

Application for Exemption from the Shared Responsibility Payment for Individuals who are Unable to afford Coverage and are in Certain States with a State Based Marketplace



Use this application to apply for an exemption from the shared responsibility payment

- Starting in 2014, every person needs to have health insurance or make a payment on their federal income tax return called the "shared responsibility payment."
- Some people are exempt from making this payment. This application includes one category of exemption, and you'll see other categories when you file your federal income tax return.
- You don't need to ask for an exemption if you're not going to file a federal
 income tax return because your income is below the filing threshold. If
 you aren't sure, you may want to ask for an exemption.



Who can use this application?

- Use this application if your state has its own Marketplace. Visit <u>HealthCare.gov</u>, or call 1-800-318-2596 to see if your state has its own Marketplace. TTY users should call 1-855-889-4325.
- Use this application if you're unable to afford coverage. If you get this exemption, you may be able to buy catastrophic coverage.
- Use this application to ask for an exemption for months in the future. If
 you want this exemption for a whole calendar year, you need to request
 it before the year starts. You can also claim an exemption on your federal
 income tax return if you're unable to afford coverage.
- You can use one application to ask for this exemption for more than one person in your tax household.



What you need to apply

- Social Security numbers (SSNs), if you have them.
- Employer and income information for everyone in your family (for example, from pay stubs, W-2 forms, or wage and tax statements).
- Information about any job-related health insurance available to your family.
- Proof of your yearly income for 2014. See page 6 for examples of documents you can send.



Why do we ask for this information?

We ask for Social Security numbers and other information to make sure your exemption is counted when you file your federal income tax return. **We'll keep all the information you give private and secure, as required by law.** To view the Privacy Act Statement, go to HealthCare.gov or see instructions.



What happens next?

Send your complete, signed application to the address on page 5. We'll follow-up with you within 1–2 weeks and let you know if we need additional information. If you get this exemption, we'll give you an Exemption Certificate Number that you'll put on your federal income tax return. If you don't hear from us, visit HealthCare.gov, or call the Health Insurance Marketplace Help Center at 1-800-318-2596. TTY users should call 1-855-889-4325.



Get help with this application

- Online: <u>HealthCare.gov</u>.
- Phone: Call the Health Insurance Marketplace Call Center at 1-800-318-2596.
- In person: There may be counselors in your area who can help.
 Visit <u>HealthCare.gov</u> or call 1-800-318-2596 for more information.
- En Español: Llame a nuestro centro de ayuda gratis al 1-800-318-2596.

STEP 1 Tell us about yourself.

(We need one adult in the tax household to be the contact person for your application.)

Are you in California, Colorado, the District of Colur New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, or Wash		ıcky, Maryland, Ma	ssachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada,			
☐ YES. Fill out this application.						
Are you in Connecticut?						
☐ YES. Visit AccessHealthCT.com, or call 1-855-80)5-HEALTH (1-888-8	305-4325) to find oเ	ut how to apply for this exemption.			
Are you in another state?						
☐ YES . Use the "Application for Exemption from to Coverage and are in a State with a Federally Facil		, ,	r Individuals who are Unable to Afford			
1. First name Middle name	Last r	name	Suffix			
2. Home address (Leave blank if you don't have one.)			3. Apartment or suite number			
4. City	5. State 6. ZIP	code 7	. County			
8. Mailing address (if different from home address)			9. Apartment or suite number			
10. City	11. State 12. ZII	P code 1	3. County			
14. Phone number (15. Ot	ther phone number				
16. Do you want to get information about this application	by email? Yes [No				
Email address:						
17. What is your preferred spoken or written language (if not English)?						

STEP 2 Tell us about your family.

Who do you need to include on this application?

Tell us about everyone on your federal income tax return, even if they don't need this exemption. (If you get this exemption, you'll need to file taxes to use it.) If you get this exemption, we'll give you an Exemption Certificate Number with your approval letter. Keep this for your records. You'll need to put this number on your federal income tax return at the time you file taxes.

