THE ROLE OF PAYROLL PROFESSIONALS IN BENEFIT PLAN ADMINISTRATION

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OVERVIEW / AGENDA

- Retirement Plans Design and Preventing Errors
- Family Medical Leave
- Bonus and Deferred Compensation Reporting and Payment
- Health Plans Planning and Compliance





RETURNING ERRORS RETURN PREVENTING ERRORS

PAYROLL'S ROLL IN RETIREMENT PLAN DESIGN

- "Knowledge of employee deferral patterns
- " Knowledge of ability to change elections within payroll system
- "Knowledge of employee garnishments and similar impediments to deferrals
- " Foresee difficulties with participant loans

DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN ADMINISTRATION

- Payroll maintains records necessary to determine:
 - "Years of service/service credits
 - "Compensation history
- "Watch for pay while receiving pension benefits
- "Notify Pension Administrator if individual returns to employment

401(K) PLAN ADMINISTRATION

- " Plan Enrollment Availability
- " Auto-enrollment Automatic Deferral / Escalator

401(K) PLAN ADMINISTRATION – COMMON ERRORS

- "Incorrect Deferral Amount / Percentage
- " Excess Deferrals
- "Timely Deposit of Deferrals
- "Improper Inclusion / Exclusion of Post-Termination Compensation
- " Administration of Hardship Distributions

401(K) PLAN ADMINISTRATION – CORRECT DEFINITION OF COMPENSATION

In English, please!

E. Plan Compensation

[NOTE: Except as specifically provided in the Plan, Plan Compensation will be used for nondiscrimination testing unless the Plan Administrator expressly directs that a different definition of compensation be used for such testing for a particular Plan Year.]

Plan Compensation:

[Plan Sec. 2.49]

- E.1. Plan Compensation means ... [check one]:
- a. earnings required to be reported in the Wages, Tips and Other Compensation box of Form W-2.
- b. earnings for purposes of Code § 415(c)(3).

[NOTE: Unless specifically excluded below, Plan Compensation includes Employee 401(k) Contributions, other Elective Deferrals (as defined in Plan Sec 2.17) and elective contributions that are excluded from income under Code §§ 125 and 132(f)(4).]

- E.2. Plan Compensation does not include ... [check each that applies]:
- a. Employee 401(k) Contributions and other Elective Deferrals (as defined in Plan Sec. 2.17), and elective contributions that are excluded from income under Code § 125 (cafeteria plan) or Code § 132(f)(4).
- b. reimbursements or other expense allowances, fringe benefits (cash and non-cash), moving expenses, deferred compensation and welfare benefits.

- E.3. Plan Compensation for the Plan Year ... [check one]:
- a. does not
- b. does
- ... include amounts paid prior to the Entry Date for purposes of any Employer Contribution Component. [NOTE: Plan Compensation does include amounts paid prior to the Entry Date for purposes of Top-Heavy Plan rules.]

- Considerations:
 - "Purpose of definition
 - "Differing definitions within the Plan
 - "Potential discrimination in definition of Compensation
 - "Types of compensation paid
 - "Treatment of Pre-entry and Post-severance Compensation

FMLA COMPLIANCE

- Determining FMLA coverage
 - "Facility Coverage
 - "Individual Coverage

DEFERRED ATION & DEFERRED ATION & CONNES PLANS

BONUS PLANS

- " Payout no later than 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ months after year in which bonus vests (is earned).
- " Understand bonus formula and compensation used in determining bonus
 - "Is compensation averaged over bonus period or is compensation at beginning / end used in determining bonus
- " Proper tax withholding on bonus bonus as supplemental wages

DEFERRED COMPENSATION

- "If deferral is at employee direction, confirm presence of signed deferral election
- Review for timing of distribution
- Confirm proper credit of deferred amount to employee "account"
- Consider timing of taxation to employee:
 - "FICA Tax Year when vested
 - "Income Tax Year when distributable

HEALTH PLANS & CE COMPLIANCE

W-2 REPORTING

- Do not report Multiemployer Fund Contribution Suspended Indefinitely
- When and Where to report?
 - The health care premiums must be reported on the W-2s in box 12, using code DD and the W-2s must be sent to the employees by January 31st of subsequent year.

