

QuickAlerts Messages September 2017

QuickAlerts – September 7, 2017

Subject: AIR Information Returns (AIR) Working Group Meeting on September 19, 2017

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

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

The conference begins at 3:00 Eastern Time

Dial-in: 1-877-369-5243 Passcode: 0305554# (Enter the access code on your telephone keypad, followed immediately by the # symbol to bypass system prompts)

This will be a technical Webinar to cover changes and updates for Processing Year 2018. This Webinar will not address Tax Law or Policy issues related to the AIR Program.

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.

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 – September 7, 2017

Subject: e-Services Reminder

Reminder: The Transcript Delivery System and TIN Matching are still available to registered users until 10 p.m. ET, Friday, September 8. A redesigned e-Services landing page also has been launched. This early launch was necessary to allow users continued access to TDS and TIN Matching while the IRS makes technology upgrades to e-Services. TDS and TIN Matching users must select their specific product from the e-Services landing page to access the tool. The SOR Mailbox must also be accessed from that page.

TDS and TIN Matching will be offline from tomorrow night until 6 a.m. ET, Monday, September 11. The ability to register for e-Services and to apply for applications to use its tools is offline today until 6 a.m. ET, Tuesday, September 12. State users will have access to TDS after Monday but will be unable to submit new or changes existing e-File/TDS applications until late October. See "[Important Update about Your e-Services Account](#)" for details.

QuickAlerts – September 7, 2017

Subject: Extended Maintenance Window for MeF Production and ATS Environments

The MeF maintenance build window is being extended on Sunday, September 10, 2017. The systems will be unavailable from 1:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.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 – September 14, 2017

Subject: Extended Maintenance Window for MeF Production and ATS Environments

The MeF maintenance build window is being extended on Sunday, September 17, 2017. The systems will be unavailable from 1:00 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.

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QuickAlerts – September 14, 2017

Subject: e-Services Update

Update: The e-Services transition to a new platform is taking longer than anticipated. Thus, the ability to submit new or change existing applications to access our tools will remain offline for several more days. We will update you early next week on its status.

Meanwhile, Registration Services, Transcript Delivery System and TIN Matching are online and available. However, some TDS users are reporting issues related to bookmarking. The e-Services landing page has been redesigned so old bookmarked URLs may not work.

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QuickAlerts – September 18, 2017

Subject: Update for the ACA Information Returns (AIR) Working Group Meeting on September 19, 2017

The September 19, 2017 (AIR) Working Group Meeting (Webinar) Presentation materials have been posted on the [AIR Program Overview](#) page.

This webinar is schedule 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](#).

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QuickAlerts – September 21, 2017

Subject: AIR Extended Maintenance September 28 - October 1, 2017

The IRS will conduct extended AIR system maintenance 11:59 P.M. EST September 28, 2017 to 10:00 A.M. EST October 1, 2017. The AATS and Production environments will be unavailable during the maintenance. Please do not attempt to access the AIR system via A2A or UI Channels during the maintenance period.

QuickAlerts – September 27, 2017

Subject: Canceled AIR Extended Maintenance September 28 - October 1, 2017

The extended AIR system maintenance that was previously scheduled for 11:59 P.M. EST September 28, 2017 to 10:00 A.M. EST October 1, 2017 has been canceled.

QuickAlerts – September 28, 2017

Subject: New Schemas and Business Rules Available

Software Developers and State organizations may access and download Schemas and Business Rules from their e-Services mailbox. In order to access these files you must have an active e-Services account and be listed on an e-File application with the provider option of Software Developer or State. Your role must be Principal, Responsible Official, or Delegated User with MeF authorities.

[Instructions for accessing your e-Services mailbox](#)

The following schemas and business rules were updated:

- F1041 2017v1.3
- F94X Annual 2017v3.0
- F94x Quarterly 2018v2.0
- F1065x 2017v3.0
- F1120x 2017v4.0
- F7004 2017v2.0
- F990x 2017v2.0
- F990N 2017v1.1
- F8868 2017v1.1
- F1120POL 2017v1.1
- F1040 2017v4.0
- F56 CUv15.0
- F2350 2017v2.0
- F4868 2017v2.0
- F9465 CUv15.0
- F720 2018Q1-4v1.1
- F2290 2017v1.1
- F8849 2018v1.0

Please check IRS.gov for ATS and Production Availability. You may have more than one message in your account. Please open all of them to find the set you would like to download. Messages remain for 30 days then are purged.

If you have the appropriate role and do not have these files available for download in your e-Services mailbox, please contact the [MeF Mailbox](#) with the Company Name, ETIN and Schema Package(s) with Tax Year needed.
