





Employer's Forum ACA Update – 5-12-15

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Agenda

- 2015 Public Marketplace Open Enrollment Results – Year 2
- King vs. Burwell
- Employer ACA Updates
 - Recapping the ACA so far...
 - Employer Reporting Requirements

2015 Public Marketplace OE Results – Year 2



Marketplace Map – State vs. Federal Marketplaces



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Marketplace Enrollment Periods

2015

•Open Enrollment period was from November 15th, 2014 through February 15th, 2015

•Special Enrollment Period (SEP): Available after February 15th for those who experience a qualifying life event: Getting married, having a baby, losing other health coverage, etc.

2016 – Date Change

•Open Enrollment period is from November 1st, 2015 through January 31st, 2016



2015 National Enrollment Numbers

• Nearly 11.7 million Americans selected or were automatically reenrolled into a 2015 health insurance plan through the Health Insurance Marketplace

•Up from over 8.0 million enrolled last year (46.25% increase)

37 States using Healthcare.gov platform:

- 8.84 million people selected or were automatically reenrolled
 - 4.6 million (52%) were new customers, 2.2 million were active reenrollees, and 2.0 million were automatic reenrollees
 - •Average Monthly Premium before advance premium tax credit: \$364
 - 87% (7.7 million) have selected a plan with financial assistance with an average value of \$263/person/month or about \$3,156.00/person/year.

•The average advance premium tax credit covers about 72% of the gross individual premium with an average <u>net</u> premium of about \$101 per month or an average annual cost of \$1,212.

•69% selected a Silver Marketplace plan (Silver health plans pays approx. 70% of the total cost)

• 1.36 million were determined or assessed eligible for Medicaid/CHIP by the Marketplace

2015 Indiana Enrollment Numbers

• 219,185 Hoosiers selected or were automatically reenrolled into a 2015 health insurance plan through the Health Insurance Marketplace

•Up from 132,423 enrolled last year (65.51% increase)

• Indiana is in the Top 15 in the nation for enrollment at #15

• 109,592 (50%) were new customers, 55,906 were active reenrollees, and 54,663 were automatic reenrollees

•Average Monthly Premium before advance premium tax credit: \$438 (vs. \$364 Nationally)

• 87% (190,690) have selected a plan with financial assistance with an average value of \$319/person/month or about \$3,828.00/person/year.

•The average advance premium tax credit covers about 73% of the gross individual premium with an average <u>net</u> premium of about \$120 per month or an average annual cost of \$1,440.

•No data available on what type of metallic plan was selected

• 66,539 were determined or assessed eligible for Medicaid/CHIP by the Marketplace

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King vs. Burwell



Issue and How Did We Get Here?

• What is the issue?

• If an individual purchases insurance through a federal-run exchange (in the event that the state opts out of settling up its own exchange), can he/she still qualify for a premium tax credit?

• The Obama administration says **yes**; the King plaintiffs say **no**.

• How did we get here?

• The language in the ACA says that individuals can get tax credits <u>if</u> the enroll "through an Exchange established by the State."

- 34 States currently operate on the federally run marketplace
- The Obama administration, meanwhile, argues that the law, as a whole, makes clear subsidies should be available for those enrolling in any exchange, whether established by the state or federal government

What's at Stake?

A ruling in the favor of the plaintiffs:

• Could lead to the loss of subsidies for those who receive them in 34 states with federal exchanges (if the states don't take action to set up their own exchanges)

• An estimated 7.5 million* would be impacted

• Without subsidies, many would not be able afford insurance and would thus not be subject to the Individual Mandate

• Employers in those states would not have employees receiving Federal subsidies and would thus not be subject to the Employer Mandate

• Health insurance policies could become actuarially skewed and subject to unstable underwriting because:

- The population that would actually be getting coverage would be dramatically smaller and
- Those most likely to drop coverage would be disproportionately young and healthy

*Number was estimated by the Kaiser Family Foundation and verified by HHS in March, 2015

Potential Fixes and Timeline

Potential Fixes:

- Congress could fix the statute
- Congress could extend the deadline for Federal funding for development of state exchanges
- States could establish exchanges without Federal funding
- States could establish legal exchange but rely on Federal government to run it

Timeline:

- Supreme Court agreed to take on the case in November, 2014
- Hearings were in March, 2015
- Supreme Court Decision is expected in June, 2015

Employer ACA Updates



Recapping ACA so far...



