

Understanding Household Composition Under MAGI



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Here's what you said:

- More than 96% said it “increased my knowledge of the topic(s).”
- More than 93% said “the information will allow me to better assist consumers who are over age 65 with or without access to Medicare and American Indians/Alaskan Native populations.”

“I really like the examples that are given for each scenario and I believe it helps to better understand these ever changing policies.”

“Just keep them coming they are very informative”

“I don't know enough on the basics of Medicare. Could you please provide some more information, like what is the difference between Medicare Part A, B & D?”

Agenda

Learning Objectives

Section 1

- Household Composition Under MAGI
 - Tax Filer Rules
 - Non-Tax Filer Rules

Section 2

- Exceptions to Tax Filing Rules

Section 3

- Pregnant Women

Learning Objectives



By the end of this module, you will be able to:

- Explain who should be included in a consumer's household under MAGI household composition rules.
- Identify and explain the three tax filing exceptions and how they affect household composition and eligibility.
- Explain how household composition affects consumers' eligibility determinations through the NY State of Health.

Section 1: **Household Composition Under MAGI**

Reminder



- The Marketplace calculates household composition and eligibility automatically.
- Your role is to enter the information correctly in the Marketplace application and explain eligibility determinations to consumers.
- As we go through this module, keep in mind you won't have to conduct eligibility determinations yourself. We're reviewing this information so that you understand how determinations are made so that you can explain these determinations to clients.

Household Composition Under MAGI



Tax Filer Rules:

A household is the taxpayer plus everyone he or she expects to claim as a tax dependent. Therefore, the applicant must include information on anyone who is listed on their tax return.

Additionally,

- Married couples, if living together, are always considered to be in the same household regardless of tax status.
- If a non-tax filer applies, but is expected to be claimed as a tax dependent by someone else, they need to apply within that taxpayer's household, if living together.

Household Composition Under MAGI



Non-Tax Filer Rules:

Non-tax filers follow different household composition rules than tax filers.

Adults:

The household size is the individual and, if living together, spouse and children who are under 19, or 19 & 20, if a full time student (natural, adopted, step).

Under age 19, or 19 & 20, if full time student:

The household is the individual and, if living together, their parents (natural, adoptive, step) and siblings (natural, adoptive, step under 19 or 19 & 20 if full time student).

Consumers who do not file taxes should let the Marketplace know the names of the parents, step-parents, spouse, children and siblings of the person who wants health insurance (if living together), even if those individuals are not applying.

Section 2: Exceptions to MAGI Household Composition

Exceptions to MAGI Household Composition Rules



In general, household composition is based on tax filing status and who is applying for coverage.

However, there are some exceptions which apply to Medicaid and Child Health Plus:

- **Exception #1:** Individuals other than a spouse or child(ren) who expect to be claimed as a tax dependent by another tax payer.
- **Exception #2:** Children under the age of 19, who expect to be claimed by one parent as a tax dependent and are living with both parents, whose parents do not expect to file a joint tax return.
- **Exception #3:** Children under the age of 19, claimed as tax dependent by a non-custodial parent.

Note: Children (if living in the household) are counted if under the age of 19. 19 and 20 year olds are counted in the household, if they are full time students, if they meet a tax exception or if the household is a non-filing household. If the tax filer's child is a dependent, they are part of the tax filer's household at any age.

Exception 1

Individuals (other than a spouse or child(ren) who expect to be claimed as a tax dependent by another tax payer.

- This means an uncle, parent, niece or nephew, etc. living in the same residence may be included in the same household on the application.
- Members who meet this exception will have a different household size than the tax filer.

Scenario 1: Individuals other than a spouse or child(ren) who expect to be claimed as a tax dependent by another tax payer.



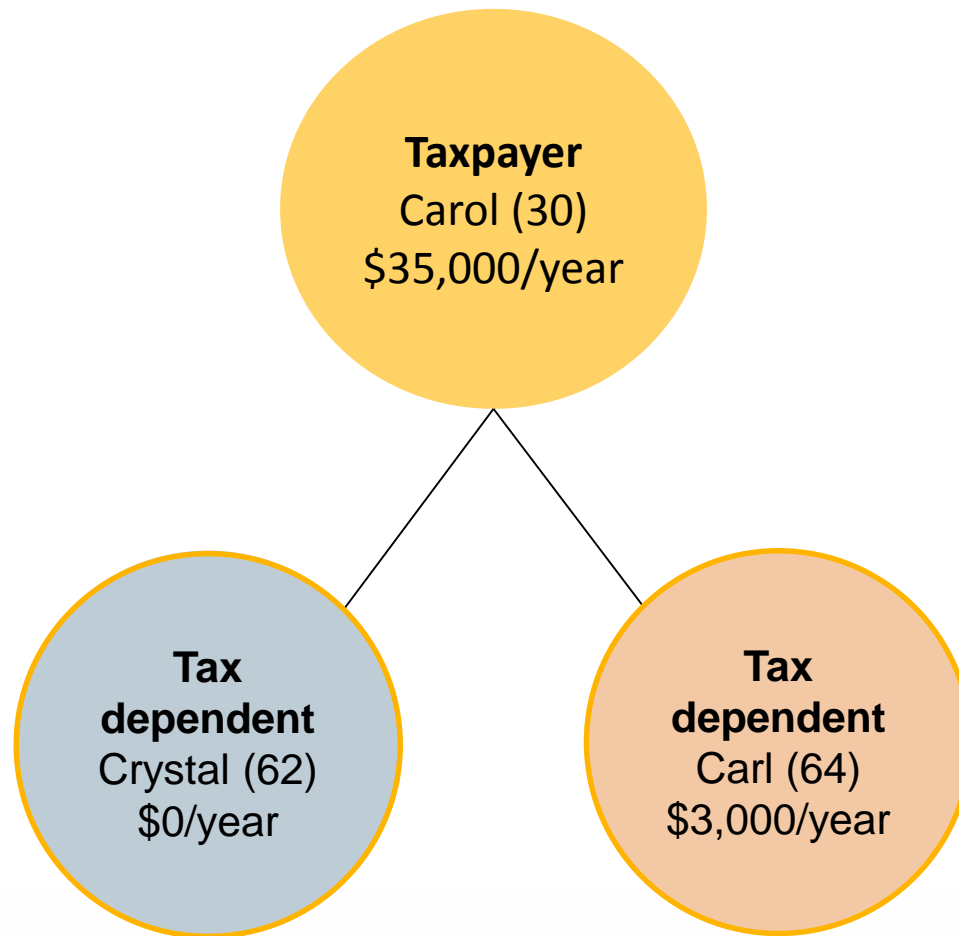
Carol is a 30 year old who is working and earning \$35,000/year.

