

# The Affordable Care Act Washington's A-Lister

#### **FPHRA** Annual Conference

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### Washington's ACA A-Listers



### This Season's Features



Boomerang – the 1095 Saga Continues...

- Filing Statuses & TIN Validation Failures
- Draft 2016 Form 1095-C & 1094-C Forms



The List – Updated Summary of Benefits & Coverage



You've Got Mail- Section 1411 Certification Letters & Appeals



Boys Don't Cry - Section 1557 Rules for Government Employers

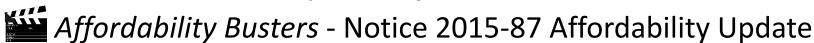


No Limit – PCORI, TRF & Other



### This Season's Episodes

### Notice 2015-87 – Updates from The Newsroom



- Affordability for Wellness Plan
- Opt Out Benefit Update
- HRA Credits



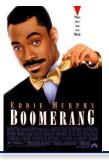
The Evergreen Employee - Hours Counted under Disability Arrangement

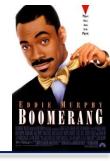


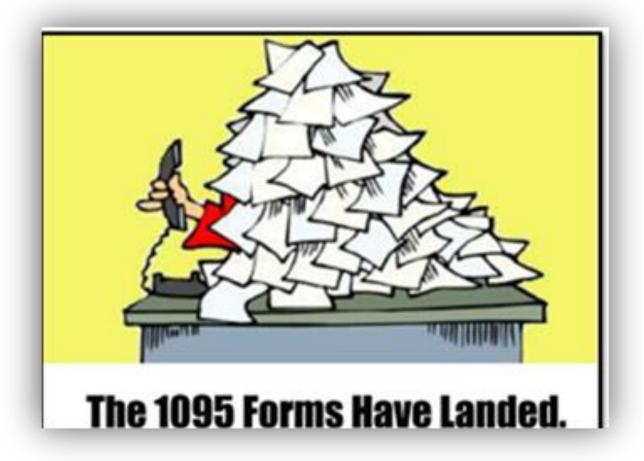
Great Expectations – Excepted Benefits Update





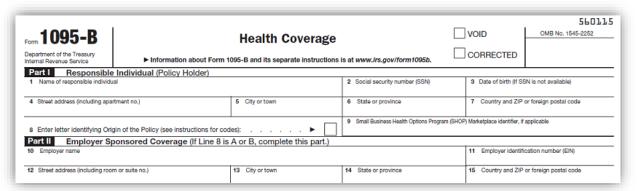






### MEC – Minimum Essential Coverage Reporting Form 1095-B and Transmittal Form 1094-B

- Member and Dependent Coverage by Month
- Self Insured Employers
- Non-ALE Employers/RHS Accounts/Non-employees
- Combined on Form 1095-C if also ALE
- Reporting due following year based on Prior Calendar Year
- Section 6055





### **ALE – Applicable Large Employer Reporting Form 1095-C and Transmittal Form 1094-C**

- Employer Level Reporting
- 50+ employees (FT + FTE) Fully Insured & Self Insured
- Report due for any employee eligible for at least 1 month of year
- Offer of Coverage & Coverage Code/Safe Harbor/Cost
- Reporting due following year based on Prior Calendar Year
- Comprehensive Transmittal including various elections
- Section 6056





#### **Due Dates & Penalties:**

IRS Deadline for 1094/1095	2015 Return (filed in 2016)	2016 Return (filed in 2017)
Distribute 1095-B and 1095-C Forms to employees by:	March 31, 2016	January 31, 2017
Deadline to file 1094/1095-B and 1094/1095-C with IRS by:	If Filing Paper: May 31, 2016  If Filing Electronically: June 30, 2016	If Filing Paper: Feb 28, 2017  If Filing Electronically: March 31, 2017

### **Penalty Exposure Related to Reporting**

IRS Rev Proc 2016-11:

Penalties assessed under: Section 6721 (file with IRS) & 6722 (furnish to recipient)

https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/rp-16-11.pdf

.06 <u>Failure to File Correct Information Returns</u>. For taxable years beginning in 2015, the penalty amounts under § 6721 are:

(1) for persons with average annual gross receipts for the most recent three

taxable years of more than \$5,000,000, for failure to file correct information returns are:

Penalty Per Return	Calendar Year
	Maximum
\$260	\$3,178,500
\$50	\$529,500
\$100	\$1,589,000
	\$260 \$50

