



Frequently Asked Questions: Taxes & the Affordable Care Act

Form 1095-A

1. What is Form 1095-A?

Form 1095-A is a tax form (just like a W-2) you will need in order to fill out your taxes if you had a health insurance plan through kynect. You should keep it with all your tax records so you can use it when you file your taxes. It has information about the health insurance you and your family members received through kynect. You *will not* receive a Form 1095-A if you had a catastrophic health insurance plan or stand-alone dental plan only. Medicaid and KCHIP are Government-sponsored plans so if you were enrolled only in one of these programs, you *will not* receive a Form 1095-A.

2. Is there a Spanish language version of this information? Yes, on kynect.ky.gov, click on the arrow in the upper right hand corner by the word ENGLISH. A drop down menu will appear and you can select Español.

3. When will I receive Form 1095-A?

If you asked to receive paper communication from kynect, a Form 1095-A is sent to you in the mail. Everyone who enrolled in a private health insurance plan through kynect should also get an electronic form in your secure kynect mailbox.

4. Why did I get Form 1095-A?

Form 1095-A is sent out by kynect to any individual or family who enrolled in a Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum health insurance plan through kynect for any month in 2015. Individuals and families that enrolled in Medicaid, KCHIP or a catastrophic health plan through kynect will not receive a Form 1095-A.

5. Will I get a Form 1095-A if I received Medicaid, KCHIP or Medicare? No,

Form 1095-A is only for people who had a non-Government-sponsored Qualified Health Plan (QHP), also called a Health Insurance Plan (HIP) through kynect.

6. Will I get a Form 1095-A if I had insurance outside of kynect? No, Form 1095-A will only be sent to those that had health insurance through kynect.

7. Will I get a Form 1095-A if I had a catastrophic health insurance plan or did not enroll in a health insurance plan?

No, you will not receive a Form 1095-A. You will not need one to file your Federal taxes.

8. How can I find my Form 1095-A?

kynect will mail Form 1095-A by January 31st to the home address (or mailing address) of any individual or family who enrolled in health insurance through kynect for any month in the calendar year. A copy of your Form 1095-A will also be available in your secure message center on kynect. You can download and print it. You can ask your insurance agent or kynector to print your Form 1095-A for you. Or you can call toll free 1-844-373-2417 and ask that one be sent to you for free.



9. What do I need to do with Form 1095-A?

Just like you use your W-2 to fill out your tax return, you will use the information on Form 1095-A to complete your Federal tax return. The information in your Form 1095-A will be used to fill out Federal Form 8962. Form 8962 may be part of your tax filing.

10. I received a Form 1095-A. How should I report this on my income tax return?

You should keep your Form 1095-A with all your tax records so you can use it when you file your taxes— just like you do with your W-2. When you are ready to file your taxes, you or your tax preparer should use the information on the Form 1095-A to complete Form 8962. Form 8962 is used by the IRS to determine how much premium tax credit you are eligible to receive based on your actual, year-end information, like income and family size.

11. What does this information on Form 1095-A mean?

Form 1095-A has three parts. Part I provides basic information about you and your family, and your health insurance start and end dates. Part II provides information about each member of your “coverage household” – those members of your family also covered under the same health insurance policy. Part III provides information for every month of the year for three items:

1. the monthly premium amount of the health plan you selected,
2. the premium amount of the Second Lowest Cost Silver Plan (SLCSP) or Benchmark Plan available on kynect, and
3. the amount of payment assistance(APTC) paid on your behalf to your insurance company.

The premium amount of the Second Lowest Cost Silver Plan is included on your Form 1095-A. The law requires that the IRS use the Second Lowest Cost Silver Plan premium amount to calculate your premium tax credit.

12. My Form 1095-A is blank or has “zeros” for the “Monthly Premium Amount of Second Lowest Cost Silver Plan”. Do I need to fill this information in? How?

Yes, you will need this information to fill out Form 8962 when you do your taxes. You can find your Second Lowest Cost Silver Plan (SLCSP) or Benchmark Plan on kynect.ky.gov. By answering a few questions, you can learn the cost of the Second Lowest Cost Silver Plan for each month that you had health coverage. The Second Lowest Cost Silver Plan is also called a Benchmark Plan.

13. The information on my 1095-A doesn't look correct. What do I do?

If you think the information on your Form 1095-A is incorrect, you should contact kynect as soon as possible. kynect has a special toll-free hotline for 1095-A questions at 1-844-373-2417.

14. Why did I receive more than one Form 1095-A?

If you or a member of your tax household enrolled in more than one health plan or your household has multiple tax households, you will receive more than one Form 1095-A. You should use all of the 1095-A forms you receive where you or a family member are listed as a “Covered Individual” (in Part II) to fill out Form 8962.