She lives with and cares for her adult parents, Crystal and Carl. Carl works part-time, earning \$3,000/year.

Carol files taxes and claims both her parents as dependents.

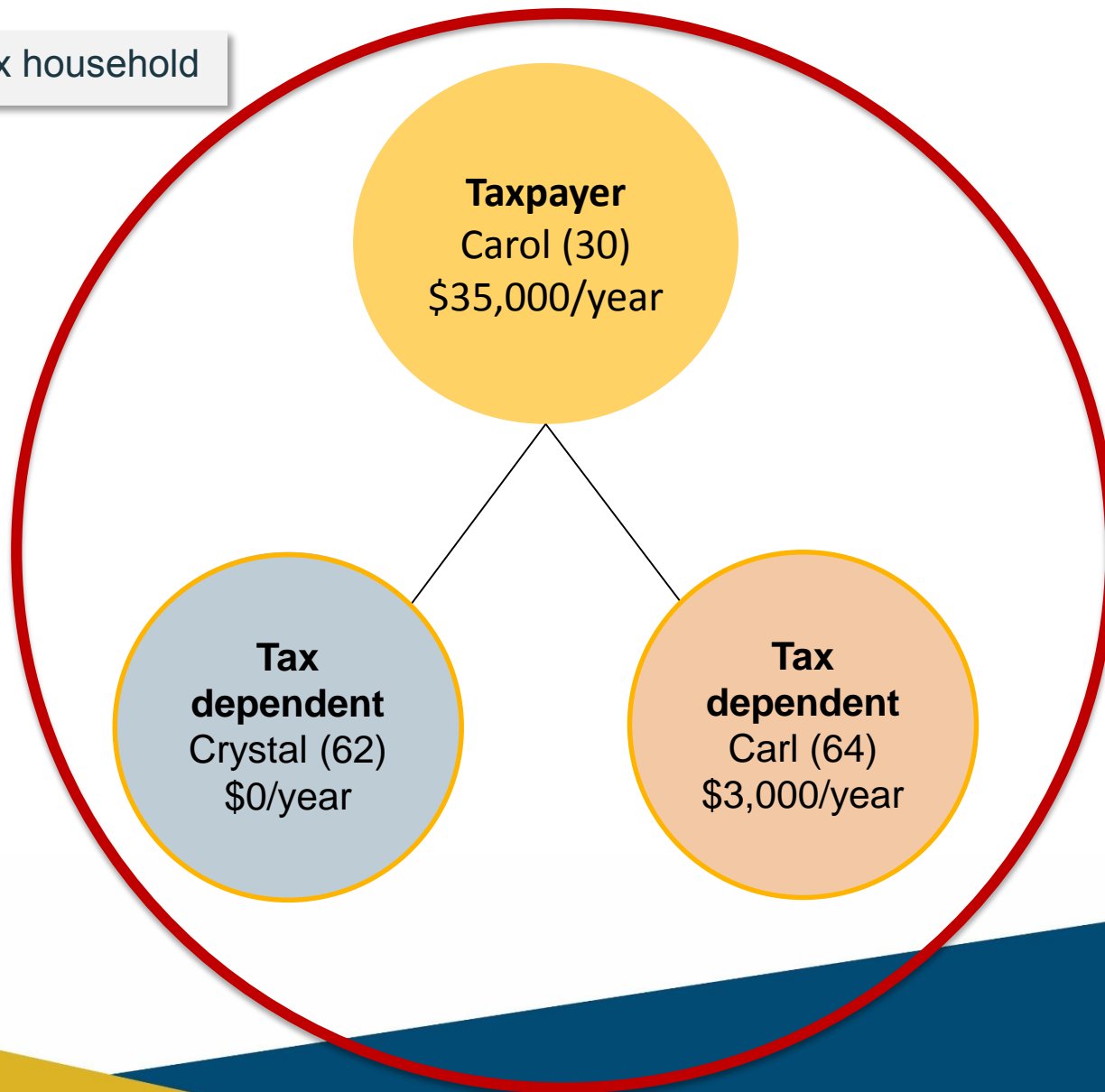
Crystal and Carl do not file taxes.

Scenario 1: Household



Scenario 1: Household

Carol's tax household



Scenario 1: Carol's Tax Status



- ACCOUNT INFORMATION
 - Contact Information
 - My Dashboard
- BUILD HOUSEHOLD
 - Household Members
 - Relationships
 - Residential Address
 - Household Summary
 - Public MEC
- INCOME INFORMATION
 - Income Details >
 - Income Details
 - Income Summary
- OTHER INFORMATION
- APPLICATION SUMMARY
- FIND A PLAN

Tax Status

Tell us about the federal income tax filing status of everyone on your application for the upcoming year. If someone is married and will file jointly, tell us who they will file with. If there are changes to your marital status (separation, divorce, or death), tell us how you plan to file taxes for the upcoming year. Also, tell us about dependents who you plan to claim.

If you will not be filing taxes, choose **will not be filing taxes**. You must include everyone in the household, even if they do not file taxes.

Head of Household with Qualifying Individual

Carol Taylor

Select Carol's Tax Status *

Head of Household (with qual)

Who will Carol claim as a dependent on next year's tax return? Check everyone who will be claimed as a dependent.

*

- Carl Thomas
- Crystal Thomas

i If there is a dependent not listed here, please click here to go back and add this person.

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Scenario 1: Carl's Tax Status



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Carl Taylor

Select Carl's Tax Status **

Carl will not be filing taxes ▾

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Scenario 1: Tax Filer Breakdown



Carol's Household Household Size: 3 Includes Carol, Crystal and Carl

Starting in 2016, the Essential Plan, a new Insurance Affordability Program, will offer qualified individuals and families a choice of plans from high-quality, private health insurers through NY State of Health.