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Affordable Care Act (ACA) Timeline

The timeline below highlights key dates of enactment for major ACA requirements affecting large employers.

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
 ACA passed Plans determine grandfathered status Early retiree reinsurance program begins (to 2013) Phase out of donut hole begins (to 2020) Taxes on tanning services 	 Dependent coverage to age 26 No lifetime dollar limits Restrictions on annual dollar limits No pre-existing condition exclusions for children No reimbursement of over-the- counter (OTC) drugs without prescription Preventive care covered at 100% in- network No referrals for OB/GYN, pediatrician, emergency room Expanded appeals process Insurer medical loss ratio limits/rebates Brand drug discounts in donut hole Taxes on pharmacy manufacturers 	 W-2 reporting of plan value Summary of Benefits and Coverage (for 2013 Open Enrollment) Women's preventive care covered at 100% PCORI fee applies (to 2019) – payable in 2013 	 Health Care FSA maximum is limited Exchange notice Medicare tax increase for high incomes 2.3% excise tax on medical devices 	 Individual mandate Exchanges (Marketplace)/ Low income subsidies No pre-existing condition exclusions for anyone No annual dollar limits Waiting periods cannot exceed 90 days Coverage for approved clinical trials Limits on in-network out-of-pocket maximums apply Wellness incentives (allowed up to 30% (50% for tobacco) Health Insurance tax Transitional Reinsurance fee (to 2016) Individual/ Small Group: Essential health benefits / metal tiers Guaranteed issue and renewability, high rusk pool Community rating, limits on age rating 	 Employer mandate (100+ FTEs) Medical and prescription copays apply to out-of-pocket (OOP) maximum Slight variations if for non-calendar grandfathered play 	
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Recap – The Employer Mandate

- Effective January 1, 2015, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) imposes a penalty on large employers that do not offer minimum essential coverage to "substantially all" full-time employees and dependents.
- Large employers that *do* offer coverage may still be liable for a penalty if the coverage is unaffordable or does not provide minimum value.
- The ACA's employer penalty is referred to as the Employer Shared Responsibility Mandate or "Pay or Play".

Recap – The Employer Mandate

- In Indiana a large employer is one with at least 50 fulltime equivalent employees
- A full-time employee is defined as working at least 30 hours of service per week
- The IRS has published a safe-harbor test for employers to determine if coverage is "affordable"
- Although this test is based on employee earnings only, the marketplace will use "household" income to determine if a subsidy is available
- The employer coverage must provide at least a 60% actuarial benefit value

Penalties

 A Penalty - If coverage is not made available to at least 70% in 2015 & 95% in 2016 of all full-time employees, the penalty is \$2,000 per employee (less the first 30) per year*

 B Penalty - If the coverage is unaffordable and/or does not provide minimum essential value, the penalty is \$3,000 for each employee who enters the marketplace and qualifies for a subsidy. The penalty is determined when the employee enters the marketplace and "qualifies" for a subsidy.

If employer coverage is offered and such coverage is affordable and provides minimum value, no subsidy will be available through the marketplace.

*2015 is a transition year – Penalties do not apply to ALEs with under 100 employees in 2015. For ALEs with 100 or more employees coverage must be offered to at least 70% of FTE less the first 80.

Full-Time Status Determination



Example: Variable Hour Employee



*Employers may use a shortened look-back period of 6 months for 2015

Special Rules for New Hires

For newly hired variable-hour employees, the initial measurement period combined with the administrative cannot extend beyond "the last day of the first calendar month beginning on or after the one-year anniversary of the employee's start date"

> (B) Limit on combined length of initial measurement period and administrative period. In addition to the specific limits on the initial measurement period (which must not exceed 12 months) and the administrative period (which must not exceed 90 days), there is a limit on the combined length of the initial measurement period and the administrative period applicable to a new variable hour employee or new seasonal employee. Specifically, the initial measurement period and administrative period together cannot extend beyond the last day of the first calendar month beginning on or after the first anniversary of the employee's start date. For example, if an applicable large employer member uses a 12-month initial measurement period on the first day of the first calendar month following the employee's start date, the period between the end of the initial measurement period and the offer of coverage to a new variable hour employee who works full time during the initial measurement period must not exceed one month.

