

QuickAlerts Messages July 2015

QuickAlerts – July 10, 2015

Subject: ACA Information Returns (AIR) Working Group Meeting on July 21, 2015

The next ACA Information Returns (AIR) Working Group Meeting (webinar) will be held:

Tuesday, July 21, 2015
3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time
Dial-in: 1-888-621-9649
Event ID: 420595

You must register to attend the webinar. Participants should register for the webinar no later than 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time on the day of the event.

To register for this event, use the following link:

[Webinar Registration](#)

If clicking the above link does not work, please copy the entire link and paste it into your web browser. A confirmation email will be sent within 24 hours of registration.

Please join us for an upcoming virtual session on a “Non-technical Walkthrough of Forms 1094-C and 1095-C”. This session will focus on how to complete Forms 1094-C and 1095-C with special focus on Qualifying Offer Codes and Safe Harbor Codes using an AATS Submission narrative. At the conclusion of the presentation, there will be a live question and answer period with IRS presenters.

You may use your computer speakers to listen to the webinar or use the teleconference number provided above. To avoid background noise, please do not use both the computer speakers and the teleconference number.

The presentation for this meeting will be posted to the [AIR Program Overview](#) page prior to the meeting. An additional QuickAlerts message will be issued when the presentation is posted.

NOTE: The intended audiences of these meetings are Transmitters, Software Developers, and Issuers/Payers.

QuickAlerts – July 16, 2015

Subject: Update- ACA Information Returns (AIR) Working Group Meeting Rescheduled to July 28

The date of the next ACA Information Returns (AIR) Working Group Meeting (webinar) is rescheduled from July 21, 2015 to July 28, 2015. Meeting details:

Tuesday, July 28, 2015
3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time
Dial-in: 1-888-621-9649
Event ID: 420595

You must register to attend the webinar. Participants should register for the webinar no later than 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time on the day of the event.

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QuickAlerts – July 24, 2015

Subject: Update for ACA Information Returns (AIR) July 28, 2015 Working Group Meeting

The July 28, 2015 Working Group Meeting (webinar) presentation material has been posted to the [AIR Program Overview](#) page. In addition, participants should have copies of Forms 1094/1095-C available during the webinar.

The webinar is scheduled to begin at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time. As a reminder, you must register to attend the webinar. Participants should register for the webinar no later than 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time on the day of the event.

To register for this event, use the following link: [Webinar Registration](#)

If clicking the above link does not work, please copy the entire link and paste it into your web browser. A confirmation email will be sent within 24 hours of registration.

You may join the associated teleconference 5 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.

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Event ID: 420595

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You may use your computer speakers to listen to the webinar or use the teleconference number provided above. To avoid background noise, please do not use both the computer speakers and the teleconference number.

NOTE: The intended audiences of these meetings are Transmitters, Software Developers, and Issuers/Payers.

QuickAlerts – July 24, 2015

Subject: Updated Revision- Publication 5164 Test Package for Electronic Filers of Affordable Care Act (ACA) Information Returns (AIR)

An updated revision of Publication 5164 Test Package for Electronic Filers of Affordable Care Act (ACA) Information Returns (AIR) has been posted to the [AIR Program page](#).

QuickAlerts – July 27, 2015

Subject: Updated Information Available on AIR Program Page

The following Affordable Care Act Information Reporting (AIR) documents have been posted to the [AIR Program page](#):

- Publication 5164, *Test Package for Electronic Filers of Affordable Care Act (ACA) Information Returns (AIR)*
 - Publication 5165, *Guide for Electronically Filing Affordable Care Act (ACA) Information Returns for Software Developers and Transmitters*
 - Affordable Care Act (ACA) Information Returns (AIR) Submission Composition and Reference Guide
 - Automated Enrollment Guide For ACA Providers
 - Link to updated Tax Year 2014 form schemas
 - URLs for AATS (AIR Assurance Testing System)
 - Updated presentation materials for the July 28, 2015 webinar
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QuickAlerts – July 27, 2015

Subject: The AIR WSDLs for A2A Transmissions for Tax Year 2014 are available

If you would like to request the WSDLs, the Responsible Official or an official identified as a contact on the AIR TCC Application must send an email to airmailbox@irs.gov with “WSDLs” in the subject line. The email request must include your company name and AIR TCC. The WSDLs will be forwarded upon confirmation of the TCC application and contact information.

