

## Sample article for organizations to use to reach customers (333 word count)

*Post the following article on your websites and/or use in other communication vehicles to help taxpayers.*

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### What to do if you get a letter from the IRS about your health care coverage

Some taxpayers will receive [Letter 6002](#) from the IRS about missing information related to health care coverage. The [individual shared responsibility provision](#) of the [Affordable Care Act](#) requires the taxpayer, the taxpayer's spouse if filing jointly, and any dependents to:

- have qualifying health care coverage for the entire year,
- report a health coverage exemption or
- report a payment on the tax return.

Be sure to read your letter carefully and respond timely.

If you agree with the information in the letter, you must file [Form 1040X, Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return](#), to correct your tax return. This includes:

- Checking "yes" in the "Full-year coverage" box on Page 1 of the Form 1040X to report full-year coverage for you, your spouse, and dependents for all 12 months in the year.
- Filing a completed [Form 8965, Health Coverage Exemptions](#), with your Form 1040X to report an exemption from the health coverage requirement.
- Entering the payment amount on line 9 of Form 1040X to report a shared responsibility payment for months without coverage or coverage exemption.

Use Form 8965 and instructions for the appropriate tax year since IRS updates forms annually. Mail your Form 1040X and Form 8965, if necessary, to the IRS address shown in your letter to amend your tax return.

No further action is necessary if you received Letter 6002 and claimed a health coverage exemption on Form 8965 when you filed your 2014 or 2015 tax return. You do not need to file Form 1040X, Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return for this reason.

For more information about the health care law, visit [IRS.gov/aca](http://IRS.gov/aca) for more information.

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

- [IRS.gov/aca](http://IRS.gov/aca)
- [IRS.gov/ita](http://IRS.gov/ita)