W-2 - WHAT MUST BE REPORTED?

Employer and Employee contributions for major medical and prescription drug coverage.

Form W-2 Reporting of Employer-Sponsored Health Coverage			
	Form W-2, Box 12, Code DD		
		Do Not	
Coverage Type	Report	Report	Optional
Major medical	X		
Dental or vision plan not integrated into another medical or health plan			X
Dental or vision plan which gives the choice of declining or electing and paying an additional premium			X
Health Flexible Spending Arrangement (FSA) funded solely by salary-reduction amounts		X	
Health FSA value for the plan year in excess of employee¢s cafeteria plan salary reductions for all qualified benefits	X		
Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) contributions			X
Health Savings Arrangement (HSA) contributions (employer or employee)		X	
Multi-employer plans			X

EMPLOYER MANDATE - WHICH EMPLOYERS ARE COVERED?

- Employers with an average of 50 or more Full Time Equivalents must provide coverage to full-time Employees or pay penalties
- Monthly FTE Total = Full Time + (PT Hours ÷ 120)
- Monthly FTE is deemed number of FTEs for each day of month
- May exclude hours worked by seasonal workers working less than 120 days per year

EMPLOYER MANDATE - WHICH EMPLOYEES ARE COVERED?

Employees Who are Full-Time, Non-Seasonal

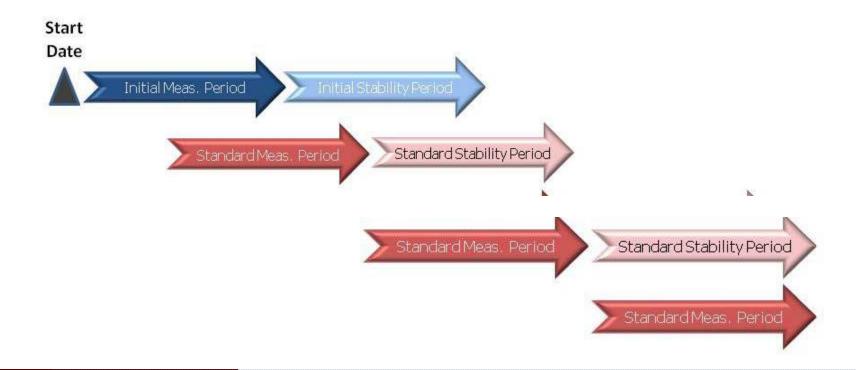
- Regular Full-Time Employees
- Variable Hour Employees averaging more than 30 hours per week

May Exclude Seasonal Employees

For this purpose, a seasonal employee means an employee who is hired into a position for which the customary annual employment is six months or less and for which the period of employment begins each calendar year in approximately the same part of the year, such as summer or winter.

DETERMINING FT STATUS: BASIC CONCEPTS

* THE GUIDANCE EMPLOYS LOOK-BACK MEASUREMENT PERIODS, FOLLOWED BY "STABILITY PERIODS," TO DETERMINE STATUS



SAFE HARRINGS

REQUIREMENT FOR AFFORDABLE MINIMUM VALUE PLAN

- If not offer affordable minimum value coverage, large employer is subject to a penalty for each full time employee who obtains tax credit to purchase exchange coverage
- Coverage is affordable if required premium is no more than 9.5% of "household income" for self-only coverage under lowest-cost minimum value option (indexed for medical inflation)
- Coverage meets "minimum value" requirements if the plan pays at least 60% of the actuarial value of benefits covered under the plan

FORM W-2 SAFE HARBOR

- Employee premium share for self-only coverage does not exceed 9.5% of the amount required to be reported in Box 1 of Form W-2
- May not frontload premiums
- If covered for less than 12 months, must prorate W-2 income for period covered

FORM W-2 SAFE HARBOR

- Likely to give highest permissible premium
- Most complicated
 - Based on individual W-2 at year end
 - Pay may fluctuate throughout year, if fixed \$\$ premium, can't adjust during year
 - Calculate safe-harbor after pre-tax deductions
 - Cafeteria Plan
 - 401(k)/457/403(b)