15. My Form 1095-A has an X in the “Corrected” box, should I use it?

Yes, this means that your form has updated information on it. You should use this “Corrected” Form 1095-A instead of the Form 1095-A that you originally received.

16. I did not receive a Form 1095-A. How can I get Form 1095-A or the information I need?

A copy of your Form 1095-A is available in your secure message center on kynect. You can download and print it. You can ask your insurance agent or kynector to print it for you. Or, you can call kynect at 1-844-373-2417 free of charge, and ask that Form 1095-A be sent to you.



17. What if I don't have my 1095-A by April 15th?

kynect will do everything possible to get you your 1095-A form as quickly as possible. The IRS advises tax filers to wait to file 2015 their income tax return until they receive Form 1095A. Because of the marketplace requirement to do research to ensure accuracy of the information, you may not receive the corrected Form 1095-A (if warranted) prior to the due date of the filing of the tax return. You should contact your tax preparer or go to irs.gov to identify possible steps to follow which may include requesting an extension to file. Please be aware that an extension to file a tax return does not include an extension to pay any taxes that may be due.

18. I received a corrected Form 1095-A after I filed my taxes, do I need to amend my income tax return?

Generally, yes. If you received a corrected Form 1095-A after you submitted your tax filing, you need to correct your tax return. To answer the question based on your specific situation, please check with your tax preparer or the IRS. The IRS is available at www.irs.gov or by calling toll-free 1-800-829-1040.

19. How do I report health care coverage on my income tax return?

This is a question for the IRS. Please call or visit the IRS for help (call toll free 1-800-829-1040; or visit www.irs.gov/aca). Help is available in both English and Spanish. The IRS expects most tax payers will only need to check a box on the individual income tax return that they file in 2016 to show that they have met the individual shared responsibility requirement.

20. How do I get another copy of my Form 1095-A?

A copy of your Form 1095-A is available in your secure message center on kynect. You can download and print it. You can ask your insurance agent or kynector to print your Form 1095-A for you. Or, you can call kynect at 1-844-373-2417 free of charge, and ask that Form 1095-A be sent to you.

21. My Form 1095-A says I received a tax credit during a month when I did not pay my monthly premium. Why does this say I received a tax credit for a month that I did not pay for? If you are receiving a tax credit, the law requires your insurance company to keep you covered in your health insurance for a certain period of time even if you are not paying premiums. This is called a "grace period." If you do not pay your premiums by the end of the grace period (90 days), your coverage is cancelled. Because your insurance company was required by law to pay for any care you received in the first month of the grace period when you did not pay your premium, you will have to repay the payment assistance for that month.

22. Does Form 1095-A have any impact on my state taxes? No, payment assistance is a Federal tax credit. It only affects your Federal taxes.

23. How do I use Form 1095-A to fill out my Form 8962?

Form 8962 is a Federal tax form and kynect cannot help you file your taxes. You should try to look for help from a tax preparer or the IRS. The IRS is available at www.irs.gov or by calling toll free 1-800-829-1040.

24. kynect sent the Form 1095-A to my ex-spouse, can I get a copy?

kynect sends Form 1095-A to the primary address on the account. If you have access to the secure mailbox for that account, you can print Form 1095-A from the secure message center. If you do not have access to the secure mailbox, please talk to your insurance agent or kynector. You can also call kynect at 1-844-373-2417 free of charge and have a copy sent to you. It is important that you tell kynect about the change in your situation so that your insurance coverage can be updated and you



can continue to have health coverage.

25. I added a dependent through my health insurance plan, but it is not showing on my Form 1095-A. What do I do?

If you think there is a mistake on your Form 1095-A, you should contact kynect. kynect has a special toll free hotline for 1095-A questions at 1-844-373-2417.

26. My Form 1095-A shows I had coverage for 6 months and received a tax credit during each of those six months. But I didn't have any coverage for the rest of the year. Do I have to pay back the tax credit for those six months?

Generally, if you were eligible for the tax credit during the six months you were covered, you would not have to pay back the tax credit. However, the IRS will review your year-end information (like your income and family size) to see whether you received the right amount of tax credit during those six months. If they calculate that you received more or less than is owed to you, the difference may be added or subtracted from your tax due or refund. You may also owe a fee for the six months you were not insured.

27. I received payment assistance (APTC) last year, but my current income makes me eligible for Medicaid. How do I report this?

The two tax years are separate. For last year, the APTC you received was determined based on the expected income you reported when you applied. If you have a change in income at any time, make sure to report that to kynect so that the amount of APTC you receive will be as correct as possible.

28. How do I prove that I had catastrophic coverage since I did not receive payment assistance and will not receive a Form 1095-A?

