

Affordable Care Act Tasks: Shared Responsibility Reporting

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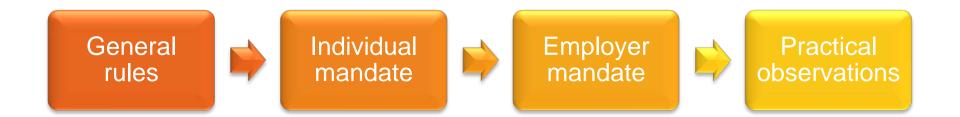
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Today's Material

- Our assumptions for today:
 - Calendar-year plan
 - "Play" decision
 - True MV plan/affordable coverage
 - 12-month initial measurement for new variable/parttime/seasonal employees
 - 12-month ongoing measurement period calculated in the middle of each October

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- Objective:
 - Information for Exchange participants to help with individual mandate and Exchange subsidy determinations
 - *Form* 1095-*A* = *Code* section 6055
 - Key to whether subsidy recipient owes \$ April 15
 - Should be available now
 - Help participants prove 2015 compliance with individual mandate
 - Form 1095-B + transmittal form 1094-B = Code section 6055

- Show employer satisfies employer mandate, avoids 2015
 Shared Responsibility excise tax, and helps participants prove 2015 compliance with individual mandate
 - Form 1095-C + transmittal form 1094-C = Code section 6056
 Additional objective: Exchange subsidy determinations
 - Self-insured employers combine both individual mandate and employer mandate objectives on Form 1095-C—generally!
 - Self-insured employers still use Form 1095-B for individuals receiving coverage but who were not, for the full calendar year, employees
 - » Retirees
 - » COBRA(?)

- Significant additional information on 1094-C
 - Much more than a mere transmittal
 - » Source of detailed information about:
 - » Total employee count
 - » Controlled group
 - » Qualifying offers
 - » Transition relief
 - » Other applicable Large Employer Members
 - » Including demographic data to be able to place in descending order by size
 - » Basically, the broader additional information necessary to determine employer mandate compliance

- Sources:

- Final regulations issued March 2014
- Forms, instructions, Q&As available—but significant questions still remain—software filing guide to come
 - See:
 - » <u>http://www.irs.gov/uac/Questions-and-Answers-on-Information-Reporting-by-Health-Coverage-Providers-Section-6055</u> (updated 12.2014)
 - » <u>http://www.irs.gov/uac/Questions-and-Answers-on-</u> <u>Reporting-of-Offers-of-Health-Insurance-Coverage-by-</u> <u>Employers-Section-6056</u> (updated 12.2014)

- First applies to 2015; first reported 1.31.2016
 - Voluntary for 2014; Forms for 2014
 - Anticipate that Forms won't change for 2015; instructions may be modified/revised
- Applies to insurers, plan sponsors for group health plans
 - Sponsors are the employer (single ER plan); each employer (MEWA); trustees (multiemployer plan)
 - Applies separately to each controlled group member (in order to individually determine Shared Responsibility compliance)

- Requires name, address, TIN of responsible individual AND covered dependents
 - 3 part process to request TIN before can use DOB
 - Highly detailed process and requirements drawn from backup withholding rules
 - May truncate TINs on version sent to responsible individual (but not to IRS)
- Requires coverage by month

- Filed on calendar year basis—even for non-calendar year plans (special rule for months in 2015 before noncalendar year employers are subject to Shared Responsibility
- Must file electronically with IRS if file 250+ of each return
- Can send electronically to responsible individual
 - Significant burdens—not very useful or practical
- Transmittal forms for 1095-B and 1095-C
- Penalties for noncompliance—good faith for 2015
- Borrows some, but not all, Form W-2 processes

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- Conveys receipt of minimum essential coverage
 - Employer sponsored plans
- IRS Publication 5187 Health Care Law: What's New for Individuals and Families
 - All U.S. taxpayers and their dependents unless exempt
 - Form 8965 Health Coverage Exemptions
 - Form 1040, Line 61

- Form 1095-A for Exchange coverage
 - Finalized 12.15.2014
 - Form 8962 Premium Tax Credit reconciliation
- Form 1095-B for insured coverage; certain other selfinsured coverage that is not subject to the employer mandate (retired employees + COBRA in year 2 and beyond, etc.); and multiemployer coverage
- Form 1095-C for self-insured coverage that is subject to the employer mandate
 - Confusing; IRS thinks this is more efficient—but Form
 1095-C is merely a mash-up and in no way streamlined

- In addition to general requirements, reports MEC by month for enrollees
 - No reporting if not covered for any month in year
 - Covered for one day = covered for entire month
- Reasonable effort to obtain covered individual TIN (SSN) before DOB may be used
 - Three attempts
 - Two in Year 1 (enrollment, prior to December 31)
 - Once in Year 2 (by December 31 of following year)

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- MUCH more complicated—and not just due to combined individual mandate and employer mandate data elements for self-insured employers
- Only applies to employers subject to Shared Responsibility rules
 - 2015 partial reprieve if under 100
- Only applies to ACA FT employees
- Completed separately for each controlled group member
 - Special 3rd party rules
 - Only one form per employee

- Special multiemployer plan rules
- Additional data includes:
 - Contact person
 - Offer of coverage by month
 - Lowest-cost premium for self-only coverage
 - ACA FT employee totals by month
 - Waiting periods



- Controlled group data
- Multiemployer data
- Codes reflecting:
 - Scope of offer (employee/dependents/spouse)
 - Reasons coverage not offered
 - Offers to individuals who are not ACA FT employees
 - Affordability

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- Transmittal Form 1094-C requires additional data
- Alternate methods/simplified reporting
 - Generally useless for many employers



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Practical Observations

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- Determine if you, insurer or multiemployer bears the burden of the individual mandate—or if the burden is shared
- Determine which vendor can help (payroll/HRIS/TPA/combination or new vendor) with the employer mandate
- Start saving data or ensuring that it can be accessed later in 2015
 - Don't allow enrollment without TIN!

Practical Observations

- MUST determine who is, and is not, and ACA full-time employee
 - Critical for correctly filling out employer mandate form and avoiding unintended Shared Responsibility consequences and errors
- Must understand both scope of controlled group (Form 1094-C, Part IV) and internal EIN subsets (as each EIN files a SEPARATE Form 1095-C)

- Single EIN may file multiple transmittals by division

• Don't bank on a further delay

Questions?



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