

Individual Shared Responsibility Provision

The Affordable Care Act requires all individuals, including children, to have qualifying health coverage (called minimum essential coverage), qualify for an exemption, or make a payment.

Minimum essential coverage is:

- ✓ Employer-sponsored affordable coverage, including COBRA and retiree coverage
- ✓ Coverage you purchase directly from an insurance company
- ✓ Coverage you purchase through a Marketplace
- ✓ Government-sponsored health coverage, including Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, TRICARE, and veterans' healthcare coverage
- ✓ Other coverage recognized by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Minimum essential coverage does not include coverage providing limited benefits, such as stand-alone dental or vision care, workers' compensation, or coverage for a specific disease or condition.

If you or any of your dependents don't have minimum essential coverage, you must:



Qualify for a coverage exemption

OR



Make an individual shared responsibility payment with your taxes

You may qualify for an exemption for the following reasons:

- Member of certain recognized religious sects
- Member of a health care sharing ministry
- Member of an Indian tribe
- Individuals with no filing requirement
- Short (<3 months) coverage gap
- Hardship
- Unaffordable coverage
- Incarceration
- Certain non-citizens

You will owe an individual shared responsibility payment for each month you or one of your dependents are not covered and don't have an exemption. You make this payment when you file your federal tax return.

The payment calculation differs from year to year. If you have to make a payment, you can use the worksheets located in the instructions to IRS Form 8965, *Health Coverage Exemptions*, to figure the shared responsibility payment amount due.