Complete Step 2 for each person in your family.

Start with yourself, then add other adults and children (whether or not they're requesting an exemption). If you have more than 2 people in your family, you'll need to make copies of page 2 and attach them. You don't need to provide immigration status or a Social Security number (SSN) for family members who don't need an exemption. We'll keep all the information you provide private and secure as required by law. We'll use personal information only to check if you're eligible for an exemption.

STEP 2: PERSON 1

Complete Step 2 for yourself and anyone on your same federal income tax return if you file one. See page 1 for more information about who to include. If you won't file a tax return because you'll have income below the filing threshold, you don't need to request this exemption.

1. First name	Middle name		Last name	Suffix
2. Relationship to you	3. Date of birth	(mm/dd/yyyy)		4. Sex
				☐ Male ☐ Female
5. Social Security number (SSN)] -		
this exemption. If you're not reapplication process. We use SS	equesting an exemption Ns to check income and ied correctly on your tax	n for yourself, pother information	providing your SSN can be lon to see who is eligible for a	aren't required to have an SSN to get helpful because it can speed up the in exemption, and to help make sure that ialsecurity.gov, or call 1-800-772-1213.
6. Tell us about the federal inc	ome tax return that yo	ou plan to file.		
a. Will you file jointly with a s	pouse? 🗌 Yes 🔲 No			
If yes, name of spouse:				
b. Will you claim any depende	nts on your tax return?	☐ Yes ☐ No		
If yes, list name(s) of depe	ndents:			
c. Will you be claimed as a de	pendent on someone's	tax return? 🗌 Ye	s 🗌 No	
If yes, please list the name	of the tax filer:			
How are you related to the	tax filer?			
7. Do you need this exemption?	YES. NO. If no	, leave the rest o	f the page blank.	
8. If Hispanic/Latino, ethnicity Mexican Mexican America			Cuban 🗌 Other	
9. Race (OPTIONAL—check all	that apply.)			
☐ White ☐ An	nerican Indian or	Filipino	☐ Vietnamese	☐ Guamanian or Chamorro
Black of / lifteart	aska Native	Japanese	Other Asian	Samoan
	ian Indian inese	☐ Korean	Native Hawaiian	☐ Other Pacific Islander☐ Other
Security (except Supplemental Se	ecurity Income and old a d fishing income, net rei	ge, survivor's or on tal and royalty in	disability payments that aren	ployment benefits, pensions, Social i't taxable), retirement accounts, at you would include on your taxes. You
Your total income this year		Y	our total income next year	(if you think it will be different)
\$		\$		
11. If your employer withholds so	ome of your wages and	uses them to pay	ofor health insurance, list th	e amount that is withheld each year.
12. Are you offered health cover	age from a job? Check "y	ves" even if the co	overage is from someone els	se's job, such as a parent or spouse.
YES. If yes, you'll need to cor			-	· ·

THANKS! This is all we need to know about you.

STEP 2: PERSON 2

If you have more than two people to include, make a copy of Step 2: Person 2 and complete.

Complete Step 2 for yourself and anyone on your same federal income tax return if you file one. See page 1 for more information about who to include. If you won't file a tax return because you'll have income below the filing threshold, you don't need to request this exemption.

1. First name	Middle name	Last name	Suffix
2. Relationship to you	3. Date of birth (mm/c	dd/yyyy)	4. Sex Male Female
SSN to get this exemption. If you can be helpful because it can spe	i're not requesting an exer eed up the application pro e sure that if you get an exe	mption for PERSON 2, providing cess. We use SSNs to check incomption, it's applied correctly on	vide it. PERSON 2 isn't required to have an g PERSON 2's Social Security number (SSN) me and other information to see who is eligible your taxes. If PERSON 2 needs need help 5-0778.
	endents on his or her tax retulents: a dependent on someone's f the tax filer:	urn? 🗌 Yes 🗌 No	
7. Does PERSON 2 need this exemp 8. If Hispanic/Latino, ethnicity (O Mexican Mexican American	PTIONAL—check all that a	apply.)	
Black or African Alask	rican Indian or	ilipino	n Samoan
Security (except Supplemental Secu	urity Income and old age, sui scome, net rental and royalty	rvivor's or disability payments that r income, and anything else that	unemployment benefits, pensions, Social at aren't taxable), retirement accounts, alimony PERSON 2 would include on your taxes.
each year.	erage from a job? Check "ye	ges and uses them to pay for hears	ne next year (if you think it will be different) alth insurance, list the amount that is withheld bomeone else's job, such as a parent or spouse.

