

QuickAlerts Messages March 2017

QuickAlerts –March 13 2017

Subject: AIR Information Returns (AIR) Working Group Meeting on March 14, 2017

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

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

The conference begins at 3:00 Eastern Time

Dial-in: 1-877-369-5243 Passcode: 0801168# (Enter the access code on your telephone keypad, followed immediately by the # symbol to bypass system prompts)

This will be a technical Webinar highlighting FS17 Lessons Learned. This Webinar will not address Tax Law or Policy issues related to the AIR Program. The presentation for this meeting has been posted to the [AIR Program Overview](#) Page.

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

This virtual session will focus on General Affordable Care Act Information Returns (AIR) Program topics.

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.

If you are a business owner, tax manager, employee benefits manager, health coverage provider, or software developer or transmitter, you can access and review the Affordable Care Act Information Returns Corrections Process video on the [IRS Video Portal](#).

QuickAlerts –March 16, 2017

Subject: Extended Maintenance Window for MeF Production and ATS Environments

The MeF maintenance build window is being extended on Sunday, March 19, 2017. The systems will be unavailable from 12:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Eastern. The build will deploy critical system updates. This extended window affects the MeF Production and ATS Environments.

Thank you in advance for refraining from accessing the MeF Production and ATS Systems during this period.

QuickAlerts –March 20, 2017

Subject: Extra e-Services Help Available Starting Tomorrow

Additional Staff Available Starting Tomorrow to Revalidate Your Identity; Don't Delay

If you received a Letter 5903, e-Services Revalidation, you must revalidate your identity. For a limited time, the e-Services Help Desk will have additional staff available to only assist tax professionals who need to revalidate their identity to have their e-Services registration account reinstated..

Additional assistors will be in place **Tuesday, March 21** through **Friday, March 24**.

E-Services registration accounts were suspended for tax professionals who received Letter 5903 and failed to revalidate their identities within the required 30-day time period. The IRS urges tax professionals who need to revalidate their identity to do so now when extra staff is on hand and not wait until there is an emergency need to access their e-Services accounts.

Letter recipients must revalidate even if they are infrequent users of e-Services or its tools. As a reminder Authorized IRS e-file Providers must ensure the IRS has current information by reviewing and updating their IRS e-file application within thirty days of a change which requires access to your e-Services registration account. Letter 5903 was issued to those tax professionals who have access to sensitive taxpayer data through e-Services and who have accessed their accounts in the past year. This is part of the IRS' ongoing effort to strengthen security around certain self-help tools on IRS.gov and better protect taxpayer and tax professional data.

More information is available at www.irs.gov/eservices.

QuickAlerts –March 27, 2017

Subject: MeF Intermittent Timeouts

Starting on March 21st, 2017, MeF began experiencing intermittent timeout errors in the A2A and IFA transmission channels. This issue is affecting the Production and ATS environments. MeF has identified the problem and is working to resolve it as a top priority.

Effective March 28th, 2017, MeF will begin performing maintenance from 5:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. Eastern daily. During this time, transmitters may experience timeouts errors.

A QuickAlerts message will be sent when the issue has been resolved and the daily maintenance is no longer needed.

We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused.
