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Do You Need a Premium Tax Credit Checkup?

If you have insurance through the [Health Insurance Marketplace](#), you may be getting advance payments of the premium tax credit, also called advance credit payments. These are amounts paid directly to your insurance company to lower your monthly premiums and are based on an estimation of your premium tax credit for the year. If you are getting the benefit of advance credit payments, you must, on your tax return, reconcile those payments with the actual premium tax credit you are allowed for the year. If your advance credit payments are more than the actual premium tax credit you are allowed for the year, you will owe additional money or get a smaller refund when you file your tax return.

If the information used to compute your advance credit payments has changed, the time is right for a checkup to see if you need to adjust those advance credit payments. You should report changes that have occurred since you signed up for your health insurance plan to your Marketplace as they occur.

Changes you should report to the Marketplace include, but are not limited to:

- an increase or decrease in your income
- marriage or divorce
- the birth or adoption of a child
- starting a job with health insurance
- gaining or losing your eligibility for other health care coverage
- changing your residence

Reporting the changes will help you avoid getting too much or too little in advance credit payments. Getting too much means you may owe additional money or get a smaller refund when you file your taxes. Getting too little could mean missing out on premium assistance to reduce your monthly premiums.

Additional money owed as a result of getting too much in advance credit payments may be limited to an amount between \$300 and \$2,500 depending on your income and filing status. However, if advance credit payments were made but your income for the year turns out to be too high to claim the premium tax credit, you will have to repay all of the advance credit payments made on your behalf, with no limitation. Therefore, it is important that you report changes in circumstances that may have occurred since you signed up for your plan.

A change in circumstances that occurs during the year such as the birth of a child may qualify you for a special enrollment period to change or get insurance through the Marketplace. In most cases, if you qualify for the special enrollment period, you will have sixty days to enroll following the change in circumstances. You can find information about special enrollment at [HealthCare.gov](#).

More Information

Find out more about the premium tax credit and other tax-related provisions of the health care law at [IRS.gov/aca](#). See [IRS Publication 5152](#) for more information about reporting changes in circumstances to the Marketplace.

NOTE TO EDITOR: Below is information about the Premium Tax Credit and reporting changes in circumstances.

YouTube

- You Tube Video: Commissioner Koskinen discusses [premium tax credit: change in circumstances](#)
- You Tube Video: Premium Tax Credit: Changes in Circumstances – Introduction([English](#))
- IRS YouTube video [- Premium Tax Credit – Overview](#) ([English](#), Spanish, [ASL](#))

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Get an advance [#healthcare](#) premium [#tax](#) credit? Report any life changes to the Marketplace go.usa.gov/8E3w [#IRS](#) [#ACA](#)

TUMBLR – [Premium Tax Credit: Changes in Circumstances](#)

[IRS: Now is the Time for a Mid-Year Premium Tax Credit Checkup](#)

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