RATE OF PAY SAFE HARBOR

- Employee premium share for <u>self-only</u> coverage does not exceed: 9.5% 2 (222222 222 2130)
- Example Wage \$12/hour
 9.5% 2 (12 2 130) 2 \$148.20
- May use lowest hourly wage within workforce for all

RATE OF PAY SAFE HARBOR

- Allows an employer to plan with more certainty to ensure that its coverage will be deemed affordable
- Use an assumed rate of 130 hours per month for an hourly employee regardless of whether the employee actually works more or fewer than 130 hours during a particular month
- Not exclude pre-tax deductions from pay
- Underestimates monthly income of an hourly employee who works an average of more than 130 hours per month, or gets a pay raise mid-year
- Not available to tipped employees or employees who are paid solely on a commission basis

FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL (FPL) SAFE HARBOR

- Employee premium share for self-only coverage does not exceed 9.5% of the FPL for one person.
- Calculate using the most recently published federal poverty guidelines as of the first day of the employer plan year.
- 2016 FPL for 1 person household is \$11,880
- (9.5% 2 \$11,770) 2 12 2 \$93.17

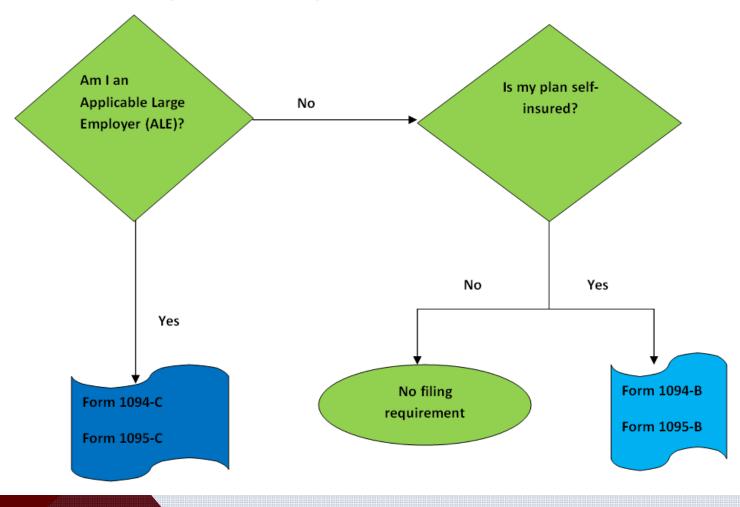
FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL (FPL) SAFE HARBOR

- The FPL safe harbor is the least complex and easiest to administer
- Employer only has to perform one affordability calculation - the employer does not have to determine affordability on an employee-by-employee basis
- Generally yields the lowest permissible premium of the safe harbors

IMPACT OF WELLNESS PLAN

- Disregard wellness incentives that impact the cost of an employee's coverage
- Treat wellness incentives related to tobacco use or cessation as earned
- Example: Wellness plan with reward decreasing monthly required contribution for self-only coverage from \$100 to \$75
 - Tobacco use incentive Premium treated as \$75
 - All other incentives Premium treated as \$100

Am I required to file any ACA forms?



1094-C - COVER SHEET

- The 1094-C demonstrates compliance with the Employer Mandate
- The 1094-C serves as a Transmittal form for individual Forms 1095-C when they go to the IRS
- The 1094-C contains Controlled Group information

1095-C: EMPLOYER-PROVIDED HEALTH INSURANCE OFFER AND COVERAGE

- The 1095-C is a like a Form W-2
- An employer subject to ACA may issue several Forms 1095-C to certain individuals
- The employer also files the Forms 1095-C with the IRS, using the 1094-C as a cover page
- Individual demonstrates compliance with Individual Mandate to IRS

