

Employer Reporting Under the ACA: 2015 Final Forms & Instructions



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Today's Agenda:

- Reporting Overview:
 - Types of Annual Reporting
 - Who Reports
 - Deadlines

1094-C/1095-C: Line-by-Line Form Review

Key Changes to Final Forms & Instructions



Reporting Overview

	Section 6055	Section 6056
Applies to:	Providers of minimum essential coverage (MEC): Self-insured plan sponsors; insurers	Applicable Large Employers (ALEs)
Requires reporting parties to:	 File information with the IRS Provide statements to covered individuals 	 File information with the IRS Provide statements to full-time employees
Purpose is to assist:	 IRS administer the individual mandate Individuals show compliance with the individual mandate 	IRS administer the employer shared responsibility rules and determine eligibility for subsidies

Self-funded ALEs must report under both sections, but will use a combined reporting method to report on a single form



A.L.E. Determination

- Each Month throughout 2014:
 - Identify full-time employees
 - Aggregate hours of service by anyone not full-time
 - Divide aggregate hours of service by 120
 - Add the number of full-time employees to the number of equivalent employees to determine the average number of full-time equivalent employees (FTEs) you employed that month
- Determine 2014 Annual FTE average by adding up all monthly calculations and dividing by 12→ If annual average is 50+ FTEs, you are an ALE.

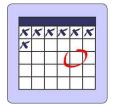


Annual Reporting Requirements by FTE Count

2014: Yearly FTE Count	2015: Yearly FTE Count
FTEs= 100+ annual average—comply with Employer Mandate in 2015, report in early 2016 on 2015 coverage	FTEs= 100+ annual average—comply with Employer Mandate in 2016, report in early 2017 on 2016 coverage
FTEs= 55 annual average— <u>transition</u> <u>relief</u> from Employer Mandate penalties, BUT must report in early 2016 on 2015 coverage	FTEs= 55 annual average—comply with Employer Mandate in 2016, report in early 2017 on 2016 coverage
FTEs= 45 annual average—not "large," so no need to comply with Employer Mandate in 2015 or report on 2015 coverage in early 2016	FTEs= 45 annual average—not "large," so no need to comply with Employer Mandate in 2016 or report on 2016 coverage in early 2017







IRS Returns

- Annual Deadline: Feb. 28
 (March 31, if filed electronically)
- For 2015: Feb. 29, 2016 (March 31, if filed electronically)

Individual Statements

- Annual Deadline: Jan. 31
- For 2015: Feb. 1, 2016
- May be furnished electronically if consent requirements are met

→ Employers filing over 250 forms are required to file with the IRS electronically.



Reporting Forms

ALEs sponsoring selfinsured plans

Form 1095-C: Part I, Part II & Part III

Form 1094-C

ALEs sponsoring insured plans

Form 1095-C: Part I & Part II only

Form 1094-C

Non-ALEs sponsoring self-insured plans

Form 1094-B

Form 1095-B

Small employers who sponsor fully insured plans have no reporting obligations under either Section 6055 or Section 6056



Reporting Methods

1094-C: IRS transmittal form (cover sheet); Contains aggregate employer level data; Filed with *IRS only*

1095-C: Individual information sheet (one to full-time employee/covered individual, one sent to IRS)

- ALEs report information about all full-time employees (Parts I & II)
- Self-insured ALEs report information about all full-time employees
 AND covered individuals (Parts I, II & III)
- Monthly reporting on a full calendar year basis regardless of plan year
- Full reporting for every individual who was covered or a fulltime employee for any month of the calendar year





Reporting Penalties

- ACA reporting under both sections 6055 & 6056 are subject to the Internal Revenue Code's reporting penalty provisions:
 - §6721: Failure to file correct information returns
 - §6722: Failure to furnish correct **individual statements**
- The Trade Preferences Extension Act (June 2015): Increased reporting penalties beginning for returns filed in 2016

Penalty Type	Per Vi	iolation	Annual Maximum					
	Old New		Old	New				
General	\$100	\$250	\$1.5 million	\$3 million				
Intentional Disregard	\$250+	\$500+		<u>None</u>				



A Closer Look at Form1094-C

Transmittal/Employer Cover Sheet:

