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Health Care Law brings changes to IRS tax forms

This year, there are some changes to tax forms related to the Affordable Care Act. Along with a few new lines on existing forms, there are two new forms that will need to be included with some tax returns. While most people will simply need to check a box on your tax return to indicate you and your dependents had health coverage for all of 2014, there are also new lines on Forms 1040, 1040A, and 1040EZ related to the health care law.

To help navigate these changes, you should consider filing returns electronically. Using tax preparation software is the best and simplest way to file a complete and accurate tax return; as it guides you through the process and does all the math. There are a variety of electronic filing options, including free volunteer assistance, IRS Free File for taxpayers who qualify, commercial software and professional assistance.

Here is information about the new forms and updates to the existing forms:

Form 8965, Health Coverage Exemptions

- Complete this form to report a Marketplace-granted coverage exemption or claim an IRS-granted coverage exemption on the return.
- Use the worksheet in the Form 8965 Instructions to calculate the shared responsibility payment.

Form 8962, Premium Tax Credit

• Complete this form to reconcile advance payments of the premium tax credit, and to claim this credit on the tax return.

Additionally, if individuals purchased coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace, they should receive <u>Form 1095-A</u>, Health Insurance Marketplace Statement, which will help complete Form 8962.

Form 1040

- Line 46: Enter advance payments of the premium tax credit that must be repaid.
- Line 61: Report health coverage and enter individual shared responsibility payment.

• Line 69: If eligible, claim net premium tax credit, which is the excess of allowed premium tax credit over advance credit payments.

Form 1040A

- Line 29: Enter advance payments of the premium tax credit that must be repaid.
- Line 38: Report health coverage and enter individual shared responsibility payment.
- Line 45: If eligible, claim net premium tax credit, which is the excess of allowed premium tax credit over advance credit payments.

Form 1040EZ

- Line 11: Report health coverage and enter individual shared responsibility payment.
- Form 1040EZ cannot be used to report advance payments or to claim the premium tax credit.

New this year are two interactive tools that can answer questions related to the health care law: Am I eligible to claim the Premium Tax Credit? and Am I required to make an Individual Shared Responsibility Payment?

IRS.gov/aca has more information about the Affordable Care Act and filing your 2014 income tax return.

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