II: Covered Individuals

Part II, lines 16-20, reports information about each individual who is covered under the tax filer's or other relevant adult's policy, including:

- ▶ Covered individual name, Social Security number (SSN), and date of birth
- Coverage start and end date

Part II Covered Individuals

	A. Covered individual name	B. Covered individual SSN	C. Covered individual date of birth	D. Coverage start date	E. Coverage termination date
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Form 1095-A, Part III: Coverage Information

- ▶ Part III, lines 21-33, reports information about the tax filer's insurance coverage that they will need to complete Form 8962 to claim the PTC and reconcile APTC, including monthly:
 - Enrollment premiums
 - Second Lowest Cost Silver Plan (SLCSP) premium
 - APTC

Part III Coverage Information

Month	A. Monthly enrollment premiums	B. Monthly second lowest cost silver plan (SLCSP) premium	C. Monthly advance payment of premium tax credit
21 January			
22 February			
23 March			

Monthly APTC on Form 1095-A

- The monthly APTC amount (included in Part III
 Column C) is the monthly amount of payments that
 were made to the insurance company to pay for all
 or part of the premiums for the tax filer's coverage
- The FFM will enter "0" in this column if no APTC payments were made

Source: IRS Presentation: Information Reporting Workshop Part 18 Final

Monthly Premium Amount on Form 1095-A

- Consumers may not recognize the monthly premium amount listed on Form 1095-A:
 - Because the monthly premium amount is reduced for premiums allocated to benefits exceeding essential health benefits (EHBs)
 - If consumers were also enrolled in a SADP, the monthly premium amount also includes the pediatric, EHB portion of stand-alone dental plan (SADP) monthly premium amounts
 - If issuers prorated the monthly premium for enrollees in cases such as mid-month additions (i.e., birth/adoption) or mid-month terminations (i.e., death, voluntary termination)



What Assisters Need to Know

The Role of Assisters During Tax Season

Assisters may:

- Help consumers understand what Form 1095-A is and what it means for the consumer as they prepare their taxes
- Help consumers understand the timing for receiving Form 1095-A,
 what to look for in the mail, and that it is an important tax document
- Show consumers how to access Form 1095-A in their online account
- Help consumers understand how Form 1095-A relates to the Form 8962
- Explain how to review Form 1095-A for accuracy
- Ensure consumers are aware of the potential implications of not providing the information on their taxes
- Help consumers understand how to reconcile their APTC and PTC
- Assisters may not provide assistance with filing taxes

Consumer Questions that Should be Directed to the Marketplace

- Why did a receive this Form 1095-A
- I never received a Form 1095-A. How can I get the form or the information I need?
- Where can I find Form 1095-A in my online account?
- How do I get another copy of my Form 1095-A?
- What do I need to do with this Form 1095-A?
- What does this information on the Form 1095-A mean?
- I heard there was a form I should have received, where do I get mine?
- I think my Form 1095-A may have gone to the wrong address. What should I do?
- Why did I get more than one Form 1095-A?
- This information does not look correct. How can I change it?
- I added a dependent, but they are not on my Form 1095-A. What should I do?

Consumer Questions that Should be Directed to the IRS

- Do I qualify for the PTC?
- Do I owe an individual shared responsibility payment?
- What are the requirements for the individual shared responsibility provision?
- How do I report health care coverage on my income tax return?
- Will IRS verify that consumers had minimum essential coverage (MEC)?
- I received a Form 1095-A. How should I report this on my income tax return?
- Can you help me complete my income tax return?
- How do I use the Form 1095-A to fill out my Form 8962?
- Can I get a copy of the Form 8965 or 8962?
- I received a corrected Form 1095-A. Do I need to amend my income tax return?
- What happens if I don't file my income tax return?
- I can't file/can't pay my tax liabilities by April 15th. What should I do?



Tax Communications

General Consumer Outreach

CMS will provide general outreach to consumers regarding the timeline for receipt of Form 1095-A, and make them aware of the upcoming tax season process

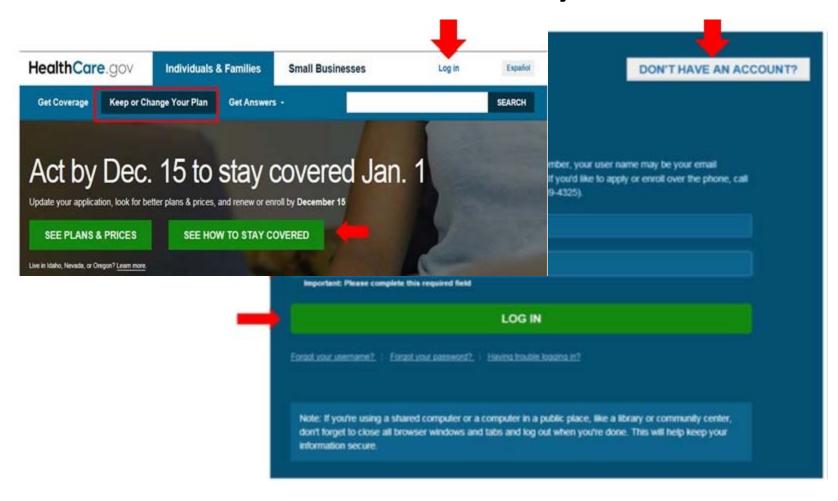
- "If over the past year you received APTC and you:
 - Dropped your coverage before 12/31/2015;
 - Changed your coverage to a different QHP;
 - Change the amount of assistance you were getting; or
 - Added or dropped members in your plan,...
 - ...then you should log onto HealthCare.gov or contact your issuer to confirm that your information is correct"