QuickAlerts – July 28, 2015

Subject: MeF Schemas Tax Years 2014, 2015, 2016

ATTN: Software Developers, Return Transmitters and States- Schemas and rules for Tax Years 2014, 2015 and 2016 have been posted on IRS.gov. MeF programs have posted updated schemas and business rules versions. This includes schemas and business rules for the following forms:

Tax Year 2016					
941x	2016v1.0	720	2016Q1v1.0	8849	2016v1.0

Tax Year 2015					
1040	2015v1.0	4868	2015v1.0	2350	2015v1.0
9465	CUv10.0	56	CUv10.0	1120	2015v1.0
7004	2015v1.0	1065	2015v1.0	1041	2015v1.0
2290	2015v4.1	8849	2015v3.1	720	2015Q1v3.2
720	2015Q2v2.3	720	2015Q3v2.3	720	2015Q4v2.3
990x	2015v1.0	990-N	2015v1.0	1120-POL	2015v1.0
8868	2015v1.0	94x	2015v1.0		

Tax Year 2014					
8849	2014v2.1				

Refer to the version's release memo for a description of the schema and business rule updates. These schemas and business rules will not be operational in the current MeF ATS or Production environments with the exception of 8849 2014v2.1.

Note: The 8849 2014v2.1 schemas and rules will become operational in the MeF ATS environment on November 02, 2015; they will not be operational in the MeF Production environment.

We are currently making updates to the schemas and rules for Processing Year 2016 changes. Updated versions will be posted as they become available. If any issues exist with any schema or business rules, they will be documented in the known issues list and made available on IRS.gov. MeF schemas and business rules can be obtained via the [Modernized e-File \(MeF\) Schemas and Business Rules](#) page on IRS.gov.

If you have any questions, please send them to the [MeF Mailbox](#).

QuickAlerts – July 28, 2015

Subject: Distribution of Modernized e-File (MeF) New Web Service Definition Language (WSDLs)

WSDLs for Tax Year 2015/Processing Year 2016 are now available. These WSDLs are scheduled to be installed in the MeF Test environment (ATS) in November, 2015. These new WSDLs will also be required for MeF Production when it opens for Processing Year 2016.

As a reminder you should be using the "la.alt" (la.alt.www4) for ATS and "la main" URL (la.www4) for Production environments.

To receive the new WSDLs send an email to [MeF Mailbox](#) with the following information: company name and ETIN/EFIN. WSDLs are available to valid software developers, transmitters or state users.

QuickAlerts – July 31, 2015

Subject: Electronic Management System (EMS) Shutdown for Employment Tax Returns (Forms 94x)

Attention: Software Developers, Return Transmitters and Authorized IRS e-file Providers/EROs

As we communicated through several channels since September 2014 the Legacy (EMS) System for employment tax returns will be permanently retired in December 2015. November 30, 2015 will be the last day any employment tax (Form 94x) forms will be accepted in Legacy (acknowledgements through December 4, 2015).

The September 2014 message posted to IRS.gov noted all 3rd quarter and prior quarterly returns must be filed via MeF during the October 2015 filing period. All current and prior annual employment tax returns due in January 2016 must be filed via MeF.

If there are significant issues preventing your company from transmitting all employment tax returns for the third quarter (due October 31, 2015) through MeF exclusively you must contact IRS through the [MeF Mailbox](#) with a detailed explanation. IRS staff will then contact you to discuss the situation.

Please note other important deadlines relating to the retirement of the Legacy Employment Tax e-File System:

- September 15, 2015 Form 94x Online PIN Registration closes end-of-year cutover and migration activities.
- September 30, 2015 will be the last day that Business Acceptance Testing (BATS) for Legacy will be available.
- January 2016 (specific date to be announced) Form 94x Online PIN Registration Re-opens.

Thank you for your cooperation with this critical transition to the MeF System for e-filing of employment tax returns.

The [Quarterly Federal Excise Tax Return \(Form 720\) Business Rules and Major XML Schema versions TY 2015Q2v2.2; TY 2015Q3v2.2; and TY2015Q4v2.2](#) are posted on IRS.gov. The changes will be available in Production on July 1, 2015.

Questions or comments may be directed to the e-help Desk at 1-866-255-0654.
