

Health Insurance Information

With the Affordable Care Act of 2010, forms with health insurance information are now required to be sent to individuals for the 2016 tax season.

Individuals with health care coverage in 2016 should receive one of the following forms depending on whether the insurance is through your employer or the Marketplace Exchange:

1095-A: If you received your insurance through the exchange, you should receive form 1095-A. This form was also sent to taxpayers for the 2015 tax season so you may be familiar with it. This form is needed to prepare your tax return. The form includes your health insurance premium and whether you received a Premium Tax Credit. Depending on your 2016 income, you may receive a premium tax credit, you may have to pay back a portion of the credit you did receive, or there may be no effect on your tax return.

1095-B or 1095-C: If you received your insurance through your employer, you should receive form 1095-B or 1095-C. Depending on whether the employer is considered a Small Employer, a Large Employer or possibly Self Insured will determine which form you will receive. The form should include all family members that are covered under the plan and the number of months the health insurance was in effect.

Reminder: If you and your dependents did not have Health Insurance for the 2016 tax year you may be subject to the individual "Shared Responsibility Payment" (penalty).

The annual payment amount is either a percentage of your household income in excess of the return filing threshold or a flat dollar amount, whichever is greater. If you have coverage or an exemption for only part of the year, you will prorate your payment for an amount less than the annual payment. The amount you will have to pay may be limited depending on your circumstances.

| 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 | | | | |
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| Annual Payment Amounts | | | | |
| | Year 2014 | Year 2015 | Year 2016 | Year 2017 |
| Percentage amount | 1% of income above filing threshold* | 2% of income above filing threshold* | 2.5% of income above filing threshold* | 2.5% of income above filing threshold* |
| Flat dollar amount** | \$95 per adult | \$325 per adult | \$695 per adult | \$695 per adult |
| | \$47.50 per child | \$162.50 per child | \$347.50 per child | \$347.50 per child |
| | Family maximum: \$285 | Family maximum: \$975 | Family maximum: \$2,085 | Family maximum: \$2,085 |

Your payment amount is capped at the cost of the national average premium for a bronze level health plan available through the Marketplace. For 2016, the annual national average premium for a bronze level health plan available through the Marketplace is \$2,676 per year (\$223 per month) for an individual and \$13,380 per year (\$1,115 per month) for a family with five or more members.

* Filing Threshold: The minimum amount of gross income an individual of your age and with your filing status (e.g., single, married filing jointly, head of household) must make to be required to file a tax return.

** After year 2016, the flat dollar amounts are based on the 2016 amounts plus an inflation adjustment..

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