- Provides a summary to the IRS of aggregate employer level data
- Discloses any Transitional Relief the employer is claiming

Required Information:

- Company Information (address, EIN, contact info.)
- Information about whether an offer of coverage was made to 70% of full-time employee & their dependents (95% for 2016 and beyond)
- Total # of Form 1095-Cs issued to employees
- Full-time employee count by month & total employee count by month
- Controlled Group Information



Form 1094-C

Transmittal of Employer-Provided Health Insurance Offer and Coverage Information Returns

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

▶ Information about Form 1094-C and its separate instructions is at www.irs.gov/form1094c

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Part Applicable Large Employer Member (ALE Member)		
1 Name of ALE Member (Employer)		2 Employer identification number (EIN)	-
3 Street address (including room or suite no.)			
4 City or town	5 State or province	6 Country and ZIP or foreign postal code	
7 Name of person to contact	<u> </u>	8 Contact telephone number	
9 Name of Designated Government Entity (only if applicable)		10 Employer identification number (EIN)	
11 Street address (including room or suite no.)			For Official Use Only
12 City or town	13 State or province	14 Country and ZIP or foreign postal code	n
15 Name of person to contact		16 Contact telephone number	шшшшшшш
18 Total number of Forms 1095-C submitted with this 19 Is this the authoritative transmittal for this ALE Men Part II ALE Member Information		e. If "No," see instructions	
20 Total number of Forms 1095-C filed by and/or on b	ehalf of ALE Member		
21 Is ALE Member a member of an Aggregated ALE G If "No," do not complete Part IV.	roup?		Yes No
22 Certifications of Eligibility (select all that apply):			
A. Qualifying Offer Method B. Qual	ifying Offer Method Transition Relief	C. Section 4980H Transition R	elief D. 98% Offer Method
Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this r	eturn and accompanying documents, and to the	e best of my knowledge and belief, they are	true, correct, and complete.
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Signature	Title		Date

Part	III ALE Membe	r Information – N					
		Offer In	sential Coverage ndicator	(b) Full-Time Employee Count for ALE Member	(c) Total Employee Count for ALE Member	(d) Aggregated Group Indicator	(e) Section 4980H Transition Relief Indicator
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Part IV Other ALE Members of Aggregated ALE Group

Enter the names and EINs of Other ALE Members of the Aggregated ALE Group (who were members at any time during the calendar year).

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A Closer Look at Form 1095-C

Individual Employee Statement:

- Provided to each full-time employee + copies are also filed with the IRS using the 1094-C
- Reports "offer of coverage" information and any safe harbors or other relief the employer relied on

Required Information:

- Identifying employee information, including name & address
- Information about the health coverage offered to the employee by month
- Employee contribution for lowest-cost self-only minimum value coverage
- Months the employee was enrolled in offered coverage
- Months the employer met an affordability safe harbor with respect to an employee & whether other relief applies
- For self-insured plans: Information about all covered individuals (e.g. dependents, non-employee enrollees) by month.



Department of the Treasury

Employer-Provided Health Insurance Offer and Coverage

Information about Form 1095-C and its separate instructions is at www.irs.gov/form1095c

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Internal Revenue Service Part | Employee Applicable Large Employer Member (Employer) 1 Name of employee 2 Social security number (SSN) 7 Name of employer 8 Employer identification number (EIN) 3 Street address (including apartment no.) 9 Street address (including room or suite no.) 10 Contact telephone number 4 City or town 5 State or province 6 Country and ZIP or foreign postal code 11 City or town 12 State or province 13 Country and ZIP or foreign postal code **Employee Offer and Coverage** Plan Start Month (Enter 2-digit number): All 12 Months Feb Jan Mar Apr May June July Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec 14 Offer of Coverage (enter required code) 15 Employee Share of Lowest Cost Monthly Premium, for Self-Only Minimum Value Coverage 16 Applicable Section 4980H Safe Harbor (enter code. if applicable) Covered Individuals Part III If Employer provided self-insured coverage, check the box and enter the information for each covered individual. (e) Months of Coverage (c) DOB (If SSN is (d) Covered (a) Name of covered individual(s) (b) SSN not available) all 12 months Jan Feb Mar Apr May July Sept Oct Nov Dec June Aug 17 21 22

