

QuickAlerts – December 6, 2022

Subject: Affordable Care Act (ACA) Information Returns (AIR) Shutdown/Cutover and Maintenance Schedule

AIR Assurance Testing System (AATS)

The **AIR AATS environment** will be unavailable due to scheduled maintenance from:

Sunday, December 4, 2022, 12:01 a.m. (midnight) Eastern time until Sunday, December 11, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. Eastern time

Please do not attempt to access the AIR AATS environment via the A2A and UI channels during the maintenance period.

Please monitor the [AIR Operational Status](#) page for any updates.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

QuickAlerts – December 20, 2022

Subject: Reminder of Business Modernized e-File (MeF) Production Shutdown

Business MeF Production Shutdown Schedule

Shutdown for "Send Submissions" only is scheduled to begin at 11:59 a.m. (noon) Eastern time, Monday, December 26, 2022.

Transmitters can continue to use the other service requests except "Send Submissions" until 11:59 p.m. (midnight) Eastern time, Monday, December 26, 2022.

States can continue to use all the service requests necessary to retrieve and process state submissions in accordance with shutdown activities stated above. MeF recommends that states adjust their processing schedule in order to retrieve submissions in time to validate returns and submit acknowledgements.

Any acknowledgements not retrieved by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on December 26th cannot be accessed until MeF opens for production in January 2023.

Please note: MeF ATS (Assurance Testing System) will be operational during this cutover.

Please monitor the [MeF Operational Status](#) page for any future updates.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

QuickAlerts – December 23, 2022

Subject: New Modernized e-File (MeF) Business Returns Schema and Business Rules are Available

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

Tax Year 2022/Processing Year 2023 Schemas and Business Rules are available.

Current Year Schemas Only:

- Form 720 Q1 2023v2.1 (updated)
- Form 720 Q2 2023v2.1 (updated)
- Form 720 Q3 2023v2.1 (updated)
- Form 720 Q4 2023v2.1 (updated)

Current Year Business Rules Only:

- Form 1120x 2022v5.1 (updated)

Prior Year Schema Only:

- Form 720 Q4 2022v3.1 (updated)

Please visit the [Modernized e-file \(MeF\) Schemas and Business Rules](#) page on IRS.gov for more information about Schemas and Business Rules.

Software Developers and State organizations may download Schemas and Business Rules from their e-Services mailbox. To access these files, the following is needed:

- Active e-Services account
- Listed on an e-File application with the provider option of Software Developer or State
- Software Developer must have an associated tax type of 720, 1120x.

You may have several messages in your account. Please open all of them to find the set you would like to download. After 30 days the messages are purged. If you have the appropriate role and do not have these files available for download within 48 hours, please contact the [MeF Mailbox](#) with the Company Name, ETIN and Schema Package(s) with Tax Year needed

QuickAlerts – December 30, 2022

Subject: 2023 Filing Season for Modernized e-File (MeF) Business Returns

The IRS will begin accepting all business tax returns at 9 a.m. Eastern on January 12, 2023.

Please monitor the [MeF Status page](#) on IRS.gov for updates.