This is a question for the IRS, so be sure to check with them or a tax preparer. Most individuals will check the box on IRS Form 1040, Line 61, which says you had health coverage.

29. Are there other Form 1095s?

Form 1095-B, Health Coverage is for insurance companies and government-sponsored programs to report certain information to the IRS and to taxpayers about individuals who are covered by minimum essential coverage and therefore are not liable for the individual shared responsibility payment.

Individuals enrolled in Medicaid or the Kentucky Health Insurance Program (KCHIP) will receive a Form 1095-B from the Department for Medicaid Services.

Form 1095-C, Employer Provided Health Insurance Offer and Coverage is for Employers with 50 or more full-time employees to report information about offers of health coverage and enrollment in health coverage for their employees. Form 1095-C is used to report information about each employee. Individuals who are enrolled in employer-sponsored health coverage will receive a Form 1095-C from their employer.

30. Can you tell me my Form 1095-A information over the telephone or via chat?

No, we cannot provide this information over the phone or via chat. You should receive a paper copy of Form 1095-A in the mail. If you cannot wait for this information, I can have a printed copy mailed to you.

31. How will my Form 1095-A look if I had both a health insurance plan and Medicaid at different times during the year?

Form 1095-A will show the payment assistance (APTC) amounts for the months you had payment assistance and zeros for the months you had Medicaid. You will receive a Form 1095-B for the months enrolled in Medicaid or Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP).



32. If I chose just to have electronic notifications will I still get a paper copy of Form 1095-A in the mail?

Yes, you will also receive your Form 1095-A by mail.

33. What should I do about a 1095-A form that says I had insurance when I didn't?

If you did not have insurance through kynect in the calendar year, kynect will send you a new form that has the VOID box checked on the upper right hand corner. We suggest you keep the revised form with your tax papers.

Voided 1095-A Form

34. The letter that came with my VOIDED 1095-A Form says it should have zeros but it doesn't. What do I do?

Your revised 1095-A form should look the same as your original form, but the box that says "VOID" in the upper right hand corner should now be checked. If "VOID" is checked on your form, you do not need to do anything else. If "VOID" is not checked on your form, please call the kynect tax hotline at 1-844-373-2417.

35. What do I do with my VOIDED 1095-A Form?

You received a "VOID" 1095-A Form because you originally received a 1095-A Form that said you had insurance coverage when you did not have insurance coverage. The "VOID" box in the upper right hand corner is now checked to show that you did not have coverage through kynect. The "VOID" form is the correct form for your tax files. We suggest you keep this form with your tax papers.

36. Why did I receive another 1095-A Form? kynect was just notified by your insurance company that your policy was canceled last year. Before we knew this, kynect sent you a 1095-A Form showing that you had insurance last year. We sent you this new form which has "VOID" checked in the upper right hand corner. This is to show that you did not have coverage last year. We suggest you keep this form with your insurance papers.

Form 1095-B

For the latest information about developments related to Form 1095-B, go to www.irs.gov/form1095b.

Reminders: Providers of minimum essential coverage are required to file Form 1095-B in 2016 to report coverage for the 2015 tax year.

37. What is the purpose of Form 1095-B?

Form 1095-B provides information that individuals need in order to demonstrate that they, their spouse, and their dependents had qualifying health coverage (also called minimum essential health coverage) for some or all months during the course of the previous year when filing their taxes. Individuals who do not have minimum essential coverage and do not qualify for an exemption from healthcare coverage may be liable for the individual shared responsibility payment, which is the fee that individuals must pay if they do not have minimum essential coverage.



38. Who will receive a Form 1095-B?

Each individual who was enrolled in government-sponsored insurance programs, including Medicaid and KCHIP, will receive a Form 1095-B in the mail at their latest address on file.

39. What does minimum essential coverage include?

Minimum essential coverage includes government-sponsored programs, eligible employer-sponsored plans, individual market plans, and miscellaneous coverage designated by the Department of Health and Human Services. Both Medicaid and KCHIP are considered minimum essential coverage, so individuals who receive either of these types of coverage will be able to demonstrate coverage and will not be subject to the shared responsibility payment. For a full list of minimum essential coverage types that are included, go to www.irs.gov/form1095b.

40. What is not included in minimum essential coverage?

Minimum essential coverage does not include coverage consisting solely of excepted benefits. Excepted benefits include vision and dental coverage not part of a comprehensive health insurance plan, workers' compensation coverage, and coverage limited to a specified disease or illness.