> > Paylocity, "ACA Reporting Requirements"

Special Rules for New Hires

In other words...

Employers with an 11 or 12 month measurement period cannot use a 90 day administrative period with new hires

Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	Мау
Hired March 15												Anniversary	End of Measurement and Admin Period	Coverage Begins

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Variable Hour Employees – Special Considerations

Vacation and Paid Time Off

Hours of service must include paid time off such as vacation, holiday, sick time, disability, layoff, jury duty, and military leave of absence. This means that when measuring hours for determining eligibility for coverage, employers must treat paid time off as if the employee was working during that time .

Example:

Bob works 30 hours per week, but takes 2 weeks of paid vacation in April.

• Bob's employer must count his hours as if he worked 30 hours per week for the entire month of April.

Unpaid Leave

For certain types of special unpaid leave, employers are required to exclude the period of unpaid leave entirely in determining average hours per week during the measurement period. As such, hours excluding special unpaid leave are treated as average hours for the entire measurement period.

Special unpaid leave that employers must ignore in the calculation includes unpaid leave subject to Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) or Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), and unpaid leave on account of jury duty.

Example 1:

Sue works 30 hours per week for Company, but Sue takes 6 weeks of unpaid <u>FMLA</u> leave from July through mid-August. Company uses a 12-month measurement period.

• Company may not count zero hours for Sue during the FMLA period. The calculation of Sue's hours must be based solely on the hours she worked during the other 46 weeks of the year; in other words, Company must treat Sue as if she was working during the FMLA period.

Example 2:

Joe works 30 hours per week for Company, but Joe takes 2 weeks of unpaid <u>personal</u> leave in February. Company uses a 12-month measurement period.

• Company can count zero hours for Joe for the 2-week period of personal leave, since personal leave is not special unpaid leave. As such, Joe's average hours for February are 15 hours per week (30 hours for week 1 and week 2, 0 hours for week 3 and week 4 = 60 total hours divided by 4 weeks = 15).

Ongoing Employees

- Employee's status as full or part time is locked in during the stability period, regardless of the employee's actual hours worked.
- A change in the employee's employment status during the stability period generally does not affect the classification of the employee during the remainder of the stability period.

✓ Unless – (limited exception under final rule)

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Ongoing Employees – Limited Exception

- The final rule created an exception to the stability period rule where an employee changes employment status and is no longer a full time employee in the middle of the stability period.
 - If such an employee does not average at least 30 hours of service per week for each of three full calendar months following the change in status AND, the employee was covered for at least 90 days prior, the employer may drop the employee from coverage as of the last day of the fourth calendar month.
 - Employees hours will then be counted on the monthly measurement period method until the end of the next full measurement period.

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Employer Reporting



Reporting - Code Sections 6055 & 6056

- Effective in 2014. Compliance is voluntary for 2014 and mandatory for 2015
- Reporting requirements are complex
- Applies to all Applicable Large Employers (ALE)*
- Reporting is still required for employers with 50-99 employees who are exempt from the mandate in 2015
- Code 6055 applies to insurers and self-insured plans
- Code 6056 applies to (ALEs)
- Key Dates
 - February 1, 2016 reporting due to individuals / employees (generally due by January 31, but January 31, 2016 is a weekend)
 - February 29, 2016 reporting due to the IRS if NOT filing electronically (generally due by February 28, but February 28, 2016 is a weekend)
 - March 31, 2016 reporting due to the IRS if filing electronically
 - *ALE: Employer with at least 50 FTE employees during the prior year

- Reporting will be used by the government to track the individual mandate
- Reporting is not required for HSAs, on-site clinics, wellness programs and dental/vision plans
- ALEs reporting under both sections will file using a combined reporting method, Form 1094-C and Form 1095-C

- Applies to all ALEs
- Reporting will be used by the IRS to track compliance with the employer mandate and to determine eligibility for tax subsidies/credits
- Form 1095-C Must be provided to employees by January 31, 2016
- Form 1094-C Due to the IRS by February 28, 2016 (March 31, 2016, if filing electronically)



