

## Things to Consider When Filing Your Tax Return

### HEALTHCARE COVERAGE

Last year, the health care law known as the Affordable Care Act (ACA) brought changes to the federal income tax return that individuals filed; it marked the first time that taxpayers were required to report health care coverage, and provided premium tax credit for eligible individuals who purchased coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace.

[www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act](http://www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act) The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) website offers information specific to how the ACA affects your 2015 tax return, along with other pertinent tax-related resources and tools.

[www.healthcare.gov/taxes](http://www.healthcare.gov/taxes) The ACA website offers information specific to filing your tax return.

- [Health Care Law & Your Tax Return](#) Use this chart to see how the ACA will affect your tax return.
- [Health Care Law & Your Taxes Infographic](#) This handy infographic uses images and simple language to explain what the ACA means for your federal tax return.

### INCOME BASED RESOURCES

Individuals that earned \$58,000 or less in 2015 may be eligible to receive access to free tax preparation software or free tax preparation by IRS certified tax preparers. Some individuals may also be eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) or Child Care Tax Credits.

- [Contact your local United Way](#) for more information on income based tax preparation assistance or to schedule an appointment. You can also search tax preparation sites near you by viewing this list: [Iowa Tax Preparation Sites 2016](#).
- [Free Tax Return Preparation](#) The IRS' Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free tax help to people who generally make \$53,000 or less, persons with disabilities, the elderly and limited English speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals.
- [IRS Free File: Do Your Federal Taxes for Free](#) Free File does the hard work for you, through brand name software or online fillable forms.

### DISABILITY-RELATED DEDUCTIONS

Individuals with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities may qualify for tax deductions, income exclusions, and credits.

- [Living and Working with Disabilities](#) This IRS publication, presents helpful information about existing tax credits and benefits that may be available to qualifying taxpayers with disabilities, and parents of children with disabilities.