THANKS! This is all we need to know about PERSON 2.

STEP 3 Lowest Cost Marketplace Plan

For anyone who is applying for this exemption who isn't offered health coverage through a job, including a spouse or parent's job, your ability to get this exemption is based on the cost of the lowest-cost bronze plan that is available through your state's Marketplace, after applying any tax credits you can get.

This information is only available through your state's Marketplace.

So, if anyone answered "No" to question 12 above—meaning that they aren't offered health coverage through a job—we need you to submit an application for health insurance to your state's Marketplace, complete the process, and send us 2 things:

- 1. A copy of the eligibility notice from your state's Marketplace that shows your maximum premium tax credit.
- 2. A copy of the screen from your Marketplace's plan comparison tool that shows the premium of the lowest-cost bronze plan available to everyone who is requesting this exemption. If there isn't a single bronze plan that covers everyone in your tax household who is requesting an exemption, send us the screens showing the lowest-cost bronze plans that add together to have the lowest cost for everyone.

If you need help locating this information, you can call your state's Marketplace. The phone numbers are listed below:

State	Phone number
California	1-800-300-1506
Colorado	1-855-PLANS-4-YOU (1-855-752-6749)
District of Columbia	1-855-532-5465
Hawaii	1-877-628-5076
Kentucky	1-855-4kynect (1-855-459-6238)
Maryland	1-855-642-8572
Massachusetts	1-877-623-6765
Minnesota	1-855-366-7873
Nevada	1-855-768-5465
New York	1-855-355-5777
Oregon	1-855-268-3767
Rhode Island	1-855-840-HSRI (1-855-840-4774)
Vermont	1-855-899-9600
Washington	1-855-WAFINDER (1-855-923-4633)

STEP 4 Read & sign this application.

- I'm signing this application under penalty of perjury, which means I've given true answers to all the questions on this form to the best of my knowledge. I know that I may be subject to penalties under federal law if I give false and or untrue information.
- I know that under federal law, discrimination isn't permitted on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability. I can file a complaint of discrimination by visiting www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file.

We need this information to check your eligibility for an exemption if you choose to apply. We'll check your answers using information in our electronic databases and databases from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and/or a consumer reporting agency. If the information doesn't match, we may ask you to send us proof.

What should I do if I think the results of my application are wrong?

If you don't agree with the results of your exemption application, you can ask for an appeal. Below is important information to consider when requesting an appeal:

- The Health Insurance Marketplace must receive your appeal request within 90 days of the date of the notice of the application results.
- You can have someone request or participate in your appeal if you want to. That person can be a friend, relative, lawyer, or other individual. Or, you can request and participate in your appeal on your own.
- The outcome of an appeal could change the eligibility of other members of your household.

To appeal the results of your exemption application, call **1-800-318-2596**. TTY users should call **1-855-889-4325**. You can also mail an appeal request form or your own letter requesting an appeal to **Health Insurance Marketplace – Exemption Processing**, 465 Industrial Blvd., London, KY 40741.

Sign this application. The person who filled out Step 1 should sign this application. If you're an authorized representative you may sign here, as long as you have provided the required information listed in Appendix B.

Signature	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)									
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STEP 5 Mail completed application and documents.