- Carol would be eligible for coverage under the Essential Plan in 2016.
- More details about the Essential Plan program and eligibility will be provided in an upcoming webinar.

©Carol Taylor **Advance Premium Tax Credit** **CSR** Marketplace ID: HX0000003703

Congratulations! You are eligible to enroll in a qualified health plan through the Marketplace and receive tax credits to help pay for the cost of your insurance.

The amount of your tax credit is calculated based on the number of people in your household and the income information you provided to us. Everyone who qualifies for a tax credit will share the total tax credit amount to purchase a plan that is right for your family. You told us your household income is \$35,000.00.

In order for your application to be approved you must submit documents to confirm that the information you provided in your application is accurate. If you do not submit documentation within the required time frame, the Marketplace will determine your eligibility based on our available records.

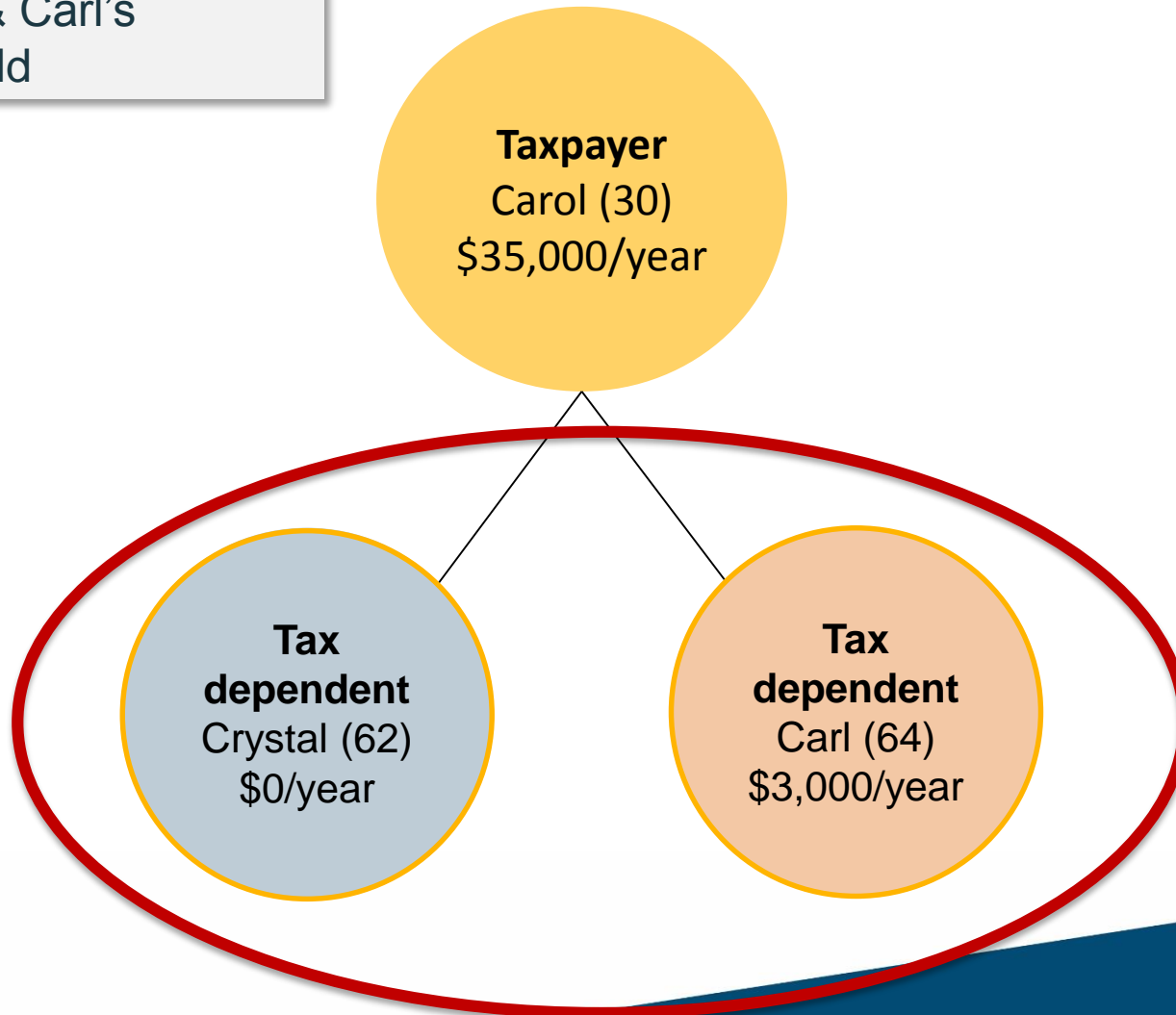
You are also eligible to get help paying for your out of pocket costs. This means you will pay less when you go to the doctor or get a prescription, and your yearly deductible is smaller. But you must pick a silver-level health insurance plan if you want to get this benefit.

Annual Household Income	Federal Poverty Level	Maximum Tax Credit	Maximum Out of Pocket Costs
\$35,000.00	176.86%	\$218.00 per month	\$2,000.00/year for Single \$4,000.00 for Couple or Family

138% Medicaid 400% Premium Assistance Greater than 400% Full Pay

Scenario 1: Household

Crystal & Carl's
household



Scenario 1: Non-Tax Filers Breakdown

Carl and Crystal's Household

Household Size: 2

Includes Crystal and Carl



Because of the exception to the tax filing rules, even though Carl and Crystal are included in Carol's tax household, they are counted according to the non-tax filer rules.

