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 - On-going full time employees
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Future of the ACA

- The ACA under President Trump
 - What might stay?
 - What might go?

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Overview of Reporting Requirements

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Why Are There Reporting Requirements?

- Employer play or pay penalties
- Individual mandate
- Federal subsidies

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Reporting Requirements

- Reporting coverage under the plan (§ 6055)
 - Applies to all medical plans (regardless of size)
 - For insured plans: insurers will report (1095-B)
 - For multiemployer plans: plan will report (1095-B)
 - For employers with self-insured plans: employer will report (1095-C, part III)
- Reporting on full-time employees (§ 6056)
 - Applies to all "Applicable Large Employers"
 - Reports key information used for calculating penalties and determining affordability

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"Applicable Large Employer"

- Are you an "ALE" subject to the 6056 reporting requirement?
 - An employer that employed an average of at least 50 FTEs on business days during the preceding year
 - Includes all "common law" employees

Employers who average 50 or more FTEs per month in 2016 subject to reporting requirement for 2017

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Identifying Full-Time Employees

- "Full-time"
 - Average at least:
 - > 30 hours of service per week; or
 - > 130 hours of service per month
- Includes:
 - + Hours while working; and
 - Other hours for which the employee is paid or entitled to pay

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Identifying Full-Time Employees

- Use same method as for employer responsibility compliance:
 - Monthly (after the fact); or
 - Use of look-back measurement periods
 - Standard measurement periods for on-going employees (typically 12-months)
 - > Initial measurement periods for newly-hired part-time, seasonal, and variable hour employees

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Penalties for failure to offer coverage

- The "A" Penalty--Failure to offer coverage to at least 95% of full-time workforce:
 - \$2,260 x (number of full-time employees 30)
- The "B" Penalty—Offer coverage, but some full-time employees qualify for subsidized coverage through exchange
 - \$3,390 x number of full-time employees who qualify for subsidized coverage

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IRS penalty enforcement

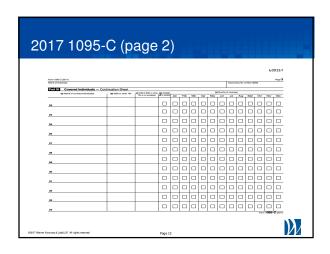
- IRS confirms no waiver of penalties in information letters issued earlier this year
- Anticipate enforcement letters for 2015 employer mandate compliance soon
 - IRS has not yet issued guidance on compliance enforcement process

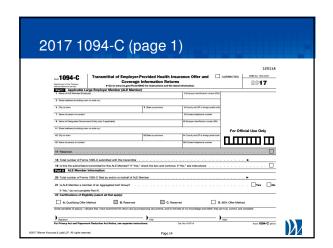
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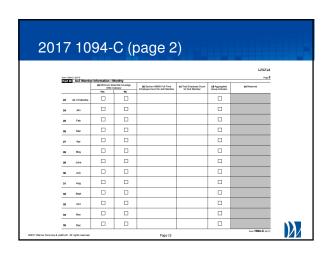


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When to Report?

- Reporting to Individuals (1095-B and 1095-C)
 - By January 31st following end of calendar year
 - > No extension from this date
- Transmittal Forms to IRS (1094-B or 1094-C)
 - By February 28th of year following calendar year (if paper)
 - Deadline extended until March 31st if filed electronically
 - Deadline for 2018 is April 2nd because March 31, 2018 falls on the weekend
 - > Must be filed electronically if required to file at least 250 forms
 - > Automatic 30-day extension available
- Annual Filing Obligation

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Penalties for Noncompliance

- Failure to file with IRS or furnish statements to individuals
 - \$270 for each statement, annual cap of \$3,282,500
 - Intentional disregard of filing requirements: fine doubles and no annual cap
- No "good faith effort" relief for 2017 reporting

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Reporting for On-Going Full-Time Employees

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On-Going Full-Time Employees

- · Reporting Issues:
 - Month-to-month method:
 - > Employee counts as full-time any month that he or she works 130 or more hours
 - Look-back measurement method:
 - > Employee counts as full-time during stability period that follows standard measurement period

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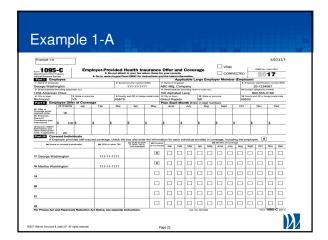
Example 1-A

- Full-time employee who worked all year and was covered all year
 - Offer of coverage meets minimum value
 - Offer of coverage to spouse and dependents
 - Monthly cost of individual coverage: \$100
 - Employee elects to cover spouse
 - Plan year: January 1 December 31