(2) for persons with average annual gross receipts for the most recent three

taxable years of \$5,000,000 or less, for failure to file correct information returns are:

Scenario	Penalty Per Return	Calendar Year Maximum
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Corrected on or before 30 days after required		
filing date (§ 6721(d)(1)(B))	\$50	\$185,000
Corrected after 30 <sup>th</sup> day but on or before		
August 1 (§ 6721(d)(1)(C))	\$100	\$529,500

.07 Failure to Furnish Correct Payee Statements. For taxable years beginning in

2015, the penalty amounts under § 6722 are:

(1) for persons with average annual gross receipts for the most recent three taxable years of more than \$5,000,000, for failure to file correct payee statements are:

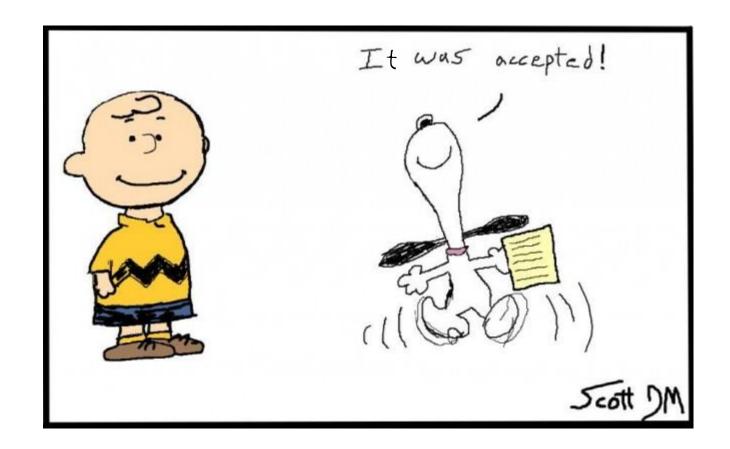
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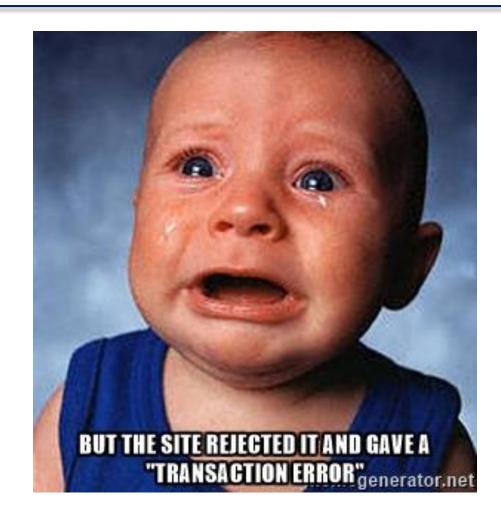
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INTENTIONAL DISREGARD: \$520/RETURN with NO LIMIT







## **Boomerang** -The 1095 Saga Continues Form 1094 & 1095 Filing Statuses

### **Has Your File Been Accepted?**

Three possible status scenarios:

#### 1) Rejected:

- IRS bounced some returns due to internal errors, and rejected batches due to system time out and overload issues.
- Batches of returns rejected because of error with one of filed returns
- Return rejected because Employer Information such as EIN number or legal name do not match system information.
- Return rejected because conflict noted in information on return (example: Line 22 info conflicts with codes used on accompanying Forms 1095-C)



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Three possible status scenarios:

#### 1) Rejected – next steps:

 Rejected submissions "timely" for penalty exposure purposes if errors are fixed and file resubmitted within 60 days from date of original submission.

Question #12: What happens if a filer does not submit a replacement file within the allowable 60 day window?

**IRS Response #12:** When a replacement file is submitted within 60 days from the original transmission date, the file will be treated as filed on the date of original submission. If a replacement file is submitted after the 60 day period, the file will be treated as filed on the date the replacement file is submitted. For ACA Information Returns, if the original transmission date is on or before June 30, 2016, the replacement file should be submitted no later than 60 days after the original transmission date.

This information is found on slide 45 of the following link: <a href="https://www.irs.gov/pub/info">https://www.irs.gov/pub/info</a> return/June 2016 Webinar Presentation.pdf

## **Boomerang - The 1095 Saga Continues**Form 1094 & 1095 Filing Statuses

### **Has Your File Been Accepted?**

- 2) Accepted next steps:
  - Information on the returns matched the IRS database for employer and employees. Congratulations no further follow up necessary!