Equifax "Reporting Under the Affordable Care Act



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Reporting - Form 1095-C

Provided to each employee by January 31, 2016

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Form 1095-C (2014)

Instructions for Recipient

Instructions for Recipient You are reading the Term 105-C hoseus your enclover is an Applicable Large Employer subject to the employer started responsibility provision in the Attractatic Care Act. This Form 1095-C includes information about the health insurance overage offered to you by your employer. Form 108-C, Part II, includes information about the overage, if any, your employer offered to you and your apouse and observations, and you tracker health insurance overage information will assist you in determining whether you are slights. Form 109-C Part Personal Part II, includes information about the overage offered to you and the premaint back results, you are projected by Personal Part II, and the provide the termination about the premaint back results, you are integrity of the part that were Applicable Large Employees for example, you all employees during the year that were Applicable Large Employees the overage visual employment with no Applicable Large Employees of the directified to the termination only about the health instruction coverage offered to you by the employee indirectified to the termin. If your employees the integral coverage offered to you put heart of burnles hou a Form 108-C providing information about the health instruction coverage offered to you put heart of burnles hou a Form 108-C providing information about the health coverage it direct 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.

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Employers are required to furtish Form 1085-C only to the employee. As the recipient of this Form 1085-C, you should provide a copy to any family members request in 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 issuer is required to report your complete SSN to

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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.

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Part II. Employer Offer and Coverage, Lines 14-16

Then 4. The code listed below for line 14 describe the coverage that your employer offered to you and your spouse and dependent(s), if any. This information 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.

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

1G. You were NOT a full-time employee for any month of the calendar year but were enrolled in self-insured employer-sponsored coverage for one or more months of the calendar year. This code will be entered in the Alf 12 Months box on line 14.

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The final forms have been released!

Who Receives a 1095-C?

✓ Not all employees need to receive a 1095-C.

 Only employees determined to be full-time (for ACA purposes) for at least one month in the calendar need to be issued a 1095-C.

> Who Must File An employer subject to the employer shared responsibility rovisions under section 4980H must file one or more Forms 1094-C (including a Form 1094-C designated as the Authoritative Transmittal, whether or not filing multiple Form) for 1094-C), and must file a Form 1095-C (or a substitute form) for each employee who was a full-time employee of the employer for any month of the calendar year. Generally, the employer is required to furnish a copy of the Form 1095-C to the employed

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Reporting - Form 1094-C (Transmittal)

Aggregate Transmittal Form to the IRS

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Reporting Methods

- General Method Full reporting for all full-time employees
- Simplified Method #1 Qualifying Offers
 - Offer of minimum value coverage; that
 - Costs no more than 9.5% of the FPL; and
 - Must be offered to spouses and children
 - Note: Full reporting is required for any employee who was not covered under a qualified offer for the entire year
- Simplified Method #2 Option to Report without Separate Certification of FT Employees
 - Applicable to employers that offer affordable, minimum value coverage to at least 98% of employees and dependents

Reporting Platforms

- Payroll Systems
- Benefit Administration Systems
- Stand Alone Systems

• Pricing varies widely; an RFP is recommended.

Reporting Penalties

- A reporting entity that fails to comply with the Section 6055 & 6056 reporting requirements may be subject to penalties for:
 - Failure to file correct returns
 - Failure to furnish correct payee statements
- The penalty is generally \$100 for each return, up to \$1,500,000 per calendar year
- Penalties may be waived if the failure is due to reasonable cause and not willful neglect
- Reduced penalties will apply if correction is made within specified time frames
- Short-term relief from penalties will apply in 2016 for 2015 reporting if an entity can demonstrate good faith effort to comply with the reporting requirements

Next Steps...

- Involve your Finance/Accounting Department
 - The burden of compliance will a combined effort between HR and Accounting
- Ask your payroll, Benefit Administration or HRIS vendor(s) if they will be able to provide any assistance with the reporting requirements
- Third party vendors are allowed to file on your behalf

Start Now - don't wait until the end of the year.

Thank You

Questions?

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