41. I own a small business. Do I need to file a Form 1095-B?

No. Health insurance issuers file Form 1095-B to report coverage of small employers that are not subject to the employer shared responsibility provisions. Large employers (including government employer) subject to the employer shared responsibility provisions sponsoring self-insured group health plans will report about the coverage on Form 1095-C, Employer-Provided Health Insurance Offer and Coverage. For more information on Form 1095-C, please visit www.irs.gov/form1095c. In general, an employer with 50 or more full-time employees (including full-time equivalent employees) during the prior calendar year is subject to the employer shared responsibility provisions

Form 1095-C

For the latest information about developments related to Form 1095-C, go to www.irs.gov/form1095c.

42. Who needs to file a Form 1095-C?

Large employers (including government employer) subject to the employer shared responsibility provisions sponsoring self-insured group health plans will report about the coverage on Form 1095-C, Employer-Provided Health Insurance Offer and Coverage. For more information on Form 1095-C, please visit www.irs.gov/form1095c. In general, an employer with 50 or more full-time employees (including full-time equivalent employees) during the prior calendar year is subject to the employer shared responsibility provisions.

43. Can kynect help me get my Form 1095-C? No, Form 1095-C comes from your employer. You should contact your employer or the Human Resources or Personnel departments.

Federal Form 8962

44. How will the IRS use my Form 8962? It depends on if you received payment assistance in 2015.

If you enrolled in health insurance through kynect and chose to receive payment assistance to help pay your monthly insurance bill, the IRS will use your Form 8962 to make sure you received the correct amount of tax credit. The IRS will also use other information in your tax filing such as your income and family size. If the IRS determines that you received more or less than you should



have received, the difference may be added or subtracted from your final tax due or refund.

If you enrolled in health insurance through kynect without receiving payment assistance (meaning you paid your full monthly insurance premium without financial assistance), the IRS will use Form 8962 to determine if you are eligible for a tax credit when you submit your tax return.

45. What will happen if I received payment assistance (an advance tax credit) and I do not complete Form 8962 with my Federal income tax return?

If you submit your return without Form 8962, you should receive an IRS 12C letter which requests information to reconcile Advanced Payments of the Premium Tax Credit. For more information on the letter, go to <https://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Understanding-Your-Letter-0012C>. Until the advanced payments you received are reconciled, any possible refund you are due will be delayed and you will no longer be eligible for advance tax credit payments. For more information on Form 8962, please contact the IRS or your tax preparer.

46. Where can I find Form 8962?

Your tax preparer or the IRS can provide you with this form. You may also find it anywhere where Federal tax forms are available to the public, such as the library or the post office. kynect does not stock copies of these forms and we cannot mail these forms to you. You can however, download a blank copy of Form 8962 and this instruction for the form, from the IRS website at www.irs.gov.

Changes to your Household

47. Can I still make changes to my 2015 information?

After December 31, 2015, kynect cannot make changes to your 2015 information. You will need to talk with your tax preparer or the IRS with any questions you have. If this change is still true in 2016, it could still affect your kynect coverage. Make sure you update your account information online, either by calling kynect Customer Service 1-855-4kynect (459-6328) or telling your insurance agent or kynector.

Benchmark Plan or Second Lowest Cost Silver Plan

48. What is a Benchmark Plan or Second Lowest Cost Silver Plan?

The premium amount of the Second Lowest Cost Silver Plan (SLCSP) is included on your Form 1095-A if you received payment assistance. The SLCSP premium amount is used by the IRS to calculate your premium tax credit. The SLCSP is sometimes called the Benchmark Plan.

Individual Shared Responsibility Provision

49. What is the individual shared responsibility requirement?

The individual shared responsibility provision took effect on January 1, 2014. It requires most Americans to have health coverage. Individuals without health coverage and those that do not keep their coverage throughout the year may be required to have an exemption from the individual shared responsibility provision or pay a fee. The fee is the individual shared responsibility payment. It is also called "the penalty", "the fine" or "the individual mandate". It has been part of your Federal tax return beginning 2014.

50. What are the requirements of the individual shared responsibility provision? If you can afford health insurance but choose not to buy it, you must pay the fee. The fee is sometimes called the "penalty," the "fine," the "individual responsibility payment," or the "individual mandate." Any plan that meets the definition of "minimum essential coverage" counts as coverage under the health



care law. To learn if your plan counts as “minimum essential coverage”, go to www.healthcare.gov/fees-exemptions or www.irs.gov.

51. How much is my individual shared responsibility payment or tax penalty?

The fee for not having health coverage is calculated one of two ways. If you or your dependents do not have insurance that qualifies as “minimum essential coverage” you will pay either a percentage of your household income or a flat fee -- whichever is higher. The fee is scheduled to go up every year.