## **Boomerang** -The 1095 Saga Continues Form 1094 & 1095 Filing Statuses

### **Has Your File Been Accepted?**

- **3) Accepted with Errors** Examples: "Invalid TIN", "TIN Validation Failed", "TIN Validation Error"
  - IRS is using a "robust validation set"- not the same E-verify or Social Security Number Verification Service that are used for verifying NAME/SSN for Form W-2's
  - Greatland Approximately 6% of 1095 Forms are being returned for Invalid TIN type errors 5% on C Forms and 9% on B Forms.
  - Expect greater error rate in Year 1
  - Correct with IRS within reasonable time
  - Employee E-Verify 1 additional attempt/document



# **Boomerang - The 1095 Saga Continues**Form 1094 & 1095 Filing Statuses

### **Has Your File Been Accepted?**

- 3) Accepted with Errors (dependents) 3 Solicitations Rule
  - Outlined in IRS notice 2015-68 TIN Solicitation Process
    - 1. The initial solicitation is made at an individual's first enrollment or, if already enrolled on September 17, 2015, the next open enrollment season.
    - 2. The second solicitation is a reasonable time thereafter.
    - 3. And the third solicitation is made by December 31st of the year following the initial solicitation.
  - File corrected Form 1095-C or 1095-B when TIN is obtained, or the date of birth if the TIN is not provided. (IRS keeps tax records open for 3 years)
  - If unable to correct the return before an IRS penalty notice 972CG is issued; opportunity to establish whether good-faith relief for 2015 or a reasonable cause waiver (reasonable effort to comply not willful neglect) applies for the 2015 penalties.



# Boomerang - The 1095 Saga Continues 2016 DRAFT Form 1095-C Employer Provided Health Insurance Offer and Coverage

### Review of Draft Form 1095-C (Employee Form)

(Released July 7, 2016)
2016 DRAFT Form 1095-C: <a href="https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-dft/f1095c--dft.pdf">https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-dft/f1095c--dft.pdf</a>

2016 DRAFT Form 1094-C: <a href="https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-dft/f1094c--dft.pdf">https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-dft/f1094c--dft.pdf</a>

Section 6056FAQ:

https://www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-

Act/Employers/Questions-and-Answers-on-Reporting-of-

Offers-of-Health-Insurance-Coverage-by-Employers-

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# Boomerang - The 1095 Saga Continues 2016 DRAFT Form 1095-C Employer Provided Health Insurance Offer and Coverage

Review of Draft Form 1095-C (Instructions - Employee Form)

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Form 1095-C (2016)

#### Instructions for Recipient

You are receiving this Form 1095-C because your employer is an Applicable Large Employer subject to the employer sharder responsibility provision in the Affordable Care Act. This Form 1095-C includes information about the health insurance coverage offered to you by your employer. Form 1095-C, Part II, includes information about the coverage, if any, your employer offered to you and your spouse and dependent(s). If you purchased health insurance coverage through the Health insurance Marketplace and wish to claim the premium tax credit, this information will assist you in determining whether you are eligible. For more information about the premium tax credit, see Pub. 974, Premium Tax Credit (PTC). You may receive multiple Forms 1095-C if you had multiple employers during the year that were Applicable Large Employers (for example, you left employment with one Applicable Large Employer and began a new position of employment with another Applicable Large Employer). In that situation, each Form 1095-C would have information only about the health insurance coverage offered to you by the employer identified on the form. If your employer is not an Applicable Large Employer it is not required to furnish you a Form 1095-C providing information about the health coverage it offered.

In addition, if you, or any other individual who is offered health coverage because of their relationship to you (referred to here as family members), enrolled in your employer's health plan and that plan is a type of plan referred to as a "self-insured" plan, Form 1095-C, Part III provides information to assist you in completing your income tax return by showing you or those family members had qualifying health coverage (referred to as "minimum essential coverage") for some or all months during the year.

If your employer provided you or a family member health coverage through an insured health plan or in another manner, the issuer of the insurance or the sponsor of the plan providing the coverage will furnish you information about the coverage separately on Form 1095-B, Health Coverage. Similarly, if you or a family member obtained minimum essential coverage from another source, such as government-sponsored program, an individual market plan, or miscellaneous coverage designated by the Department of Health and Human Services, the provider of that coverage will furnish you information about that coverage on Form 1095-B. If you or a family member enrolled in a qualified health plan through a Health Insurance Marketplace, the Health Insurance Marketplace Statement.