🕒 Carl Taylor **Medicaid** Marketplace ID: HX0002153135

Congratulations! You are eligible to enroll in Medicaid. Your eligibility is based on the number of people in your household and the income information you provided to us. You told us your income is \$3000.00

Annual Household Income	Federal Poverty Level
\$3000.00	19%

138% Medicaid 400% Premium Assistance Greater than 400% Full Pay

Notes:

🕒 Crystal Taylor **Medicaid** Marketplace ID: HX0002151338

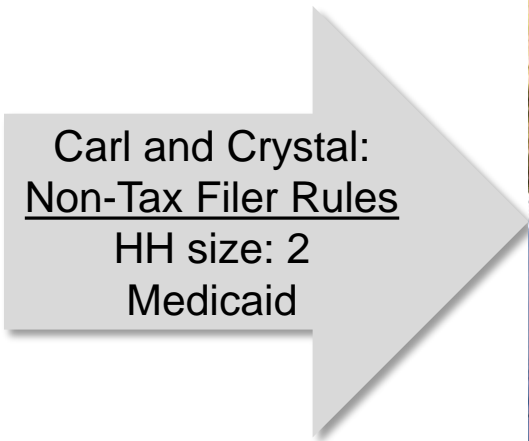
Congratulations! You are eligible to enroll in Medicaid. Your eligibility is based on the number of people in your household and the income information you provided to us. You told us your income is \$3000.00

Annual Household Income	Federal Poverty Level
\$3000.00	19%

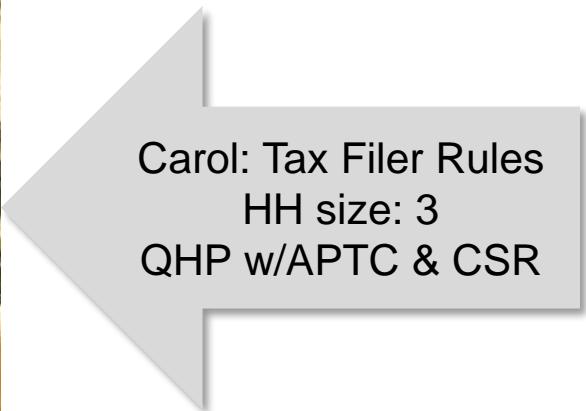
138% Medicaid 400% Premium Assistance Greater than 400% Full Pay

Exception 1: Review

Individuals (other than a spouse or child(ren) who expect to be claimed as a tax dependent by another tax payer will follow the non-tax filer household composition rules.



Carl and Crystal:
Non-Tax Filer Rules
HH size: 2
Medicaid



Carol: Tax Filer Rules
HH size: 3
QHP w/APTC & CSR

Poll #1



True or False?

Tax filers and non-tax filers follow the same household composition rules in the Marketplace.

You've Got It !!



Exception 2

Child(ren) who expect to be claimed by one parent as a tax dependent and are living with both parents, whose parents do not expect to file a joint tax return.

- This means the child(ren)'s household may include parents, step-parents, spouse, child(ren) and siblings under 21 who live in the household, even though they may not be in the same tax filing household.

Note: Children (if living in the household) are counted if under the age of 19. 19 and 20 year olds are counted in the household, if they are full time students, if they meet a tax exception or if the household is a non-filing household. If the tax filer's child is a dependent, they are part of the tax filer's household at any age.

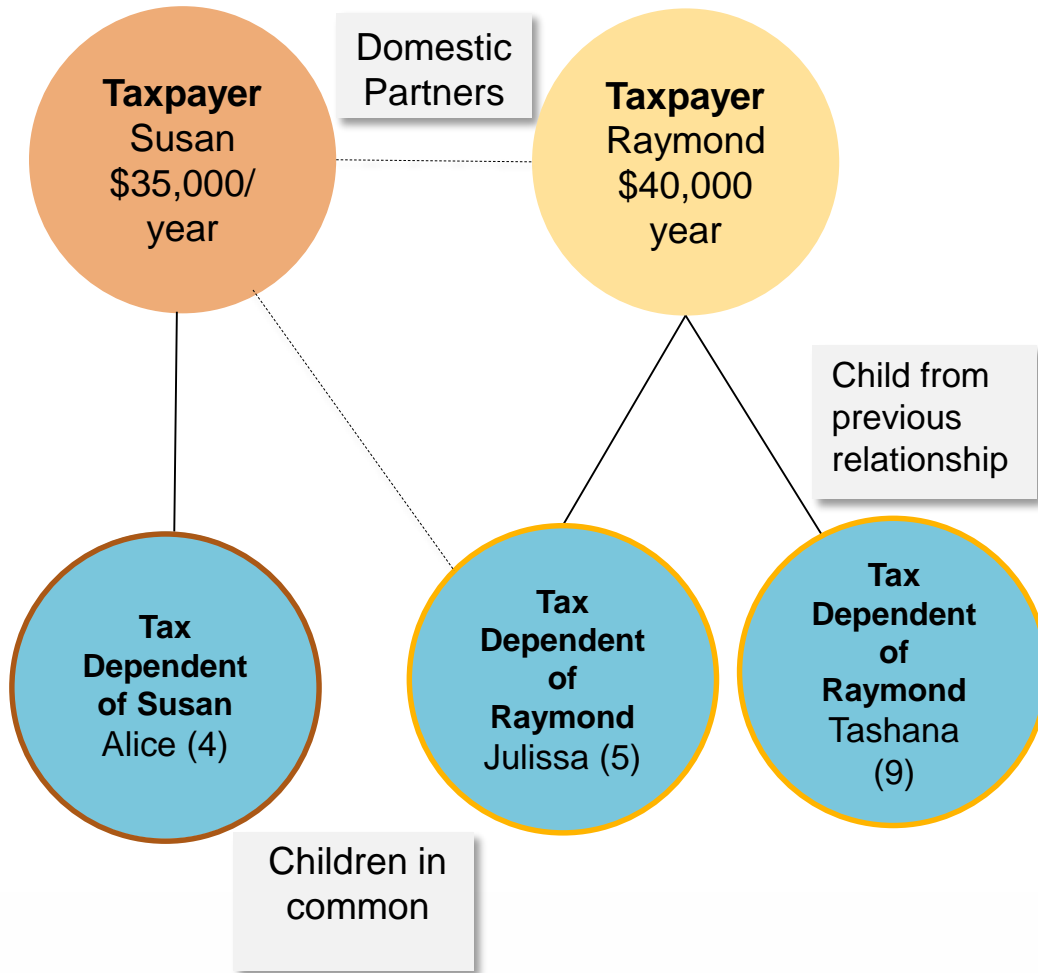
Scenario 2: Child(ren) who expect to be claimed by one parent as a tax dependent and are living with both parents, whose parents do not expect to file a joint tax return.



