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IRS extends due dates for new 2015 health care information reporting requirements

On Dec. 28, the [IRS extended the due dates](#) for new health care information reporting forms in 2016. Insurers, self-insuring employers, other coverage providers and applicable large employers now have additional time to provide health coverage information for 2015 to individual taxpayers and the IRS.

The IRS is prepared to accept filings of the information returns beginning in January 2016. However, providers and certain employers must now furnish individuals with either Form 1095-B, *Health Coverage*, or 1095-C, *Employer-Provided Health Insurance Offer and Coverage*, by March 31, 2016. While the due dates for issuers filing these forms and the associated Form 1094 with the IRS are May 31, 2016, for paper filers and June 30, 2016, for electronic filers, employers and other coverage providers are encouraged to furnish statements and file the information returns as soon as they are ready.

- Due to these extensions, some individual taxpayers may not receive a Form 1095-B or Form 1095-C by the time they are ready to file their 2015 tax return.
- While the information on these forms may assist in preparing a return, they are not required.
- Like last year, taxpayers can prepare and file their returns using other information about their health insurance.
- Individuals do not have to wait for their Form 1095-B or 1095-C in order to file.
- Individual taxpayers will generally not be affected by this extension and should file their tax returns as they normally would.

The IRS has not extended the due dates for Health Insurance Marketplaces to issue Form 1095-A, Health Insurance Marketplace Statement. Individuals who enrolled for coverage through the Marketplace should receive Form 1095-A by Feb. 1, 2016, and should wait to file their returns until they receive their Form 1095-A.

The IRS has posted a set of [questions and answers](#) that introduce the new Forms 1095-B and 1095-C. The questions and answers explain who should expect to receive the forms, how they can be used, and how to file with or without the forms. IRS.gov/aca

also provides more information, including a recent [Health Care Tax Tip](#), about the information statements.

NOTE TO EDITOR: Below are links to help taxpayers find the information they need.

On Twitter? Send these Tweets:

- Facts about new ACA information statements Forms 1095-B & C
<https://go.usa.gov/c8Y8Q> #HealthCare #IRS #tax
- Eight facts about new ACA information statements coming out in 2016
<https://go.usa.gov/c8Y8Q> #HealthCare #IRS #tax