Employers are required to furnish Form 1095-C only to the employee. As the recipient of this Form 1095-C, you should provide a copy to any family members covered under a self-insured employer-sponsored plan listed in Part III if they request it for their records.

#### Part I. Employee

Lines 1-6. Part I, lines 1-6, reports information about you, the employee.

Line 2. This is your social security number (SSN). For your protection, this form may show only the last four digits of your SSN. However, the employer is required to report your complete SSN to the IRS.



If you do not provide your SSN and the SSNs of all covered individuals to the plan administrator, the IRS may not be able to match the Form 1095-C to determine that you and the other covered individuals have complied with the individual shared responsibility provision. For covered individuals other than the employee listed in

Part I, a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) may be provided instead of an SSN. See Part III.

#### Part I. Applicable Large Employer Member (Employer)

Lines 7–13. Part I, lines 7–13, reports information about your employer.

Line 10. This line includes a telephone number for the person whom you may call if you have questions about the information reported on the form or to report errors in the information on the form and ask that they be corrected.

#### Part II. Employer Offer of Coverage, Lines 14-16

Line 14. The codes listed below for line 14 describe the coverage that your employer offered to you and your spouse and dependent(s), if any, (If you received an offer of coverage through a multiemployer pian due to your membership in a union, that offer may not be shown on line 14.) The information on line 14 relates to eligibility for coverage subsidized by the premium tax credit for you, your spouse, and dependent(s). For more information about the premium tax credit, see Pub. 974.

1A. Minimum essential coverage providing minimum value offered to you with an employee required contribution for self-only coverage equal to or less than 9.5% (as adjusted) of the 48 contiguous states single federal poverty line and minimum essential coverage offered to your spouse and dependent(s) (referred to here as a Qualifying Offer). This code may be used to report for specific months for which a Qualifying Offer was made, even if you did not receive a Qualifying Offer for all 12 months of the calendar year. For information on the adjustment of the 9.5%, see IRS.gov.

1B. Minimum essential coverage providing minimum value offered to you and minimum essential coverage NOT offered to your spouse or dependent(s).

1C. Minimum essential coverage providing minimum value offered to you and minimum essential coverage offered to your dependent(s) but NOT your spouse.

1D. Minimum essential coverage providing minimum value offered to you and minimum essential coverage offered to your spouse but NOT your dependent(s).

1E. Minimum essential coverage providing minimum value offered to you and minimum essential coverage offered to your dependent(s) and spouse.

1F. Minimum essential coverage NOT providing minimum or dependent(s), or you, your spouse

1G. You were NOT a full place of any month of the calendar year but were encounsured employed and coverage for one or more months of the calendar year. This code will be entered by Amonths box on line 14.

ner of coverage (you were NOT offered any health coverage or you were offered age that is NOT minimum essential coverage).

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(s).
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Line 16. This code provides the IRS information to administer the employer shared responsibility provisions. Other than a code 2C which reflects your enrollment in your employer's coverage, none of this information affects your eligibility for the premium tax credit. For more information about the employer shared responsibility provisions, see IRS.gov.

#### Part III. Covered Individuals, Lines 17–22

Part III reports the name, SSN (or TIN for covered individuals other than the employee listed in Part I), and coverage information about each individual (including any full-lime employee and non-full-lime employee, and any employee's family members) covered under the employer's health plan, if the plan is "self-insured." A date of birth will be entiered in column (c) only if an SSN (or TIN for coveral individuals other than the employee listed in Part I) is not entered in column (b). Column (d) will be checked if the individual was covered for at least one day in every month of the year. For individuals who were covered for some but not all months, information will be entered in column (e) indicating the months for which these individuals were covered. If there are more than 6 covered individuals, see the additional covered individuals on Part III, Continuation Sheet(s).