Susan and Raymond are domestic partners and have three children and file taxes separately.

- Alice and Julissa are common children of both Susan and Raymond.
- Tashana is the child of Raymond only.
- Susan claims Alice only on her taxes.
- Raymond claims Julissa and Tashana on his taxes.

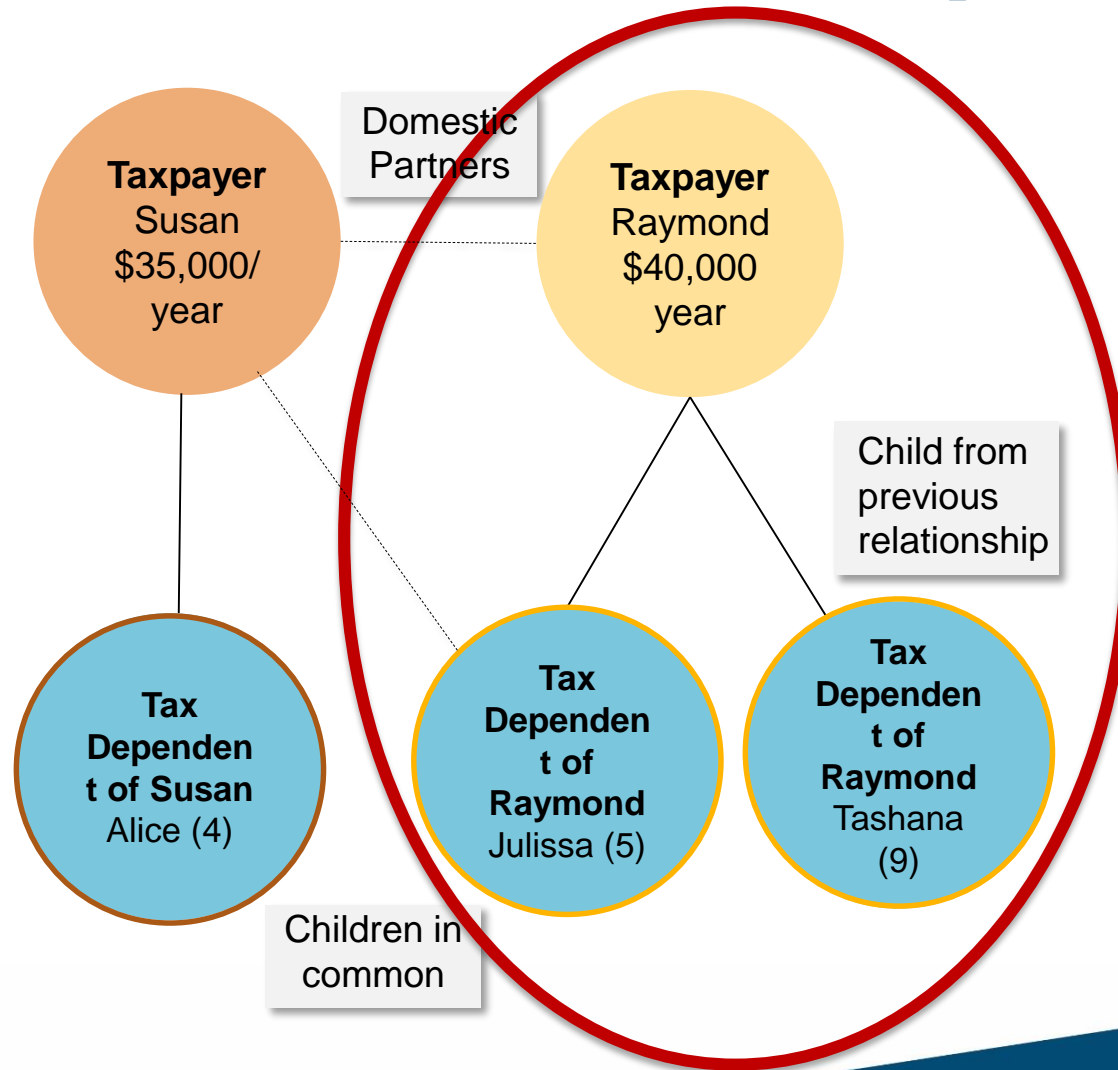
Scenario 2: Household



Additional information on domestic partners:

- The rules for determining household size for domestic partners depends on how they file their taxes.
- If they each file separately, the Marketplace will determine their eligibility separately.
- If one partner claims the other as a dependent then their tax credits will be shared.
- If domestic partners are QHP eligible, they may enroll together.

Raymond's tax filing Household



Scenario 2: Tax Filer Eligibility



Raymond's Household

Household Size: 3

He claims Julissa and Tashana as dependents.

Ⓞ Raymond Morgan

Advance Premium Tax Credit

CSR

Marketplace ID: HX0002153141

Congratulations! You are eligible to enroll in a qualified health plan through the Marketplace and receive tax credits to help pay for your insurance.

The amount of your tax credit is calculated based on the number of people in your household and the income information you provided to us. Everyone who qualifies for a tax credit will share the total tax credit amount to purchase a plan that is right for your family. You told us your household income is \$40,000.00.

You are also eligible to get help paying for your out of pocket costs. This means you will pay less when you go to the doctor or get a prescription, and your yearly deductible is smaller. But you must pick a silver-level health insurance plan if you want to get this benefit.

