



Do you need help paying for health insurance? *The Health Coverage Tax Credit may be for you.*

You can reduce your health insurance premiums by 72.5% for you and your family with the HCTC. It's important you act quickly to find out if you can receive this federal tax credit.

How do I become eligible?

The HCTC is available to individuals receiving pension payments from the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) and their families. To qualify, you must:

1. Begin receiving pension payments from the PBGC and be 55 years old or older.
2. Keep or obtain a qualified health plan. The most common types include:
 - A **COBRA** plan through your or your spouse's employer where you pay more than 50% of the monthly premium.
 - A **state-qualified health plan**. For a list of state-qualified plans in your state, please go to www.irs.gov/hctc and click on the "HCTC Quick References" link.
 - **Coverage through your spouse's employer** where your spouse pays more than 50% of the total monthly premium with after-tax dollars.



If the PBGC paid you a lump sum, you may still be eligible for the HCTC if the PBGC trusted your plan on or before the date you received your lump sum payment and you received your payment after August 5, 2002.

How do I register for the monthly HCTC program?

1. Look for the HCTC Eligibility Kit in the mail. It should arrive within weeks after you begin receiving payments from the PBGC.
2. Read the Eligibility Kit carefully to see if you are eligible and if your health plan qualifies. If your health plan does not qualify, or if you are uninsured, your state may offer a health plan option that qualifies for the HCTC. Visit www.irs.gov/hctc for more information about qualified health plans.
3. Complete the HCTC Monthly Registration Form and mail it along with all required supporting documents to the HCTC Program.

How do I receive the HCTC?

- **Monthly HCTC:** As a monthly participant, you pay 27.5% of your qualified health insurance premiums to the HCTC Program each month. The HCTC Program then adds 72.5% and sends the full payment to your health plan.
- **Yearly HCTC:** You also can receive the HCTC as a yearly tax credit by making full payments directly to your qualified health plan throughout the year and then claiming the HCTC on your federal income tax return.

Learn More

Visit www.irs.gov/hctc, or call the HCTC Customer Contact Center toll-free at **1-866-628-HCTC (4282)**. For those with a hearing impairment, call 1-866-626-4282 (TTY).