# **Boomerang** - The 1095 Saga Continues 2016 DRAFT Form 1094-C Transmittal of Employer-Provided Health Insurance Offer and Coverage Information Returns

### Review of Draft Form 1094-C (Transmittal)

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9 Name of Designated Government	ent Entity (only if applicable)		10 Employer identification number (EIN)	
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12 City or town		13 State or province	14 Country and ZIP or foreign postal code	
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### The List Updated Summary of Benefit & Coverage





- SBC Templates & Samples of completed SBC's proposed (after 4/1/2017): <a href="https://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Resources/Forms-Reports-and-Other-">https://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Resources/Forms-Reports-and-Other-</a>
   <a href="https://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Resources/Forms-Reports-and-Other-">Resources/Downloads/SBC-Template-508-MM.pdf</a>
- Updated Uniform Glossary: <a href="https://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Resources/Forms-Reports-and-">https://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Resources/Forms-Reports-and-</a> Other-Resources/Downloads/UG-Glossary-508-MM.pdf
- Florida CLAS List: <a href="https://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Resources/Fact-Sheets-and-FAQs/Downloads/CLAS-County-Data\_Jan-2016-update-FINAL.pdf">https://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Resources/Fact-Sheets-and-FAQs/Downloads/CLAS-County-Data\_Jan-2016-update-FINAL.pdf</a>

### The List Updated Summary of Benefit & Coverage

### **Updated Summary of Benefit & Coverage**

- On June 16, 2015, the Departments of Labor (DOL), Health and Human Services (HHS), and Treasury published the final regulations relating to SBC's, and on April 6, 2016, the final SBC templates were published.
- New template and Uniform glossary must be used for open enrollments on or after 4/1/17; or if no OE, plan years on or after 4/1/17.
- Employees must be able to access group certificate of coverage and individual policies online. Sample group certificates are acceptable while group plans are being finalized. ER's provide a web address where a copy of the group certificate of coverage can be reviewed and obtained

#### The List

### **Updated Summary of Benefit & Coverage**

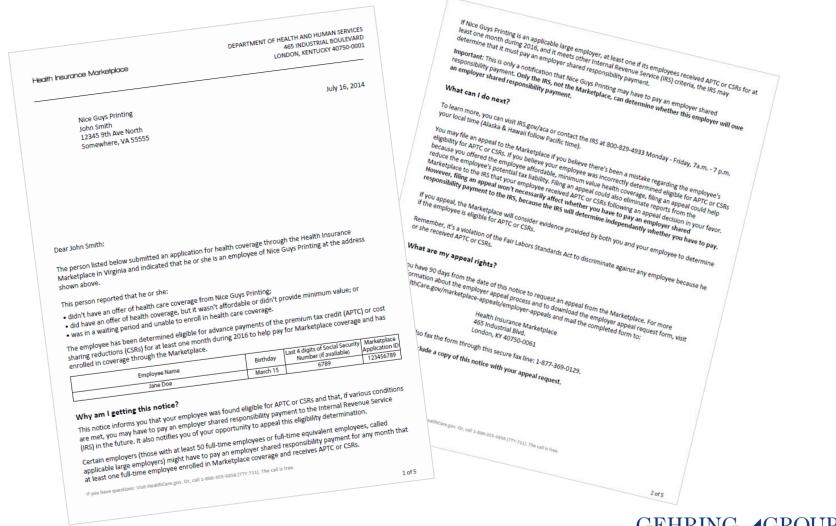
#### **Primary Differences Between the Current SBC and New Template:**

- Addition of a new coverage example simple fracture
- New requirements for info regarding:
  - Services covered before a deductible
  - "Core" limitations & deductibles
    - Categories of services substantially excepted from coverage
    - Situations where cost sharing on a covered service does not count toward out of pocket limits
    - > Numerical or dollar limits on services
    - > Prior authorization requirements
- 5 Page SBC Terms used on electronic SBC can be fully hyperlinked to the Uniform Glossary and vice versa.
- Continuation Coverage language includes reference to coverage through an exchange









### HHS Notice of EE APTC/CSR from Marketplace

Background: Employee attests when applying for premium tax credit that they were not:

- 1) enrolled in employer sponsored coverage and
- 2) eligible for employer coverage that is affordable and MV
- As a standard Department of HHS is sending employer notice that employer's employee received an Advanced Premium Tax Credit (APTC) or Cost Sharing Reduction (CSR)
- Employer has opportunity to APPEAL to FFM.
   <a href="https://www.healthcare.gov/downloads/marketplace-employer-appeal-form.pdf">https://www.healthcare.gov/downloads/marketplace-employer-appeal-form.pdf</a>
- Employer should appeal <u>only if</u> the employee was eligible for minimum value, affordable coverage; or employee is enrolled in employer
  - sponsored coverage