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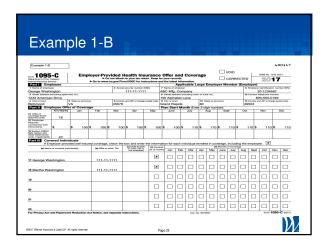


Example 1-B

- Full-time employee who worked all year and was covered all year
 - Offer of coverage meets minimum value
 - Offer of coverage to spouse and dependents
 - Monthly cost of individual coverage: \$100
 - Employee elects to cover spouse
 - Plan year: July 1 June 30
 - > Increase in employee contribution on July 1

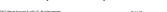
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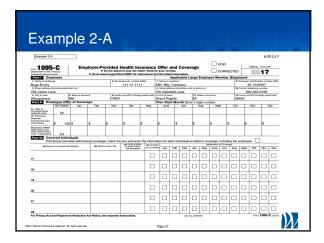


Example 2-A

- Full-time employee who worked all year, was offered but declined coverage
 - Offer of coverage meets minimum value
 - Offer of coverage to spouse and dependents
 - Employee works 40 hours per week
 - Monthly cost of individual coverage: \$100
 - > Deductions taken twice a month: \$50 per check
 - · Affordability safe harbor: rate of pay method
 - > Employee makes \$10 per hour
 - > \$10 x 130 hrs = \$1,300; \$1,300 x .0969 = \$125.97
 - Plan year: January 1 December 31









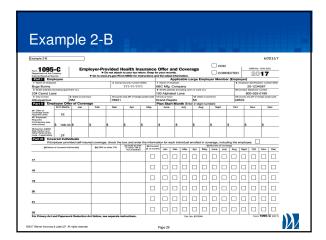
Example 2-B

- Full-time employee who worked all year, was offered but declined coverage
 - Offer of coverage meets minimum value
 - Offer of coverage to spouse and dependents
 - Employee works 40 hours per week
 - Cost of individual coverage: \$50 per pay period
 - > 26 pay periods during calendar year
 - > \$1,300 annual cost
 - Affordability safe harbor: W-2 method
 - > \$19,500 taxable income for year
 - > \$19,500 x .0969 = \$1,889.55
 - Plan year: January 1 December 31



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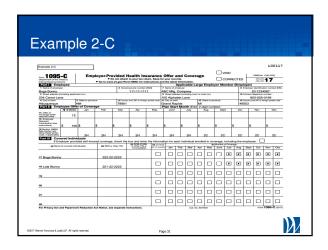


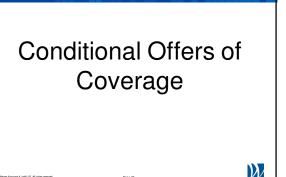
Example 2-C

- Full-time employee who declined coverage but experiences mid-year status change
 - Offer of coverage meets minimum value
 - Offer of coverage to spouse and dependents
 - Employee works 40 hours per week.
 - Monthly cost of individual coverage: \$100
 - > Deductions taken twice a month: \$50 per check
 - Gets married on 7/15/17
 - Plan year: January 1 December 31

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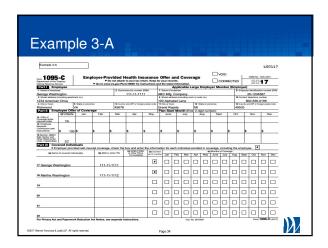


Example 3-A

- Full-time employee who worked all year and was covered all year
 - Offer of coverage meets minimum value
 - Offer of coverage to dependents and to spouse so long as spouse not eligible for other group health plan by another employer
 - Monthly cost of individual coverage: \$100
 - Employee elects to cover dependent and spouse
 - Plan year: January 1 December 31



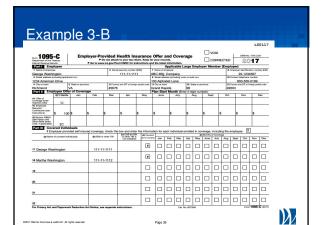




Example 3-B

- Full-time employee who worked all year and was covered all year
 - Offer of coverage meets minimum value
 - Offer of coverage to spouse so long as spouse not eligible for other group health plan by another employer, but no offer of coverage to dependents
 - Monthly cost of individual coverage: \$100
 - Employee elects to cover spouse
 - Plan year: January 1 December 31

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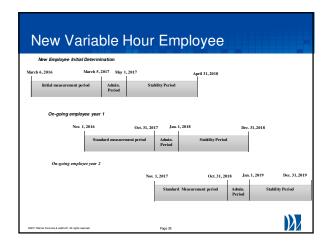