1094-C - CONTROLLED GROUP BASIS

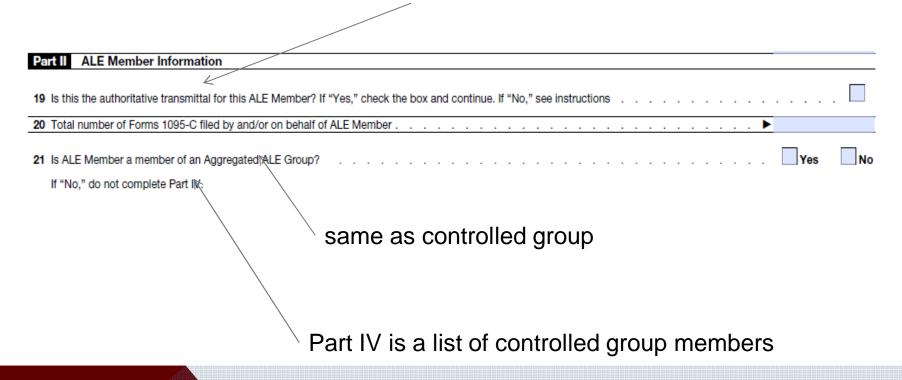
- Employee Count based on entire Controlled Group
- Types of Controlled Groups:
 - Parent Subsidiary
 - Brother Sister
 - Affiliated Service
 - Combinations of these
- Each Member files a 1094-C for each group of 1095-Cs
- One Member files and Authoritative 1094-C including all information from all 1094-Cs for that CG Member

1094-C, PART I

Form 1094-C Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	► Information about Form 1094-C and	nformation Returns d its separate instructions is at w		CORRECTED	0MB No. 1545-2251
	irge Employer Member (ALE Member)		1		
1 Name of ALE Member (Emplo	yer)		2 Employer identification number (EIN)		
3 Street address (including room	n 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			8 Contact telephone number		
9 Name of Designated Government	nent Entity (only if applicable)		10 Employer identification number (EIN)		FIN
11 Street address (including room	n or suite no.)			For Off	icial Use Only
12 City or town		13 State or province	14 Country and ZIP or foreign postal code		
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15 Name of person to contact		•	16 Contact telephone number		шшш
17 Reserved	s 1095-C submitted with this transmittal .				

1094-C, PART II, LINES 19-21

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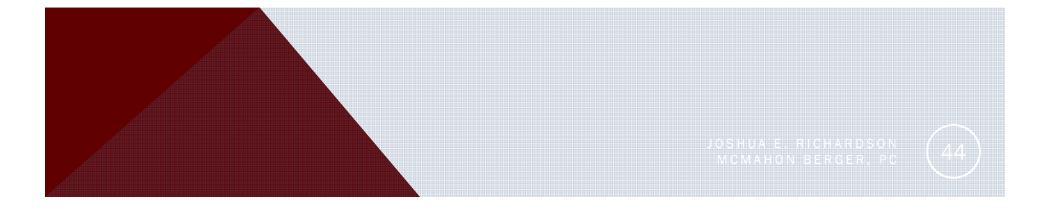
1094-C, PART II, LINE 22

22 Certifications of Eligibility (select all that apply):				
A. Qualifying Offer Method B. Qualifying Offer Method	Transition Relief	C. Section 4980H Transition	on Relief D. 98% C	Offer Method
Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return and accompanyi	ng documents, and to the	best of my knowledge and belief, the	y are true, correct, and complete.	
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Signature	Title		Date	
For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see separate instructions.		Cat. No. 61571A	F	orm 1094-C (2014)

1094-C, PART III

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	094-C (2014)	er Information — N	Monthly				Page 2
		(a) Minimum Es	sential Coverage	(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
		Yes	Essential Coverage (b) Full-Time	IST TIEE MOTION	TOT THE WOME	Group marcator	Transition Neller Indicator
23	All 12 Months						
24	Jan						
25	Feb						
26	Mar						
27	Apr						
28	May						
29	June						



1094-C, PART IV

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Form 1094-C (2014)