Outreach to Consumers with Prior Coverage Year Corrections

- The FFM will identify consumers who needed Form 1095-A corrections during the previous coverage year and send them a targeted communication in order to reduce corrections volume for the current coverage year
 - "Last year you needed a correction to your Form 1095-A. Here are some things you can check in advance so you will receive a more timely Form 1095-A this year..."

Log In To "My Account" to Access Your Form 1095-A

Create an account to obtain your tax form



Where to Find Your Form 1095-A in "My Account"

New Section in My Account

O Tax forms

Dynamic: Statement is displayed when one or more corrected 1095A forms are posted to the account.

Note:

Reprinted forms will be uploaded to your account.

Dynamic Table: Table is displayed once there is one 1095A available to the consumer.

If no 1095As have been generated and posted to the consumer's application / account then the table is not visible on the Tax Forms section

Static: Help information below the table on what to do if the information is not correct Remember: If you got advance payments of the premium tax credit to help pay for your Marketplace health plan premium, you'll have to file a federal income tax return, even if you usually don't.

Learn more about the 1095-A and how to use it.

You have at least one corrected Form 1095-A. If you have 2 versions of the same form, use the corrected form, which has the most recent date.

Name	Plan Name	Date Posted	Action
John, Jane, Marianne, Billyjoe, Sarahbeth		06/11/2014	Download
Mary	IlliniCare Health Ambetter Essential Care 1 Sinai Health Select Network Coverage dates 01/01/2014 - 03/31/2014	02/18/2014	Download
John, Jane, Marianne	Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois Blue Precision Gold HMO™ 001 Coverage dates 01/01/2014 - 03/31/2014	01/14/2014	Download

What to do if you think your Form 1095-A is wrong.



Tax Tools

Tax Tools

- Tax tools help consumers claim the affordability exemption and calculate their premium tax credit (PTC)
- Tax tools provide:
 - A step in filing taxes for certain consumers to find essential info that might not appear on Form 1095-A
 - A report with monthly break down of the Second lowest cost Silver plan (SLCSP) or Lowest cost Bronze plan (LCBP) using 2014 and/or 2015 plan data
- Tax tools do not:
 - Provide advance premium tax credit (APTC), PTC, or eligibility
 - Require an account or login (i.e., anonymous)

Types of Tax Tools

Additional information about tax filing and the ACA is available from IRS:

Available Tools	Use	Available at:
Second lowest cost Silver plan (SLCSP) Tool	If you didn't take/qualify for APTC and want to see if you can qualify for PTC	https://www.healthcare.go v/tax-tool/
Lowest cost Bronze plan (LCBP) Tool	To see if you qualify for an exemption	https://www.cuidadodesal ud.gov/es/tax-tool/

Second Lowest Cost Silver Plan (SLCSP)

The benchmark plan that the amount of APTC or PTC is based on Silver level plan with the second lowest monthly premium in the applicant's geographic service/rating area

Not the same as the enrollment premium, unless the coverage family enrolls in the applicable SLCSP

SLCSP

Second Lowest Cost Silver Plan (SLCSP) Tool

- Consumers should use the SLCSP tool if they:
 - Are enrolled in a qualified health plan (QHP) but didn't apply for advance premium tax credit (APTC) or didn't originally qualify for APTC, and now want to get the premium tax credit (PTC); or
 - Didn't report changes to coverage family information in the Federally-facilitated Marketplace (FFM) during the coverage year; or
 - Have zeros in Form 1095-A, Part III, Column B for the months they had coverage
- Consumers should enter the information from the SLCSP tool results into Form 8962 "Premium Tax Credit (PTC)." Then, attach it to Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040NR

Lowest Cost Bronze Plan (LCBP) Tool

- Consumers should use the LCBP tool if they:
 - Didn't enroll in a qualified health plan (QHP) and want to see if they are eligible for an exemption; or
 - Want to request an affordability exemption
- Consumers should enter the information from the LCBP tool results into Form 8965 "Health Coverage Exemptions." Then, attach to Form 1040, Form 1040A, or Form 1040EZ