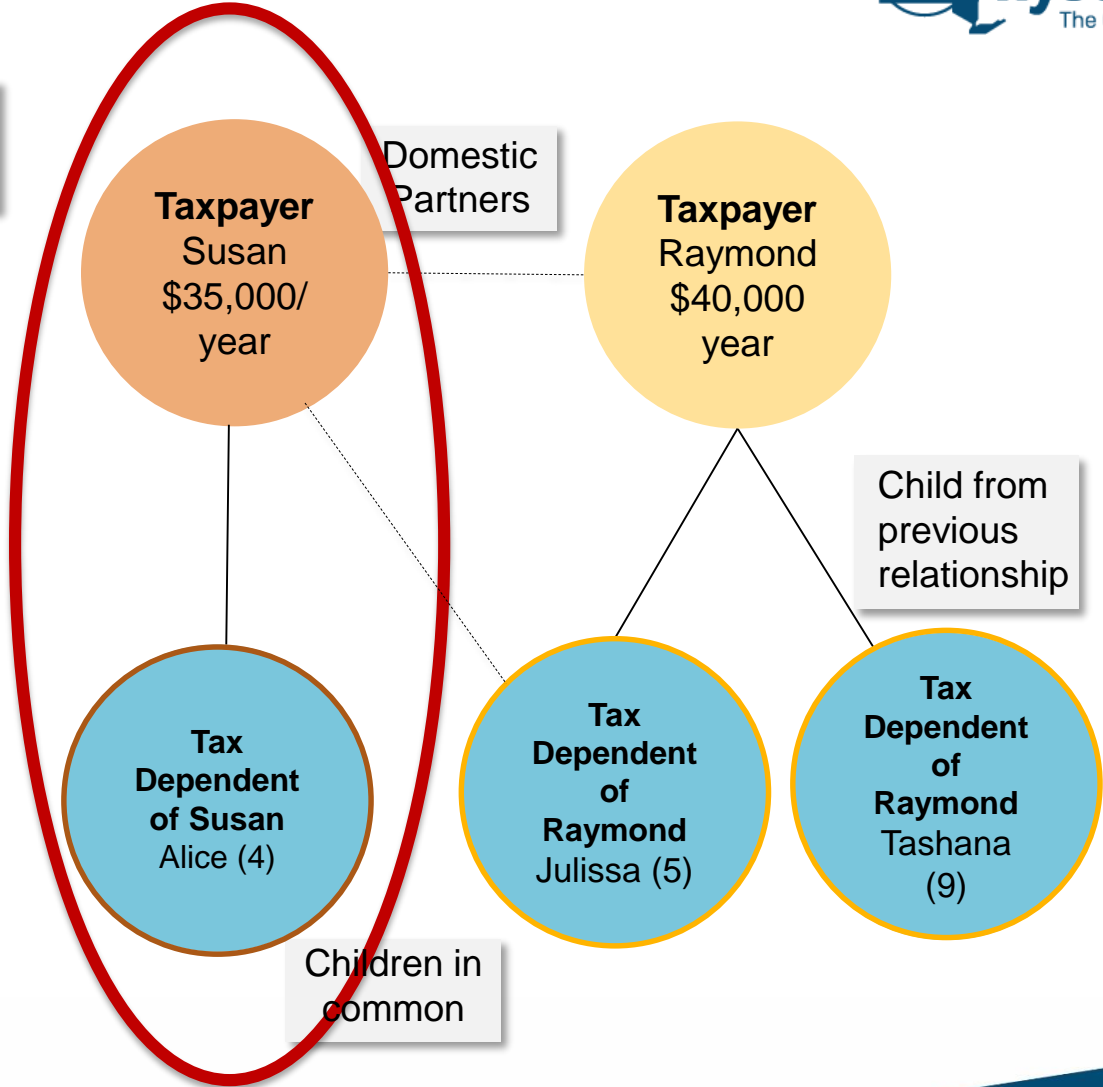
Annual Household Income	Federal Poverty Level	Maximum Tax Credit	Maximum Out of Pocket Costs
\$40,000.00	202.12%	\$118.00 per month	\$4,000.00/year for Single \$8,000.00 for Couple or Family

138% Medicaid

400% Premium Assistance

Greater than 400% Full Pay

Susan's tax filing Household



Scenario 2: Tax Filer Eligibility



Susan's Household Household size: 2

She claims Alice as a dependent and follows the tax filer household composition rules.

©Susan Scully

Advance Premium Tax Credit

CSR

Marketplace ID: HX0002153142

Congratulations! You are eligible to enroll in a qualified health plan through the Marketplace and receive tax credits to help pay for your insurance.

The amount of your tax credit is calculated based on the number of people in your household and the income information you provided to us. Everyone who qualifies for a tax credit will share the total tax credit amount to purchase a plan that is right for your family. You told us your household income is \$35,000.00.

You are also eligible to get help paying for your out of pocket costs. This means you will pay less when you go to the doctor or get a prescription, and your yearly deductible is smaller. But you must pick a silver-level health insurance plan if you want to get this benefit.

Annual Household Income	Federal Poverty Level	Maximum Tax Credit	Maximum Out of Pocket Costs
\$35,000.00	222.5%	\$123.00 per month	\$4,000.00/year for Single \$8,000.00 for Couple or Family

138% Medicaid

400% Premium Assistance

Greater than 400% Full Pay

Scenario 2: Domestic Partners



If domestic partners file their taxes separately, the Marketplace will calculate their APTC and MOOP separately, but they will be able to enroll in a couple plan and combine their tax credits for the QHP.

Cost Sharing Reduction (COUPLE) [Find COUPLE Plan](#)

Raymond Morgan

Susan Scully

You may apply your Advanced Premium Tax Credit of \$241.00 per month (\$2892.00 per year) to a qualified health plan. [?](#)