The fee in 2015

If you did not have coverage in 2015, you’ll pay the **higher** of these two amounts:

- **2% of your yearly household income above the tax filing threshold; or**
- **\$325 per person for the year (\$162.50 per child under 18). The maximum penalty per family using this method is \$975.**

The fee in 2016

If you did not have coverage in 2016, you’ll pay the **higher** of these two amounts:

- **2.5% of your yearly household income above the tax filing threshold; or**
- **\$695 per person for the year (\$347.50 per child under 18). The maximum penalty per family using this method is \$2,085.**

52. How do I find out the tax filing threshold?

The tax return filing threshold is the minimum amount of gross income an individual of your age and with your filing status (e.g., single, married filing jointly, head of household) must make to be required to file a tax return. These amounts are updated annually. The table below lists those amounts for 2015. Additional information is available at: www.irs.gov/aca/Calculating-the-Payment

2015 Federal Tax Filing Requirement Thresholds		
Filing Status	Age	Must File a Return If Gross Income Exceeds
Single	Under 65	\$10,300
	65 or older	\$11,850
Head of Household	Under 65	\$13,250
	65 or older	\$14,800
Married Filing Jointly	Under 65 (both spouses)	\$20,600
	65 or older (one spouse)	\$21,850
	65 or older (both spouses)	\$23,100
Married Filing Separately	Any age	\$4,000
Qualifying Widow(er) with Dependent Children	Under 65	\$16,600
	65 or older	\$17,850



53. Is there a limit (cap) to how much penalty I may have to repay?

There are repayment caps that are outlined in the table below, however the cap on what you will have to pay must be answered by the IRS.

Household Income Percentage of Federal Poverty Line (FPL)	Amount of Payment Assistance an Individual May Have to Repay	Amount of Payment Assistance a Family May Have to Repay
Less than 200% of FPL	\$300	\$600
At least 200%, but less than 300% of FPL	\$750	\$1,500
At least 300%, but less than 400% of FPL	\$1,250	\$2,500
More than 400% of FPL	No Limit	No Limit

Personal Exemptions

54. How do I claim an exemption?

You will claim or report coverage exemptions on Form 8965, *Health Coverage Exemptions*, and attach it to Form 1040. These forms can all be filed electronically. For any month that you or your dependents do not have coverage or do not qualify for an exemption, you may have to make a shared responsibility payment. How you get coverage exemption depends on the type of exemption.

You can obtain some exemptions when you file your tax return. Other exemptions require filling out a paper application through www.healthcare.gov.

55. What exemptions are granted by www.healthcare.gov?

You will need to request www.healthcare.gov exemptions by filling out a paper application. These include:

1. being uninsured for less than three months of the year;
2. the lowest cost coverage (the lowest cost bronze plan) available to you would cost more than 8% of your household income;
3. you do not have to file an income tax return because your income is too low;
4. you are a member of a Federally recognized tribe or eligible for services through an Indian Health Services provider;
5. you are a member of a recognized health care sharing ministry;
6. you are a member of a recognized religious sect with religious objections to insurance, including Social Security and Medicare;
7. you are incarcerated;
8. you are not lawfully present in the United States; or
9. you qualify for a hardship exemption.

56. How do I determine if the lowest cost bronze plan available to me would cost more than 8% of my income?

kynect has an Exemption Tool on kynect.ky.gov to help you find the lowest cost Bronze level plan. You will need that information to complete Form 8965 and determine if that plan cost more than 8% of your household income.



57. How do I know where to apply for my exemption?

Some exemptions are granted by the IRS and some by www.healthcare.gov. Please go to www.healthcare.gov/fees-exemptions/apply-for-exemption/ to find out how to apply for each exemption type.

58. If I have a Federal Marketplace exemption, what will I get?

If you are granted a coverage exemption from the Federal Government, they will send you a notice with your unique Exemption Certificate Number (ECN). Keep this notice with other important tax information. You will enter your ECN in Part 1, Marketplace-Granted Coverage Exemptions for Individuals, of Form 8965 in Column C. If the Federal Government has not processed your exemption application before you file your tax return, complete Part I of Form 8965 and enter “pending” in Column C for each person listed. If you claim the exemption on your return, you do not need an ECN from the Federal Government.

59. Will my exemption be for the whole year?

If the Exemption Certificate Number (ECN) is not granted for the whole year, you may still have to pay a fee for some months. If you mailed an exemption application to the Federal Government and are still waiting for a decision when you file your tax return, follow the instructions with your tax return to enter “Pending” in the appropriate places. If you apply for the exemption directly from the Form 8962 Health Coverage Exemption, you won’t need an ECN.

60. I was approved for an exemption from coverage. Do I need a Form 1095-A?

If you received an exemption from coverage for every month in 2015, you do not need a Form 1095-A. To learn more about qualifying for an exemption, please go to www.healthcare.gov/fees-exemptions or www.irs.gov.