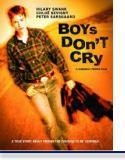
### **Employer Repeal Request Form**



### **HHS Notice of Employee APTC from Marketplace**

- Appeal to HHS within 90 days (if applicable) see appeal form posted on Healthcare.gov (Florida is a federally facilitated exchange state)
  - https://www.healthcare.gov/downloads/marketplace-employer-appeal-form.pdf
- Do not appeal if employee was not eligible to participate in employer sponsored health coverage
- IRS tasked with assessing penalty, if any.
- Notices may be received by Employer throughout year.

https://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Resources/Fact-Sheets-and-FAQs/Downloads/Employer-Notice-FAQ-9-18-15.pdf



# **Boys Don't Cry Section 1557 Compliance**



### Section 1557 Compliance – HHS & CMS Funding

- Final rule issued builds on non discrimination provision of the ACA that
  prohibits discrimination on basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or
  disability in health programs or activities that receive Federal financial
  assistance or are administered by an executive agency or entity
  - Prohibits sex discrimination in health care
  - Cannot deny care or coverage based on sex, pregnancy, gender identity, or sex stereotyping
  - Must treat individuals consistent with gender identity
  - Exclusions or limitation on health services related to gender transition are discriminatory
  - For plans on or after 1/1/17, applicable issuers must update health plan benefit designs to comply



### PCORI, TRF, & Other



### **Affordable Care Act Dollar Limits & Percentages**

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Item	2015	2016	2017
Out of pocket (OOP) Limit for Non-Grandfathered Plans	Individual: \$6,600 Family: \$13,200	Individual: \$6,850 Family: \$13,700	Individual: \$7,150 Family: \$14,300
Flexible Spending Account (FSA) Maximum Salary Reduction	\$2,550	\$2,550	TBD
Employer Shared Responsibility Penalty—4980H(a)	\$2,080	\$2,160	TBD
Employer Shared Responsibility Penalty—4980H(b)	\$3,120	\$3,240	TBD
Affordability of Group Health Plan Coverage: <b>Test applied by Exchange/Marketplace</b> when deter- mining if Offered Coverage is Affordable	Not affordable if cost of employee-only cover- age exceeds <b>9.56</b> % of household income	Not affordable if cost of employee-only cover- age exceeds <b>9.66</b> % of household income	Not affordable if cost of employee-only cov- erage exceeds <b>9.69</b> % of household income
Affordability of Group Health Plan Coverage: Safe Harbors Available to Employers seeking to minimize employer penalty exposure	W-2, Rate of Pay, Federal Poverty Level (FPL) (use 9.56% in calculation)	W-2, Rate of Pay, Federal Poverty Level (FPL) (use 9.66% in calculation)	W-2, Rate of Pay, Federal Poverty Level (FPL) (use 9.69% in calculation)
Value of 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (for single individual residing in one of the 48 contiguous states or DC)	\$11,670	\$11,770	\$11,880
Used by the Exchange/Marketplace when calculating premium assistance tax credit			
Maximum Affordable Monthly Premium under the FPL Safe Harbor *Values effective for Feb—Dec of calendar year	\$93.77*	\$95.63*	\$95.93
Affordability of Group Health Plan Coverage: Test Applied by Federal Government in determining if individual or family is exempt from the <b>Individual</b> <b>Mandate</b>	Not affordable if cost of coverage exceeds 8.05% of household income	Not affordable if cost of coverage exceeds 8.13% of household income	Not affordable if cost of coverage exceeds 8.16% of household income
Individual Mandate Penalty	Greater of \$325 or 2% of income: maximum pen- alty is \$207 per person per month or \$1,035 per month for a family of 5 or more	Greater of \$695 (indexed after 2016) or 2.5% of income (maximum pen- alty not available)	TBD
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#### Affordable Care Act Fees

Fee	2015	2016	2017
Transitional Reinsurance Program Fees	\$44 per person (based on enrollment count for first 9 months o f 2015)	\$27 per person (based on enrollment count for first 9 months of 2016)	No longer applicable
Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) / Comparative Effectiveness Research Fees (CERF)	\$2.08 per person for fiscal year plan years ending before Oct 1, 2015 (and for 2014 cal- endar-year plans) Payment due by: August 1, 2016	\$2.17 per person for fiscal year plan years ending before Oct 1, 2016 (and for 2015 cal- endar-year plans) Payment due by: July 31, 2017	TBD

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#### **Health Industry Fee**

Health insurance tax on fully insured plans has been suspended for one year – 2017

### ESRP "Pay & Play" Penalty

ALE - Substantially all eligible must be offered MEC = 95%

#### **Cadillac Tax**

Consolidated Appropriations Act delays Cadillac Tax to 2020.

