

Tax Reduction Letter

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42 U.S.C. § 18081(b)(5)(A)

Procedures for determining eligibility for exchange participation, premium tax credits and reduced cost-sharing, and individual responsibility exemptions.

- (a) Establishment of program. The Secretary shall establish a program meeting the requirements of this section for determining--
- (1) whether an individual who is to be covered in the individual market by a qualified health plan offered through an Exchange, or who is claiming a premium tax credit or reduced cost-sharing, meets the requirements of sections 1312(f)(3), 1402(e), and 1412(d) of this *title* and section 36B(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that the individual be a citizen or national of the United States or an alien lawfully present in the United States;
- (2) in the case of an individual claiming a premium tax credit or reduced cost-sharing under section 36B of such Code or *section 1402*—
- (A) whether the individual meets the income and coverage requirements of such sections; and
 - (B) the amount of the tax credit or reduced cost-sharing;
- (3) whether an individual's coverage under an employer-sponsored health benefits plan is treated as unaffordable under *sections* 36B(c)(2)(C) and 5000A(e)(2); and
- (4) whether to grant a certification under section 1311(d)(4)(H) attesting that, for purposes of the individual responsibility requirement under section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, an individual is entitled to an exemption from either the individual responsibility requirement or the penalty imposed by such section.
- (b) Information required to be provided by applicants.
- (1) In general. An applicant for enrollment in a qualified health plan offered through an Exchange in the individual market shall provide--
- (A) the name, address, and date of birth of each individual who is to be covered by the plan (in this subsection referred to as an "enrollee"); and
- (B) the information required by any of the following paragraphs that is applicable to an enrollee.
- (2) Citizenship or immigration status. The following information shall be provided with respect to every enrollee:

- (A) In the case of an enrollee whose eligibility is based on an attestation of citizenship of the enrollee, the enrollee's social security number.
- (B) In the case of an individual whose eligibility is based on an attestation of the enrollee's immigration status, the enrollee's social security number (if applicable) and such identifying information with respect to the enrollee's immigration status as the Secretary, after consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security, determines appropriate.
- (3) Eligibility and amount of tax credit or reduced cost-sharing. In the case of an enrollee with respect to whom a premium tax credit or reduced cost-sharing under section 36B of such Code or section 1402 is being claimed, the following information:
- (A) Information regarding income and family size. The information described in *section* 6103(l)(21) for the taxable year ending with or within the second calendar year preceding the calendar year in which the plan year begins.
- (B) Changes in circumstances. The information described in section 1412(b)(2), including information with respect to individuals who were not required to file an income tax return for the taxable year described in subparagraph (A) or individuals who experienced changes in marital status or family size or significant reductions in income.
- (4) Employer-sponsored coverage. In the case of an enrollee with respect to whom eligibility for a premium tax credit under section 36B of such Code or cost-sharing reduction under section 1402 is being established on the basis that the enrollee's (or related individual's) employer is not treated under section 36B(c)(2)(C) of such Code as providing minimum essential coverage or affordable minimum essential coverage, the following information:
 - (A) The name, address, and employer identification number (if available) of the employer.
- (B) Whether the enrollee or individual is a full-time employee and whether the employer provides such minimum essential coverage.
- (C) If the employer provides such minimum essential coverage, the lowest cost option for the enrollee's or individual's enrollment status and the enrollee's or individual's required contribution (within the meaning of section 5000A(e)(1)(B) of such Code) under the employer-sponsored plan.
- (D) If an enrollee claims an employer's minimum essential coverage is unaffordable, the information described in paragraph (3).

If an enrollee changes employment or obtains additional employment while enrolled in a qualified health plan for which such credit or reduction is allowed, the enrollee shall notify the Exchange of such change or additional employment and provide the information described in this paragraph with respect to the new employer.

(5) Exemptions from individual responsibility requirements. In the case of an individual who is seeking an exemption certificate under section 1311(d)(4)(H) from any requirement or penalty imposed by *section 5000A*, the following information:

- (A) In the case of an individual seeking exemption based on the individual's status as a member of an exempt religious sect or division, as a member of a health care sharing ministry, as an Indian, or as an individual eligible for a hardship exemption, such information as the Secretary shall prescribe.
- (B) In the case of an individual seeking exemption based on the lack of affordable coverage or the individual's status as a taxpayer with household income less than 100 percent of the poverty line, the information described in paragraphs (3) and (4), as applicable.

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