Part IV Other ALE Members of Aggregated ALE Group

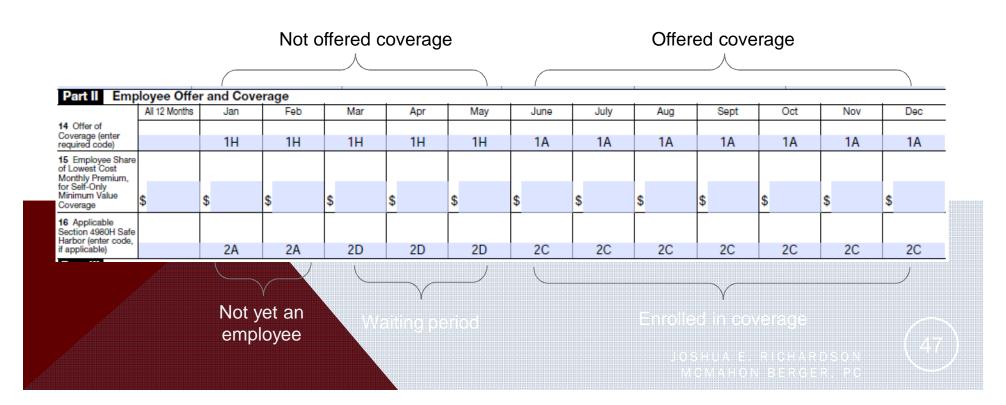
Enter the names and EINs of Other ALE Members of the Aggregated ALE Group (who were members at any time during the calendar year).

Name	EIN	Name	EIN
36		51	
37		52	
38		53	
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43		58	
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1095-C / SOME TERMS & RULES

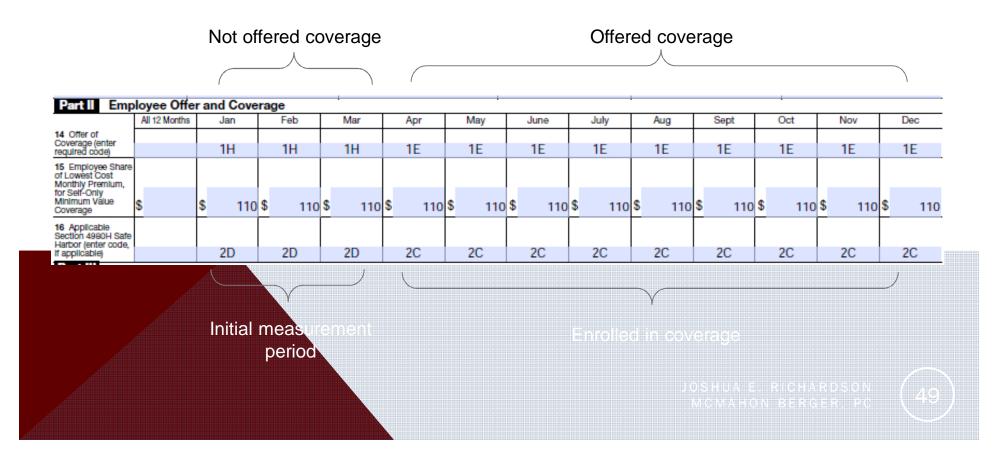
- Rules for identifying full-time employees
- Limited Non-Assessment Period
- Multiemployer Interim Rule Relief
- Qualifying Offer

- Newly hired full-time employee
 - . Employee hired March 15th
 - Waiting period: employees eligible on 1st of month after
 60 days of employment
 - . "Qualifying Offer" made on June 1st