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Reporting for Newly-Hired Employees

Newly Hired Employees Issues: Month-to-month method: Employee counts as full-time any month that he or she works 130 or more hours Look-back-measurement method: If expected to work full-time: Until completes a standard measurement period, count as full-time during months he or she works 130 or more hours If part-time, variable hour, or seasonal: initial measurement period of up to 12 months





Limited Non-Assessment Periods

- · Applies to certain waiting periods.
 - First calendar month of hire (if not hired on first day of month)
 - First three full calendar months of employment
 - For part-time, variable hour and seasonal employees, during initial measurement period and administrative period but only if "otherwise eligible for coverage"

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Example 4-A

- Newly Hired Employee
 - Hired to work a <u>full-time</u> schedule.
 - Date of hire: April 15, 2017
 - Eligible for minimum value coverage for employee, spouse and dependents on July 1, 2017
 - \$100/month for single coverage
 - Employee enrolls in single coverage

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Example 4-B

- · Newly Hired Employee
 - Hired to work a variable/part-time schedule
 - > Employer uses look-back measurement method
 - Uses initial measurement period starting on first day of month following or coinciding with date of hire
 - Date of hire: March 15, 2017
 - Eligible for minimum value coverage for employee, spouse and dependents on May 1, 2018 if averages at least 30 hours of service per week

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Example 4-B

- No need to issue a 1095-C to this employee.
 - Is not classified as a FT employee during any month in 2017
 - Is not enrolled in coverage during any month in 2017

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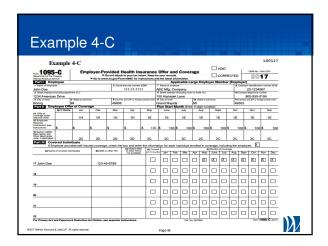
Example 4-C

- Newly Hired Employee
 - Hired to work a variable/part-time schedule
 - > Employer uses look-back measurement method
 - > Uses initial measurement period starting on first day of month following or coinciding with date of hire
 - Date of hire: March 15, 2016
 - Eligible for minimum value coverage for employee, spouse and dependents on May 1, 2017 if averages at least 30 hours of service per week
 - Employee averages over 30 hours of service per week and enrolls in single coverage
 - \$100/month for single coverage

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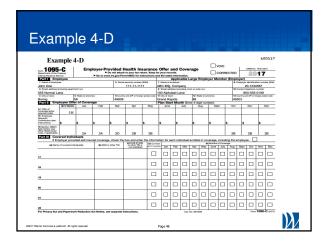


Example 4-D

- · Newly Hired Employee
 - · Hired to work a part-time schedule
 - > Employer uses look-back measurement method
 - > Uses initial measurement period starting on first day of month following or coinciding with date of hire
 - Date of hire: March 15, 2017
 - > Works 25 hrs per week March, April, May
 - > Works 35 hrs per week June, July, August, Sept
 - > Works 20 hrs per week October, November, December
 - Employee classified as not eligible for coverage

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Reporting for Other Situations

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Example 6

- Collectively-bargained employee covered under union plan
 - Employee hired on 2/15/17, expected to work full-time.
 - CBA requires employer to contribute \$X per hour worked to a multi-employer plan
 - > Plan provides affordable, minimum value coverage to eligible employees and their children
 - > Eligibility based on number of hours for which contributions were made in 2017
 - Multiemployer plan does not report to employer the specific months for which employee is eligible

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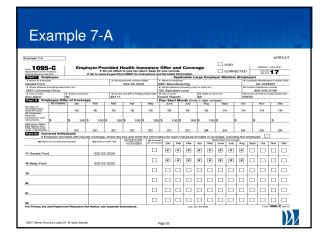
Example 7-A

- Full-time employee terminates mid-year
 - Employer uses look-back measurement method to determine full-time status
 - Date of termination: 8/15/17
 - Monthly cost of coverage: \$100
 - Eligible for minimum value coverage for employee, spouse and dependents through date of termination
 - > Would have continued to be eligible if had not terminated employment
 - \$100/month for single coverage
 - Employee had enrolled self and spouse in coverage

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Example 7-B

- Full-time on-going employee transfers to part-time position mid-year
 - Employer uses look-back measurement method to determine full-time status, but not for eligibility purposes
 - · Part-time employees ineligible for coverage
 - Date of part-time transfer: 8/15/17
 - Monthly cost of single coverage: \$100
 - > Monthly COBRA premium for single coverage: \$600
 - Eligible for minimum value coverage for employee, spouse and dependents through date of transfer
 - Employee had enrolled self and spouse in coverage
 - Employee does not elect COBRA