Form 1095-C: Line 14

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Line 14 "Code Series 1"; for Each Month

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	All 12 Months	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
14 Offer of Coverage (enter required code)													

- 1A Qualifying Offer
- 1B MEC providing MV offered to employee only
- 1C MEC providing MV offered to employee and at least MEC offered to dependent(s) (not spouse)
- 1D MEC providing MV offered to employee and at least MEC offered to spouse (not dependent(s)
- 1E MEC providing MV offered to employee and at least MEC offered to dependent(s) and spouse*
- 1F MEC NOT providing MV offered (skinny plan)
- 1G Offer of coverage to employee who was not FT for any month of the calendar year and who enrolled in self-insured coverage
- 1H No offer of coverage
- 1I Qualified Offer Transition Relief 2015



Form 1095-C: Line 15

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Line 15: The Cost of Coverage

15 Employee Share of Lowest Cost Monthly Premium, for Self-Only Minimum Value							
for Self-Only Minimum Value Coverage	\$ s	\$ \$	\$ s	\$ \$	\$ \$	\$ \$	s

 Indicator codes1B, 1C, 1D, and1E indicate that at least the employee was offered a plan that provided MEC & minimum value—we are only worried about the costs of these plans

 Cost entered is the employee's required monthly self-only premium contribution for the lowest cost plan that provides minimum value (regardless of what individual actually elects/does not elect)





Form 1095-C: Line 16

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Line 16 "Code Series 2"; Employer Safe Harbors

16 Applicable Section 4980H Safe Harbor (enter code, if applicable)								
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- 2A Employee not employed during the month
- 2B Employee not a full-time employee
- 2C Employee enrolled in coverage offered*
- 2D Employee in Limited Non-Assessment Period
- 2E Multiemployer interim rule relief
- 2F Form W-2 Safe Harbor applies
- 2G FPL Safe Harbor applies
- 2H Rate of Pay Safe Harbor applies
- 2I Non-calendar year transition relief





Code 2D: Limited Non-Assessment Period

- An employee in a Limited Non-Assessment Period (LNAP) is not considered a full-time employee
- Not subject to penalties during the period; Employee must be offered affordable MV coverage by first day after end of period
 - LNAP= Waiting Period for New FT employees: 90 days max
 - LNAP= "Look Back Safe Harbor" Initial MP + Admin period for new variable hour/seasonal/PT employees
- Employers need not file a Form 1095-C for an individual who for each month of the calendar year is either not an employee of the employer or is in an LNAP





- For 2015, an employer will enter code 1H on line 14 for any month for which the employer enters code 2E on line 16 (indicating the employer is relying on the multiemployer arrangement interim guidance)
- An employer may enter code 2E on line 16 if:
 - 1. the employer was required by a **collective bargaining agreement** to contribute to a multiemployer plan on behalf of the employee for that month;
 - 2. The multiemployer plan offers health coverage to individuals (& their dependents) who satisfy the plan's eligibility conditions; and
 - 3. The coverage offered under the multiemployer plan is affordable and provides minimum value
- For 2015, Code 2E may be entered without regard to whether the employee was eligible to enroll or actually enrolled in coverage under the multiemployer plan

In future years employers may be required to report offers of coverage made through a multiemployer plan in a different manner



Reporting COBRA Coverage

- Terminated Employees: An offer of COBRA continuation coverage that
 is made to a former employee upon termination of employment should
 not be reported as an offer of coverage on line 14. For a terminated
 employee, code 1H (No offer of coverage) should be entered for any
 month for which the offer of COBRA continuation coverage applies.
- Active Employees: An offer of COBRA continuation coverage that is made to an active employee (e.g. an offer of COBRA that is made due to a reduction in the employee's hours that resulted in the employee no longer being eligible for coverage under a plan) is reported in the same manner and using the same code as an offer of that type of coverage to any other active employee.