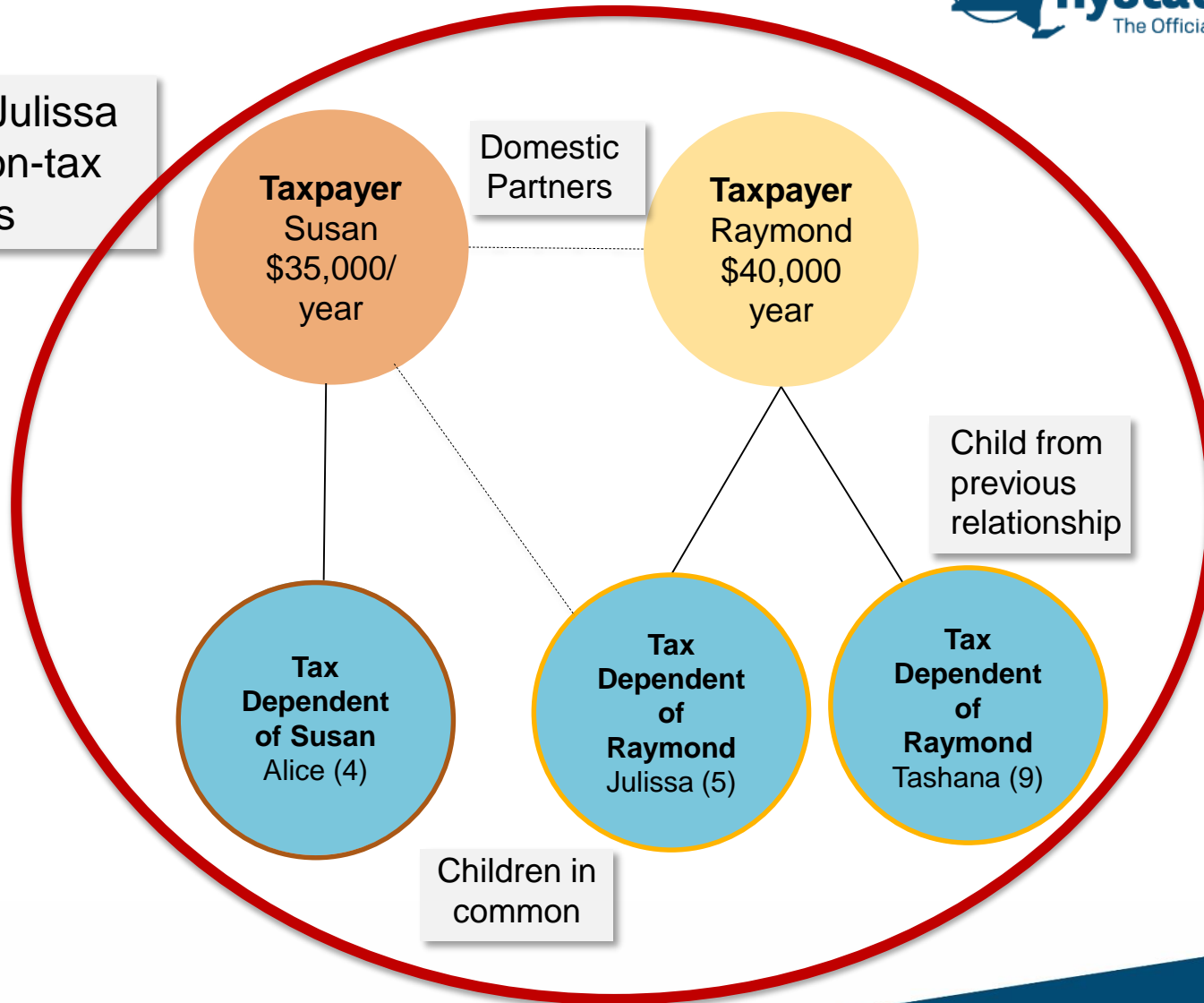
Advanced Premium Tax Credit The total advance premium tax credit you can apply to your monthly premium cost is listed below. You can choose to take any amount of your advance premium tax credit up to the maximum amount. Use the slider to change your advance premium tax credit amount. When you change the amount of your advance premium tax credit, the amount in the monthly premium column will change to show how much your monthly cost will be after you take the advanced premium tax credit. This is the amount you will pay each month.
Up to \$241.00/Month or \$2892.00/Year may be applied to qualifying plan purchases

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Alice & Julissa
go by non-tax
filer rules



Children in
common

Child from
previous
relationship

Scenario 2: Non-Tax Filer Eligibility



Alice and Julissa's Household Household size: 5

Includes Susan, Raymond, Julissa, Alice and Tashana. Alice and Julissa are common children of Raymond and Susan, and they meet an exception to the tax filing household composition rules.

☉ Alice Morgan **Child Health Plus**

Marketplace ID: HX0002153143

Congratulations! You are qualified for health insurance through Child Health Plus with \$30.00. You told us your household income is \$75,000.00.

Certain groups of people, like people 65 or older, parents, children, people with disabilities or who are blind, may have their eligibility for Medicaid determined under a different basis, like through the Spenddown or Excess Income Program. This program allows individuals to subtract their medical expenses from their household income to become eligible for Medicaid. If your household income is above the Medicaid level or if your eligibility could not be determined through the Marketplace, you may be able to get help paying for your medical bills through this program. More detail is available in the plan selection section.