Reprints & Corrections

What to do if You didn't Receive Form 1095-A or Need Another Copy from the FFM

- Consumers should access their Form 1095-A from their online account in the tax form section
- If consumers do not have online accounts, they can create one to view their Form 1095-A
- If consumers experience issues when creating their online accounts or their Form 1095-A is not posted in their online account, they should contact the Marketplace Call Center

Corrections to Information on Form 1095-A from FFM

- Demographic information that is incorrect on Form 1095-A can be updated directly by the consumer when they file their federal income tax return without the need to generate a corrected Form 1095-A
- For enrollment related information that consumers believe may be incorrect on Form 1095-A, consumers should contact the Marketplace Call Center for research and resolution
 - The FFM will:
 - Research the consumer reported inquiry
 - Update incorrect information when appropriate
 - Mail and Upload to a consumer's online account a corrected Form 1095-A
 - Send IRS the corrected Form 1095-A information

Demographic Information on Form 1095-A

Form 1095-A Line Number	Demographic information on Form 1095-A		
4	Recipient's name		
5	Recipient's SSN	Consumers can update their information on	
6	Recipient's date of birth	their federal income tax	
7	Recipient's spouse's name	return, and on their	
8	Recipient's spouse's SSN	2015 Marketplace application	
9	Recipient's spouse's date of birth	аррпсастоп	
12 - 15	Permanent address		
16-20 A	Covered Individual Name		
16-20 B	Covered Individual SSN		
16-20 C	Covered Individual Date of Birth		
16-20 D	Covered Individual Start Date		

Enrollment Information on Form 1095-A

Form 1095-A Line Number	Enrollment information on Fo	orm 1095-A
2	Marketplace-assigned policy number	Consumers should
3	Policy issuer's name	contact the Marketplace
10	Policy start date	if they believe any
11	Policy end date	enrollment information on their Form 1095-A is
16-20D	Covered Individual Start Date	incorrect.
16-20E	Covered Individual Termination Date	
21A	Monthly Premium Amount	
21B	Monthly Premium Amount of Second Lowest 0	Cost Silver Plan (SLCSP)
21C	Monthly Advance Payment of Premium T	ax Credit
N/A	Mailing Address	

Corrected Form 1095-As

- Beginning in February 2016, corrected Form 1095-As from the FFM will be mailed and uploaded to consumers' HealthCare.gov accounts
- The updated Form 1095-A will have the "corrected" check box marked
- CMS will also report corrected information to the IRS



Resources & Definitions

Resources

- For more information about how your Marketplace coverage will affect your taxes:
 - Visit <u>HealthCare.gov/taxes/</u> or
 - Call the Marketplace Call Center at 1-800-318-2596 (TTY: 1-855-889-4325)
- Many people who signed up for Marketplace coverage can get free assistance with filling out their taxes
- If you have questions about your taxes, need Form 8962 or 8965, or want to learn more about the fee for not having health coverage, visit <u>IRS.gov</u>. A toll-free line is also available for routine customer service at (800) 829-1040
 - Consumers who call this toll-free line may receive live or automated assistance (recorded answers)

More Information

- More information is available:
 - On <u>HealthCare.gov</u>
 - Spanish version of Healthcare.gov(https://www.cuidadodesalud.gov/es/)
 - On the <u>Tax Information section</u> of Marketplace.cms.gov
 - In upcoming weekly assister newsletters

Free Tax Preparation

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Find-a-Location-for-Free-Tax-Prep

AARP – Tax Aide

http://www.aarp.org/applications/VMISLocator/search TaxAideLocations.action

Additional Resources

Resource	Link
Form 1095-A <i>Instructions:</i>	http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f1095a.pdf http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/i1095a.pdf
Form 8962 <i>Instructions:</i>	http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-prior/f89622014.pdf http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/i8962.pdf
Affordable Care Act (ACA) Tax Provisions	https://www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act
Tax Facts about the Affordable Care Act for Individuals and Families	http://www.irs.gov/uac/Newsroom/Tax-Facts-about-the-Affordable-Care-Act-for-Individuals-and-Families
Individual Shared Responsibility Provision – Exemptions: Claiming or Reporting	https://www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act/Individuals-and- Families/ACA-Individual-Shared-Responsibility-Provision-Exemptions

Additional Resources, Cont.

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Find health coverage exemptions that apply to you	https://www.healthcare.gov/exemptions-tool/#/
IRS Publication 974	http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p974.pdf
SLCSP tax tool In Spanish:	https://www.healthcare.gov/tax-tool/ https://www.cuidadodesalud.gov/es/tax-tool/
LCBP tax tool In Spanish:	https://www.healthcare.gov/tax-tool/ https://www.cuidadodesalud.gov/es/tax-tool/
The Health Insurance Marketplace	http://www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act/Individuals-and- Families/The-Health-Insurance-Marketplace