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#### Florida Specific

- As of Jan 1, 2016 large group contracts with over 24 months remaining on rate guarantee and or rate cap need to be amended as of policy anniversary date to reflect period of no more than 24 months. Applies to experience rated plans.
  - https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ruleno.asp?id=69O-149.005&Section=0
- Small group rate guarantees continue to be limited to 12 months
- HB221 Balance billing protection for PPO/EPO similar to HMO. Expanded coverage for Downs Syndrome



### The News Room Notice 2015-87 Affordability Update



Affordability Busters - Notice 2015-87 Affordability Update

- Affordability for Wellness Plan
- Opt Out Benefit Update
- HRA Credit

The Case of the Evergreen Employee - Hours Counted under Disability Arrangement



### Affordability Busters Affordability for Wellness Plans

#### Wellness Program Incentives & Affordability

Tobacco program – affordability can be based on lowest premium for non-smokers (as long as medical test not required)

- > Example:
  - premium if no tobacco is \$50
  - Premium if tobacco user is \$150
  - Use \$50 for affordability testing

Non Tobacco incentive program – affordability must be based on premium for non-qualifiers

- > Example:
  - premium if no physical is \$100
  - Premium if complete physical is \$75
  - Use \$100 for affordability testing



### Affordability Busters Opt Out Payment Update

#### **Opt-Out Payments**

An opt-out is a bonus or incentive payment by ER to EE who waives coverage.

- Pending IRS guidance would add this payment to EE premium for indiv coverage for affordability calculation purposes (line 15 Form 1095-C, 4980H(b) penalty) unless a "conditional" opt-out
- In a "Conditional Opt-Out" the EE must provide employer reasonable evidence that EE and all tax dependents have other MEC (other than individual policies)
  - > Attestation
  - Documentation (SBC & Insurance Card)



### Affordability Buster Opt Out Payment Update

#### **Opt-Out Payments**

#### > Example:

Affordability Test	Non Conditional	Conditional
Self Only Premium	\$50	\$50
Opt Out Benefit	\$200	\$200
Premium for Affordability Testing Purposes	\$250	\$50

- Effective date: January 1, 2017 (immediately for opt-out payments established on or after 12/16/15)
- Exception for Unions if mid bargaining cycle (in effect before 12/16/15), don't need to modify until plan year beginning on/after start of next cycle

### Affordability (Non) Buster HRA Credits

#### **HRA Credits**

- Newly available (current plan year) HRA credits that can be used to reduce premium or cost sharing van be used to reduce premium costs for affordability.
- HRA Contributions part of plan or determinable within reasonable time of whether to enroll in ER sponsored coverage (communicated at OE prior to start of plan year)

– Example:

	Premium
Self Only Premium	\$125
Monthly HRA	\$50
Premium for Affordability Testing Purposes	\$75



### The Evergreen Employee Hours of Service

### **Disability Hours of Services Credited**

 Count hours if employee paid premiums pre-tax or employer pays premium for employee (taxable benefit)

Included in Hours of Service	Excluded from Hours of Service
Employer-paid LTD/STD	State-Mandated STD
Employee-purchased LTD/STD — PRE-TAX	Employee-purchased LTD/STD – POST-TAX / unsubsidized
STD in excess of state minimums	State-Mandated Workers Comp