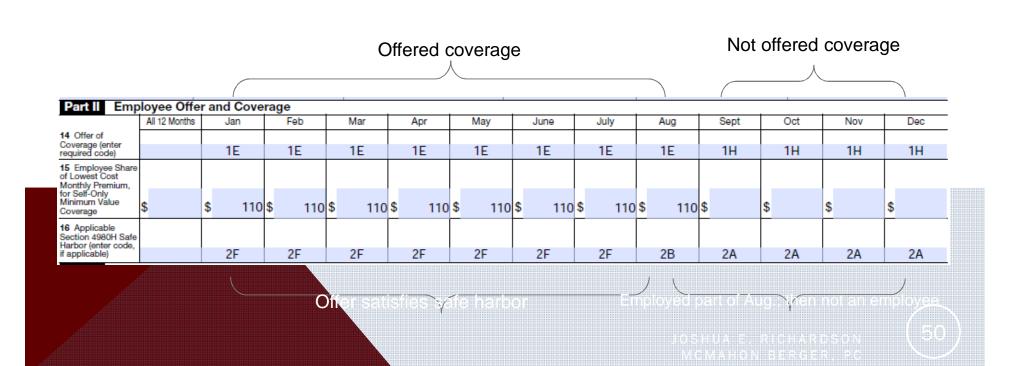


- Newly hired variable hour employee
 - Employee hired March 15th with variable schedule
 - Initial measurement period March 15, 2015 through March 14, 2016
- No Form 1095-C for 2015 not (yet) a full-time employee

- Newly hired variable hour employee (cont'd)
- Employee averages 32 hours/week
- No waiting period; employee is eligible first of month following end of initial measurement period
- Form 1095-C for 2016:

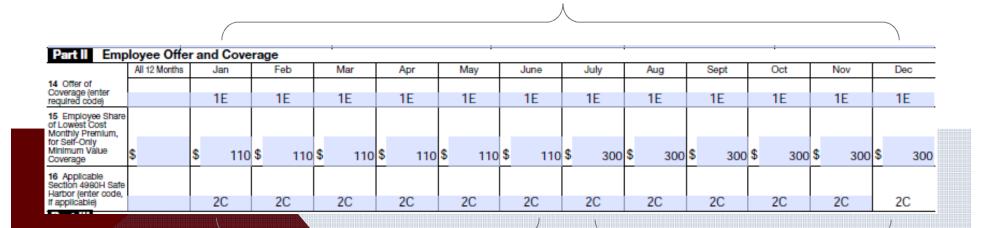


- Terminated employee
 - Employee waived coverage at open enrollment
 - Self-only, minimum value coverage is \$110/month
 - Employer set employee contributions using W-2 safe harbor
 - Employment terminated on August 15th; plan offers coverage through date of termination



- Terminating employee elects COBRA coverage
 - Employee, family enrolled in minimum value coverage
 - Self-only, minimum value coverage is \$110/month
 - Employment terminated on July 20th; plan offers coverage through date of termination
 - COBRA offered and accepted for family; \$300/month for single coverage

Offered coverage

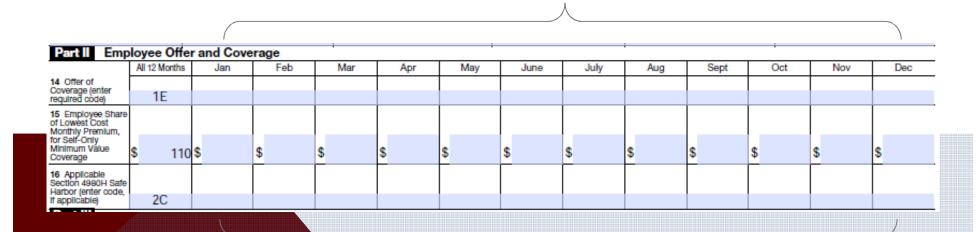


- Reduction in hours (Monthly Measurement)
 - Employee, family enrolled in minimum value coverage
 - Self-only, minimum value coverage is \$110/month
 - Employee goes to part-time hours in August; coverage terminates end of July
 - COBRA offered waived; \$300/month for single coverage

Offered coverage

Part II Emp	loyee Offe	r and Cove	rage										
	All 12 Months	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
14 Offer of Coverage (enter equired code)		1E	1E	1E	1E	1E	1E	1E	1E	1E	1E	1E	1E
15 Employee Share of Lowest Cost Monthly Premium, or Self-Only Minimum Value Coverage	\$	\$ 110	\$ 110	\$ 110	\$ 110	\$ 110	\$ 110	\$ 110	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300
6 Applicable section 4980H Safe larbor (enter code, applicable)		2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2C	2B	2B	2B	2B	2B

- Reduction in hours (Look Back Measurement)
 - Variable hour employee, family enrolled in minimum value coverage
 - Self-only, minimum value coverage is \$110/month
 - Employee goes to part-time hours in August; coverage continues through end of stability period