61. What if my coverage gap is spread over two different years?

If you have a coverage gap that begins in one year and ends in another year, the short coverage gap exemption applies only to the first year. For example, if you lacked coverage from November 2015 until February 2016, you could apply for the short coverage gap on your 2015 tax return for the months of November 2015 and December 2015. You would not be eligible for the short coverage gap in 2016 because the two months that you did not have coverage in 2015 are counted. For more information, go to healthcare.gov or call 1-800-318-2596 (TTY: 1-855-889-4325).

Short Coverage Gap

62. Do I have to have coverage every month of the year?

No, you are allowed a short coverage gap. However, if you have coverage for one day of the month, it is considered a month of coverage for penalty purposes. This means that, if you do not have coverage for less than 3 months, you can apply for the short coverage gap exemption from the penalty. If you have more than one short coverage gap during the year, the short coverage gap exemption only applies to the first gap. If you do not have coverage for 3 months or more, you do not qualify for the short coverage gap exemption. For more information, go to healthcare.gov or call 1-800-318-2596 (TTY: 1-855-889- 4325).



63. How do I apply for the short coverage gap exemption?

This exemption is claimed as part of filing your federal income tax. You may claim or report coverage exemptions on Form 8965, Health Coverage Exemptions, and file it with your Form 1040, Form 1040A, or Form 1040EZ. You can download Form 8965 by going to irs.gov.

64. What if I lost coverage twice in the year?

If you had more than one coverage gap during the year, the short coverage gap extension only applies to the first gap. For example, you did not have coverage in January and February, then had coverage March through November, but lost coverage in December. The short coverage gap exemption would only apply to January and February. You would not be eligible for an exemption to the penalty for the month of December. For more information, go to healthcare.gov or call 1-800-318-2596 (TTY: 1-855- 889-4325).

IRS Questions

65. How can I get help from the IRS?

You can visit the IRS website at www.irs.gov/aca or call the toll free IRS at 1-800-829-1040. Help is available in both English and Spanish. The IRS has also prepared a number of YouTube videos in English and Spanish to help you understand health care related changes in the tax laws. You might also wish to contact a qualified tax preparer or tax attorney for help.

66. How do I report health care coverage on my income tax return?

kynect cannot answer this question because it is a tax filing question best answered by the IRS or a tax professional. Please call or visit the IRS for help (call toll free 1-800-829-1040; or visit www.irs.gov/aca). Help is available in both English and Spanish. The IRS expects most taxpayers will only need to check a box on the individual income tax return that they file in 2016 to show that they have met the individual shared responsibility provision.

67. What happens if I stopped paying my monthly insurance bill?

If your coverage is cancelled because you did not pay your monthly bills, the IRS may hold you responsible when you file your taxes for any payment assistance you received during the first month you stopped paying. You may also be responsible for not having health coverage as required by law. If you went more than three months in a row without coverage you may have to pay a fee. You may not have to pay the fee if you qualify for an exemption. Form 8965 will help you find out if you owe a fee. The same form will also help you apply for some of the exemptions which you can claim on your taxes if you qualify. To find out more about exemptions and how to apply for one, please go to www.healthcare.gov/fees-exemptions or www.irs.gov

68. If I got payment assistance last year, do I have to file taxes?

Yes, you must file a tax return if you received payment assistance even if you had not filed taxes in the past. If you do not file a tax return, you may not be eligible for payment assistance in the future.

69. I was uninsured for some of the year. Do I owe anything for the months I was uninsured?

Most people were required to have health insurance. If you went more than two months in a row without coverage you may have to pay a fee. You may not have to pay the fee if you qualify for an



exemption. Form 8965 will help you find out if you owe a fee. This form will show you if you qualify for an exemption from paying a fee for the months you did not have coverage. The same form will also help you apply for some of the exemptions which you can claim on your taxes if you qualify. To find out more about exemptions and how to apply for one please go to www.healthcare.gov/fees-exemptions or www.irs.gov

69. What if I made a mistake and reported my income wrong and got too much advanced tax credit? Is there a limit to how much I have to pay back?

In most cases, but not all, the IRS limits how much you have to pay back if you received too much in tax credits. The repayment caps are tied to income levels and whether you are filing as an individual or family.

Household Income Percentage of Federal Poverty Line (FPL) May Have to Repay	Amount of Payment Assistance an Individual May Have to Repay	Amount of Payment Assistance a Family May Have to Repay
Less than 200% of FPL	\$300	\$600
At least 200%, but less than 300% of FPL	\$750	\$1,500
At least 300%, but less than 400% of FPL	\$1,250	\$2,500
More than 400% of FPL	No Limit	No Limit

70. I've always filed using Form 1040EZ. Can I use 1040EZ if I received payment assistance or a premium tax credit?

No, the 1040EZ Form cannot be used with Form 8962. If you received a premium tax credit, it is very likely that you must file Form 1040 or Form 1040A. For more information, please contact the IRS or your tax preparer.