### **Great Expectations Excepted Benefits**



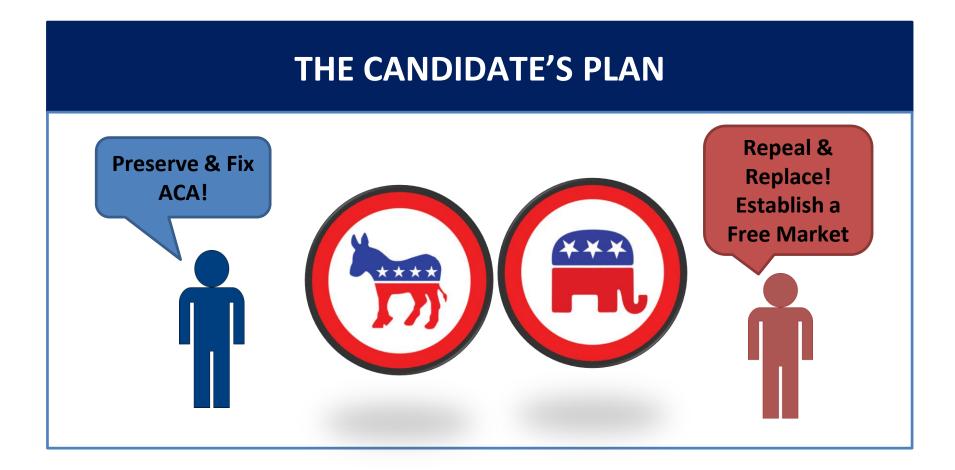
#### **Excepted Benefits Update**

- DOL suspicious of "fixed indemnity plans" concern of misrepresentation as medical insurance
  - > GAP Plans
  - Worksite Plans
- Red flags
  - > Reimbursement based on % rather than per diem
  - Varying reimbursement amounts based on type of service
- Sponsors of fixed indemnity policies must include prominent, 14 point disclaimer at time of enrollment informing participant the policy is not medical coverage









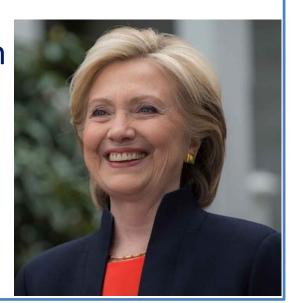
#### HILLARY CLINTON'S POSITION ON HEALTHCARE

- Affordable health care is a basic human right
- Build on ACA to slow out of pocket costs
- Crack down on prescription drug prices –promote R&D investment
- Protect women's access to reproductive health care



#### HILLARY CLINTON'S POSITION ON HEALTHCARE

- Support incentives for Medicaid expansion by States
- Allow immigrants to buy coverage in exchange
- Support States to establish Public Option
- Reward Value & Quality



#### DONALD TRUMP'S POSITION ON HEALTHCARE

- Completely repeal Obamacare & establish free market
- Allow sales across state lines
- Allow individuals fully deduct health insurance premiums
- Allow HSA's & allow to heirs
- Require price transparency



#### DONALD TRUMP'S POSITION ON HEALTHCARE

- Work with states to ensure access to Medicaid – allow states to run Medicaid
- Allow consumers access to imported drugs
- Enforce immigrations laws
- Mental health reform



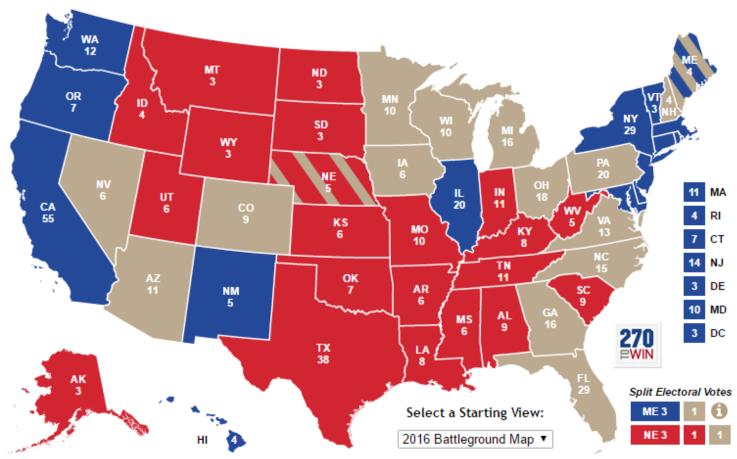
- Other Alternatives & Considerations
  - ➤ Individual Credit \$2500/\$1500
  - > Cap on tax free premiums (85%?)
  - Portable Coverage
  - > Tax Reform
- ER Sponsored Coverage costs \$266 Billion/year in tax forbearance for 2016

- November 8, 2016 Election Day
  - > 43 Senate Seats
  - > All 435 House or Representative Seats
  - > Presidential Election

Term	Total Senators	Democrat Senators	Republican Senators	Total House of Representatives	Democrat Representatives	Republican Representatives	President
2015- 2017	100	44	54	435	188	246	Democrat
2013- 2015	100	54	45	435	201	234	Democrat
2011- 2013	100	51	47	435	193	242	Democrat
2009- 2011	100	57	41	435	256	178	Democrat

### **2016 Battleground Map**





States that could be competitive