Reporting HRA Coverage

- In certain circumstances an HRA is considered employer-sponsored self-insured health coverage which needs to be reported in Part III of the 1095-C
- An ALE Member with a self-insured major medical plan and a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) is required to report the coverage of an individual enrolled in both types of minimum essential coverage in Part III under only one of the arrangements.
- An ALE Member with an insured major medical plan and an HRA is not required to report in Part III HRA coverage of an individual if the individual is eligible for the HRA because the individual enrolled in the insured major medical plan.
- An ALE Member with an HRA must report coverage under the HRA in Part III for any individual who is *not enrolled in a major medical plan* of the ALE Member (e.g. if the individual is enrolled in a group health plan of another employer such as spousal coverage).



1095-C Sample 1

QRS Company offers self-insured group health coverage with a non-calendar plan year beginning in March of each year. Prior to the ACA, QRS only offered health coverage to office staff and executives. In order to comply with the Employer Mandate, QRS began offering coverage to full-time field workers beginning in March of 2015. With this change, Bob became eligible for coverage at QRS's but he declined the offer during 2015 OE as he is covered under his spouse's plan. Bob would have paid \$90 per month for self-only coverage in QRS's lowest cost MV plan, which had buy-up options for dependent/family coverage. In August, Bob terminated employment with QRS.

Part Employee Offer and Coverage								Plan Start Month (Enter 2-digit number): 03						
	All 12 Months	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
14 Offer of Coverage (enter required code)		1H	1H	1E	1E	1E	1E	1E	1E	1H	1H	1H	1H	
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for Self-Only Minimum Value Coverage	\$	\$	\$	\$ 90	\$ 90	\$ 90	\$ 90	\$ 90	\$ 90	\$	\$	\$	\$	
16 Applicable Section 4980H Safe Harbor (enter code.														
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1095-C Sample 2

XYZ Company has a fully insured group health plan. The monthly employee premium contribution for single only coverage in their lowest cost MV plan is \$150 per month. Jan has been an employee of XYZ Company for 5 years. For XYZ's 2015 calendar plan year Jan elected employee + spouse coverage within the XYZ's highest cost plan, carrying a monthly employee premium contribution of \$300. In July 2015, Jan moved to a PT position within XYS in which she was no longer eligible for health coverage benefits. Jan was offered COBRA continuation coverage which would have cost her \$1000 per month but she declined.

Part II Employee Offer and Coverage						l	Plan Start Month (Enter 2-digit number):						
	All 12 Months	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
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15 Employee Share of Lowest Cost Monthly Premium, for Self-Only Minimum Value Coverage	\$	\$ 150	\$ 150	s 150	\$ 150	s 150	\$ 150	s 150	s 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
16 Applicable Section 4980H Safe Harbor (enter code, if applicable)		2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2B	2B	2B	2B	2B



Penalty Relief for 2015 Reporting

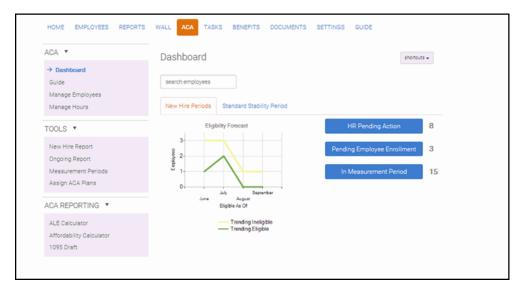
- Employers that can show they made good faith efforts to comply with the information reporting requirements under section 6055/6056 will not be liable for accuracy related penalties
- Specifically, relief is provided for returns and statements filed and furnished in 2016 to report coverage in 2015 for incorrect or incomplete information reported on the return or statement
- No relief is provided to reporting entities that cannot show a good faith effort to comply with the information reporting requirements or that fail to timely file an information return or furnish a statement







- I. Review filing forms and instructions issued by the IRS to identify data elements required for the new reporting and specific rules/relief which may apply
- Verify that recordkeeping systems will be able to capture the necessary data elements; Reporting may require the use of several recordkeeping systems, such as payroll and HRIS, and may require data aggregation across systems
- Determine which procedures you will use for filing returns with the IRS and furnishing statements to employees (e.g. prepare & deliver internally or use a vendor)



Housed within Marshall & Sterling's iNavigator HR Portal there is an integrated ACA tracking & reporting tool.

The iNavigator ACA Dashboard generates, prints and mails 1095-C forms for all your full-time employees and will electronically file with the IRS using the 1094-C form.

Deadline for 2015 Reporting: November 15th



Questions?