71. I am married and I got an advanced tax credit, but I file separately from my spouse. Can I receive a tax credit? Generally speaking, you must file jointly to obtain a tax credit. There are two exemptions recognized by the IRS. If you are a victim of domestic violence or spousal abandonment, you may be eligible to file separately. To answer the question based on your specific circumstances, you should contact the IRS or your tax preparer.

72. My income is below the filing limit but I did receive an advanced tax credit. Do I have to file?

Yes, you must file a Federal tax return if you received an advanced tax credit, regardless of your income. For more information, please contact the IRS or your tax preparer.

73. I began receiving insurance through my employer mid-year. Do I owe money for the months I was not covered through my employer?

kynect cannot help you with this question. Please call or visit the IRS for help (call toll free 1- 800-829-1040; or visit www.irs.gov/aca). Help is available in both English and Spanish.

74. I can't pay what I owe on my taxes by April 15. What should I do?

kynect cannot help you with this question. Please call or visit the IRS for help (call toll free 1-800-829-1040; or visit www.irs.gov/aca). Help is available in both English and Spanish.

75. I might have gotten some information wrong on my application for coverage. What's the worst that can happen on my taxes?



kynect cannot help you with this question. Please call or visit the IRS for help (call toll free 1-800-829-1040; or visit www.irs.gov/aca). Help is available in both English and Spanish.

- 76. I am not sure what to report on my income tax or whether I have to pay the penalty?** If you are unsure about what to do, please visit the IRS website at www.irs.gov/aca or call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040. Help is available in both English and Spanish. Or, talk to your tax preparer or tax attorney. You can also find free tax advice at 200 locations around Kentucky. Go to www.assistance.ky.gov or call Community Action Kentucky at 1-800-456-3452.

Payment Assistance

- 77. My income changes throughout the year and I don't want to get too much in tax credits. Can I take less tax credits in advance and still get anything more owed to me when I file my 2015 taxes in 2016?**

Yes, you can take all or part of your estimated tax credit during the year and receive any remaining tax credit when you file. You also have the choice of not taking any tax credit during the year and filing for all of it when you do your taxes.

- 78. How could I have received too much payment assistance?**

Payment assistance is based on the *estimated* income you provided kynect when you enrolled. Your income could be different if (1) anything changed in your income, (2) your household size changed, or (3) you moved. These types of changes should be reported to kynect within 30 days. When you report changes, kynect checks to see if your payment assistance has changed.

- 79. Why did I receive too much payment assistance?** If you did not report changes to kynect, you could have received too much in payment assistance. kynect sends out quarterly statements for you to see what income kynect is using to determine your payment assistance. Please check your quarterly statements carefully when you receive them and call kynect if you see something that is not correct.

- 80. What is the Premium Tax Credit (PTC)?**

If you received payment assistance it was an *Advanced* Premium Tax Credit (APTC) based on your *estimated* income. Payments were made to your insurance company in advance of you doing your 2015 tax return. The Premium Tax Credit is the *final* tax credit amount based on your *actual* income for 2015.

- 81. Do I qualify for the Premium Tax Credit (PTC)?**

You will find out when you do your federal tax return. You will use Form 1095-A to fill out Federal Form 8962 which will tell you if you are eligible for the Premium Tax Credit.

- 82. Do I need to report payment assistance on my state (Kentucky) taxes?**

You will be asked to report medical and dental health insurance premiums paid for yourself, your spouse and your dependents on Page 21, Line 14 of Kentucky Individual Income Tax Form 740 and 740-EZ. This deduction applies to premiums paid with after-tax dollars. You may not report premiums paid on your behalf (advanced payments) and you must reduce the amount you paid by the amount of health coverage tax credit.

- 83. Do I report CSR (Cost Sharing Reductions) A, B or C on my Federal or State income taxes?**

No, cost sharing reductions do not need to be reported on your tax returns.



Additional Help

- 84. Is information available in Spanish?** Click on the arrow in the upper right hand corner by the word ENGLISH. A dropdown menu will appear and you can select Español.

You can visit the IRS website at www.irs.gov/aca or call the IRS toll free at 1-800-829-1040. Help is available in both English and Spanish. The IRS has also prepared a number of YouTube videos in English and Spanish to help you understand health care related changes in the tax laws.

- 85. Can I speak to someone who speaks Spanish or another language?**

You can call the kynect 1095-A tax hotline at 1-844-373-2417 free of charge and speak with a customer service representative that speaks Spanish. Translators in other languages are also available.