Mail your signed application and documents showing your yearly income (see examples on page 6) to:

Health Insurance Marketplace - Exemption Processing 465 Industrial Blvd. London, KY 40741

PRA Disclosure Statement

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0938-XXXX. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 16 minutes per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. If you have comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to: CMS, 7500 Security Boulevard, Attn: PRA Reports Clearance Officer, Mail Stop C4-26-05, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

STEP 6 Proof of Yearly Income

In order to approve you for this exemption, we need proof of your yearly income for 2014. Examples of documents you can send include:

- · Wages and tax statement (W-2)
- · Pay stub
- · Letter from employer
- · Self-employment ledger
- · Cost of living adjustment letter and other benefit verification notices
- · Lease agreement
- · Copy of a check paid to the household member
- · Bank or investment fund statement
- · Document or letter from Social Security Administration (SSA)
- Form SSA 1099 Social Security benefits statement
- · Letter from government agency for unemployment benefits

These documents don't necessarily need to be dated for 2014. For example, you can provide recent pay stubs if you don't expect your income to change in 2014. If you expect your income to go up or down in 2014, you can provide other documents, like a document that states when contract work will end. If any of your income comes from freelance work, you can fill out a self-employment ledger that includes your expected income.

APPENDIX A: EXEMPTIONS

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Health Coverage from Jobs

You **DON'T** need to answer these questions unless someone in the household is eligible for health coverage from a job. Attach a copy of this page for each job that offers coverage.

Tell us about the job that offers coverage.

Take the Employer Coverage Tool on the next page to the employer who offers coverage to help you answer these questions. You only need to include this page when you send in your application, not the Employer Coverage Tool.

Employee information	
1. Employee name (First, Middle, Last)	2. Employee Social Security number
Employer information	
3. Employer name	4. Employer Identification Number (EIN)
	-
5. Employer address	6. Employer phone number
	(
7. City	8. State 9. ZIP code
10. Who can we contact about employee health coverage at this job?	
11. Phone number (if different from above) 12. Email address	
13. Are you currently eligible for coverage offered by this employer, or will you become	me eligible in the next 3 months?
Yes (Continue) 13a. If you're in a waiting or probationary period, when can you enroll in cove	rage? (mm/dd/yyyy)
List the names of anyone else who is eligible for coverage from this job.	
Name: Name:	Name:
☐ No (Stop here and go to Step 5 in the application)	
Tell us about the health plan offered by this employer.	
14. Does the employer offer a health plan that meets the minimum value standard*? \Box	Yes No
15a. For the lowest-cost plan that meets the minimum value standard* offered only to t If the employer has wellness programs, provide the premium that the employee wo	
programs, including smoking cessation programs.	
a. How much would the employee have to pay in premiums for this plan? \$	
b. How often? Weekly Every 2 weeks Twice a month Once a month	
15b. For the lowest-cost plan that meets the minimum value standard* offered to the emperement (only include family plans for family members that do not already have an provide the premium that the employee would pay if they don't get a discount for well	exemption): If the employer has wellness programs,
a. How much would the employee have to pay in premiums for this plan? \$	
b. How often? \square Weekly \square Every 2 weeks \square Twice a month \square Once a month	n 🗌 Quarterly 🗎 Yearly
16. What change will the employer make for the new plan year (if known)? ☐ Employer won't offer health coverage ☐ Employer will start offering health coverage to employees or change the premium employee that meets the minimum value standard.* (Premium shouldn't reflect an	for the lowest-cost plan available only to the lowest for wellness programs. See question 15.)
a. How much will the employee have to pay in premiums for that plan? \$ b. How often? Weekly Every 2 weeks Twice a month Once a month	
c. Date of change (mm/dd/yyyy):	

^{*}An employer-sponsored health plan meets the "minimum value standard" if the plan's share of the total allowed benefit costs covered by the plan is no less than 60 percent of such costs (Section 36B(c)(2)(C)(ii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).