Offered coverage

- COBRA coverage for non-employee
 - Employee and spouse enrolled in minimum value coverage; divorce on May 15th
 - For January through May, spouse reported on employee's Form 1095-C

	All 12 Months	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
14 Offer of Coverage (enter required code)	1E												
15 Employee Share of Lowest Cost													
Monthly Premium, for Self-Only Minimum Value Coverage	\$ 110	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
16 Applicable Section 4980H Safe Harbor (enter code													
Harbor (enter code, f applicable)	2C												

Part III Covered Individuals

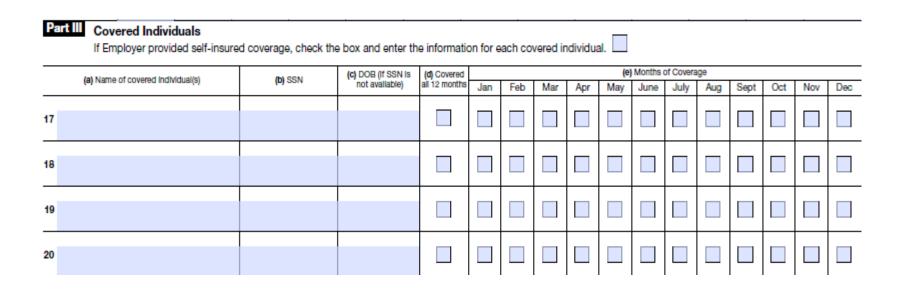
If Employer provided self-insured coverage, check the box and enter the information for each covered individual.

(a) Name of covers	(a) Name of covered individual(s)		(c) DOB (If SSN is	(d) Covered					(e)	Months	of Covera	ige				
(a) Ivalile of covere	d Individual(s)	(b) SSN	not available)	all 12 months	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
17				\times												
Employee		333-33-3333														
18					\times	\times	\times	\times	\times							
Spouse		444-44-4444														

For June through December, former spouse receives separate Form 1095-C

	All 12 Months	Jan	rage Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June		July	Aug		Sept	Oct		Nov)ec
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Coverage (enter required code)							1G		1G	1G		1G	1G		1G	1	G
15 Employee Share of Lowest Cost																	
Monthly Premium, for Self-Only Minimum Value Coverage	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$		\$	\$		\$	
16 Applicable Section 4980H Safe Harbor (enter code, if applicable)																	
	If Employer provided self-insure (a) Name of covered individual(s)			(b) SSN		is (d) Covere	d	(e) Months of Coverage									
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FORM 1095-C, PART III



- Do I really need SSNs?
- " Rules for checking boxes

WHEN DOES EMPLOYER REPORT?

- 1095-C provided to employee by January 31st of the following year
- 1094-C and 1095-Cs filed with IRS by February 28 if paper or March 31 if electronically filed

PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE

- Employer becomes subject to penalties for failure to file an information return and failure to furnish payee statements
- Employer shall pay a penalty of \$100 for each statement with respect to which such a failure occurs, but the total amount imposed on such employer for all such failures during any calendar year shall not exceed \$1,500,000

1094-B & 1095-B REPORTING

- Code § 6055 requires insurers, sponsors of self-insured plans, and other entities that provide minimum essential coverage to an individual during a calendar year to comply with this reporting requirement
- Reported by insurer or plan administrator

1095-B - INFORMATION INCLUDED

- the name, address, and SSN of the primary insured and the name and SSN of each other covered person under the policy;
- the dates during which the individual was covered during the calendar year;
- if the coverage is health insurance coverage, whether the coverage is a qualified health plan offered through a health benefit Exchange;
- if the coverage is health insurance coverage and that coverage is a QHP, the amount of any advance cost-sharing reduction payment or of any premium tax credit with respect to such coverage; and

WHEN DOES EMPLOYER REPORT?

- 1095-B provided to covered individuals by January 31st of the following year
- 1094-B and 1095-Bs filed with IRS by February 28 if paper or March 31 if electronically filed



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