- 86. What hours can I call kynect?**

kynect's 1095-A hotline is open Monday through Friday from 8am to 7pm, Eastern Time. The number is 1-844-373-2417. The hotline will be available during tax season.

- 87. Can my tax preparer help me estimate my income or tax household for my future enrollment?**

Yes, you should seek out whatever help you need to provide the most accurate tax filing information when you enroll for coverage.

- 88. Can my tax preparer call kynect with questions about the Form 1095-A on my behalf?** No,

kynect cannot accept calls from a tax preparer for you. This is to protect your privacy. If your tax preparer has general questions about kynect, he should visit the section on our website at kynect.ky.gov. Tax preparers are also encouraged to take advantage of the extensive information prepared by the IRS to support tax preparers and their understanding of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Tax preparers should also visit www.irs.gov/for-Tax-Pros.

- 89. Can kynect help me complete my income tax return?**

No, kynect cannot help you complete your tax return. Filing electronically is the easiest way to file a complete and accurate tax return. The software guides individuals and tax preparers through the process and does all the math. Electronic filing options include: free Volunteer Assistance, IRS Free File, commercial software, and professional assistance.

- 90. Where can I find free tax preparation help?**

Kentuckians have access to nearly 200 free tax preparation sites across the state where trained and IRS-certified volunteers will assist you with your taxes. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites are generally located at community and neighborhood centers, libraries, schools, shopping malls, and other convenient locations. Most locations also offer free electronic filing. For more information or to find a site near you, go to www.assistance.ky.gov. You can also call Community Action Kentucky at 1-800-456-3452.

- 91. How do I reach the IRS?**

You can visit the IRS website at www.irs.gov/aca or call the IRS toll free at 1-800-829-1040. Help is available in both English and Spanish. The IRS has also prepared a number of YouTube videos in English and Spanish to help you understand health care related changes in the tax laws. You might also wish to contact a qualified tax preparer or tax attorney for help.



92. Where can I find Federal tax forms?

Your tax preparer or the IRS can provide you with forms. You may also find them anywhere where Federal tax forms are available to the public, such as the library or the post office. kynect does not stock copies of these forms and we cannot mail these forms to you. You can, however, download blank copies of Federal forms from the IRS website at www.irs.gov.

Five Tips for Tax Filers

- 1. Most people just need to check a box:** The vast majority of tax filers have qualifying coverage (including employer coverage, Medicare, Medicaid, or other coverage) and will just need to check a box when they file their taxes to indicate that that everyone in their household had coverage for 2015. This year, many consumers will receive a new form called a Form 1095-B or a Form 1095-C in the mail from their employer, insurance company, or the government program that provides their coverage, like Medicare or Medicaid. Taxpayers don't need to attach this information to their return or wait to receive the form before filling their taxes, but should keep it in a safe place with other tax records. For more information on all these forms, visit the IRS website at: irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act/Questions-and-Answers-about-Health-Care-Information-Forms-for-Individuals
- 2. Consumers must file a tax return to reconcile any payment assistance they received in order to maintain eligibility for future help:** By now, all kynect consumers should have received a statement in the mail from kynect called a Form 1095-A. These statements include important information needed to complete and file a tax return. It's extremely important that those who received payment assistance reconcile these payments when they file their tax return. Individuals who do not do so will generally see their refunds delayed, and are not eligible for advance payment of premium tax credits in future years.
- 3. The fee for not having coverage is increasing.** For those who could afford health insurance and chose not to get coverage, the fee for not having minimum essential coverage in 2015 has increased to 2 percent of household income or \$325 per person. The fee is pro-rated based on how many months a person is uninsured. The fee goes up again for 2016. If someone doesn't have coverage or an exemption in the 2016 calendar year, but could afford coverage, the fee increases to \$695 per person or 2.5% of income, whichever is higher.
- 4. Some people who didn't have health coverage in 2015 will qualify for an exemption:** Some people who couldn't afford coverage or met other conditions can receive an exemption, meaning they would not have to pay a fee if they did not have coverage. Exemptions are granted at the federal level either from the IRS or from the Federal Health Insurance Marketplace. You can find out more information online from the Federal Marketplace or IRS at healthcare.gov/health-coverage-exemptions/exemptions-from-the-fee or irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act/Individuals-and-Families.
- 5. Help is available.** If people have questions about Form 1095-A or 1095-B, they should contact the kynect Tax Hotline at 1-844-373-2417. Consumers with questions about qualifying for exemptions, or the penalty, should contact the IRS or healthcare.gov. Additional resources and information is also available at IRS.gov/aca or www.healthcare.gov.