EMPLOYER COVERAGE TOOL: EXEMPTIONS

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Use this tool to help answer questions in your Marketplace application, Appendix A. That part of the application asks about any employer health coverage that you're eligible for (even if it's from another person's job, like a parent or a spouse). The information in the numbered boxes below match the boxes in Appendix A. For example, you can use the answer to question 14 on this page to answer question 14 on Appendix A. Write your name and Social Security number in boxes 1 and 2 and ask the employer to fill out the rest of the form. Complete one tool for each employer that offers health coverage that you're eligible for.

EMPLOYEE information The employee needs to fill out this section.	
1. Employee name (First, Middle, Last)	2. Employee Social Security Number
EMPLOYER information Ask the employer for this information.	'
3. Employer name	4. Employer Identification Number (EIN)
5. Employer address (the Marketplace will send notices to this address)	6. Employer phone number
7. City	8. State 9. ZIP code
10. Who can we contact about employee health coverage at this job?	
11. Phone number (if different from above) 12. Email address	
13. Is the employee currently eligible for coverage offered by this employer, or will to Yes (Go to question 13a.) 13a. If the employee is not eligible today, including as a result of a waiting or probacoverage? (mm/dd/yyyy) (Go to next question No (STOP and return this form to employee) Tell us about the health plan offered by this employer. Does the employer offer a health plan that covers an employee's spouse or dependent?	ationary period, when is the employee eligible for
☐ Yes. Which people? ☐ Spouse ☐ Dependent(s) ☐ No 14. Does the employer offer a health plan that meets the minimum value standard*?	(Go to question 14)
Yes (Go to question 15) No (STOP and return this form to employee)	
15a. For the lowest-cost plan that meets the minimum value standard* offered only to t If the employer has wellness programs, provide the premium that the employee wo programs, including smoking cessation programs.	the employee (don't include family plans): ould pay if they don't get a discount for wellness
a. How much would the employee have to pay in premiums for this plan? \$	
b. How often? Weekly Every 2 weeks Twice a month Once a mont	h Quarterly Yearly
15b. For the lowest-cost plan that meets the minimum value standard* offered to the emexemption (only include family plans for family members that do not already have an provide the premium that the employee would pay if they don't get a discount for we	n exemption): If the employer has wellness programs,
a. How much would the employee have to pay in premiums for this plan? \$	
b. How often? Weekly Every 2 weeks Twice a month Once a mont If the plan year will end soon and you know that the health plans offered will change, go	
this form to employee.	to question to. If you don't know, STOP and return
16. What change will the employer make for the new plan year? Employer won't offer health coverage	
Employer won't oner nearth coverage Employer will start offering health coverage to employees or change the premium value standard* and is available to the employee only. (Premium shouldn't reflect	
a. How much will the employee have to pay in premiums for that plan? \$	
b. How often?	th Quarterly Yearly
c. Date of change (mm/dd/yyyy):	

^{*}An employer-sponsored health plan meets the "minimum value standard" if the plan's share of the total allowed benefit costs covered by the plan is no less than 60 percent of such costs (Section 36B(c)(2)(C)(ii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).



APPENDIX B

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Assistance with completing this application

You can choose an authorized representative.

You can give a trusted person permission to talk about this application with us, see your information, and act for you on matters related to this application, including getting information about your application and signing your application on your behalf. This person is called an "authorized representative." If you ever need to change your authorized representative, contact the Marketplace. If you're a legally appointed representative for someone on this application, submit proof with the application.

1. Name of authorized representative (First name, Middle name, Last name)	ne)	
2. Address		3. Apartment or suite number
4. City	5. State	6. ZIP code
7. Phone number (
9. ID number (if applicable)		
By signing, you allow this person to sign your application, get offi future matters related to this application.	cial information about	this application, and act for you on all
10. Your signature		11. Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
For certified application counselors, navigators, agents, are Complete this section if you're a certified application counselor, no somebody else.		er filling out this application for
1. Application start date (mm/dd/yyyy)		
2. First name, Middle name, Last name, & Suffix		
3. Organization name		
4. ID number (if applicable)	5. Agents/Brokers only: NP	N number