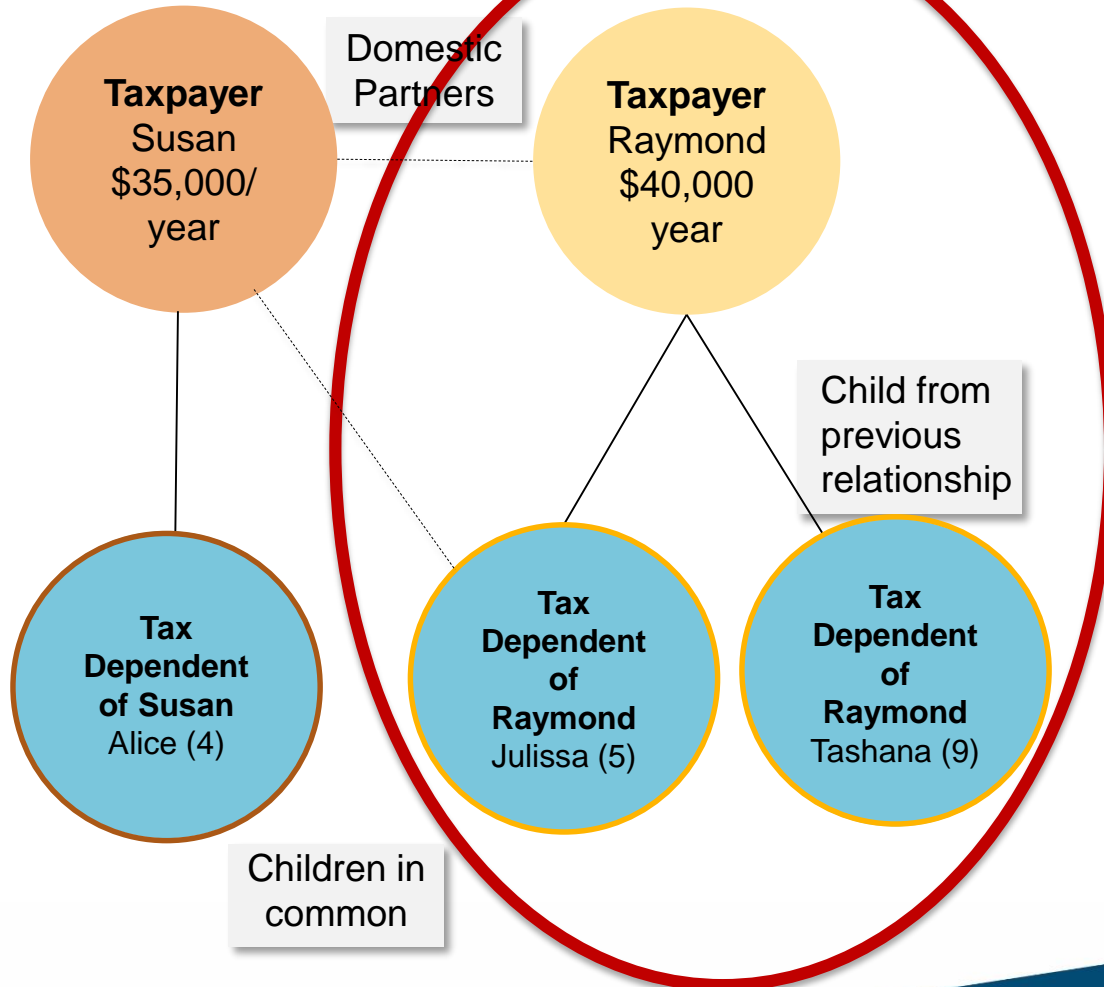
Annual Household Income	Federal Poverty Level	Premium Amount
\$75,000.00	268.72%	\$30.00

138% Medicaid

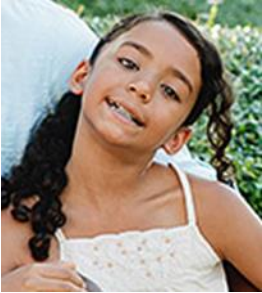
400% Premium Assistance

Greater than 400% Full Pay

Tashana's tax filing household



Scenario 2: Non-Tax Filer Eligibility



Tashana's Household Household Size: 3

Tashana is the child of Raymond only, so she does not meet an exception to the tax filing household composition rules. Her household includes herself, Raymond and Julissa.

🕒 Tashana Morgan **Child Health Plus**

Marketplace ID: HX0002153145

Congratulations! You are qualified for health insurance through Child Health Plus with \$9.00. You told us your household income is \$40,000.00.

Certain groups of people, like people 65 or older, parents, children, people with disabilities or who are blind, may have their eligibility for Medicaid determined under a different basis, like through the Spenddown or Excess Income Program. This program allows individuals to subtract their medical expenses from their household income to become eligible for Medicaid. If your household income is above the Medicaid level or if your eligibility could not be determined through the Marketplace, you may be able to get help paying for your medical bills through this program. More detail is available in the plan selection section.

Annual Household Income	Federal Poverty Level	Premium Amount
\$40,000.00	202.12%	\$9.00

138% Medicaid

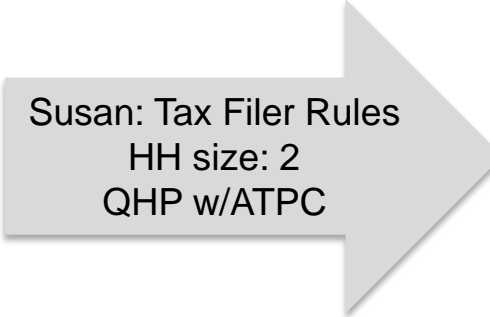
400% Premium Assistance

Greater than 400% Full Pay

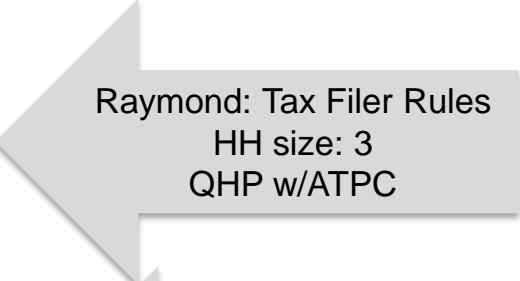
Exception 2: Review

Child(ren) who expect to be claimed by one parent as a tax dependent and are living with both parents, whose parents do not expect to file a joint tax return.

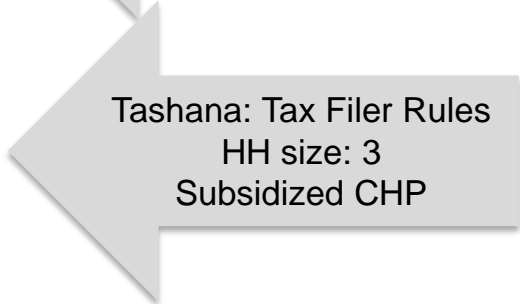
If domestic partners file their taxes separately, the Marketplace will calculate their APTC and MOOP separately, but they will be able to enroll in a couple plan and combine their tax credits for the QHP.




Susan: Tax Filer Rules
HH size: 2
QHP w/ATPC



Raymond: Tax Filer Rules
HH size: 3
QHP w/ATPC



Tashana: Tax Filer Rules
HH size: 3
Subsidized CHP



Alice and Julissa Non-Tax Filer Rules
HH size: 5
Subsidized CHP

Poll #2



True or False?

Unmarried domestic partners can enroll in a QHP together and combine their tax credits.

Awesome !!



Questions?



Exception 3

Child(ren) claimed as tax dependents by a non-custodial parent.

- These children's households may include parents, step-parents, child(ren) and siblings under the age of 21 that live together.
 - Children (if living in the household) are counted in the household if they are under the age of 19.
 - 19 & 20 year olds are counted in the household, if they are full time students, if they meet a tax exception or if the household is a non-filing household.

Exception 3: Child(ren) claimed as tax dependents by a non-custodial parent.



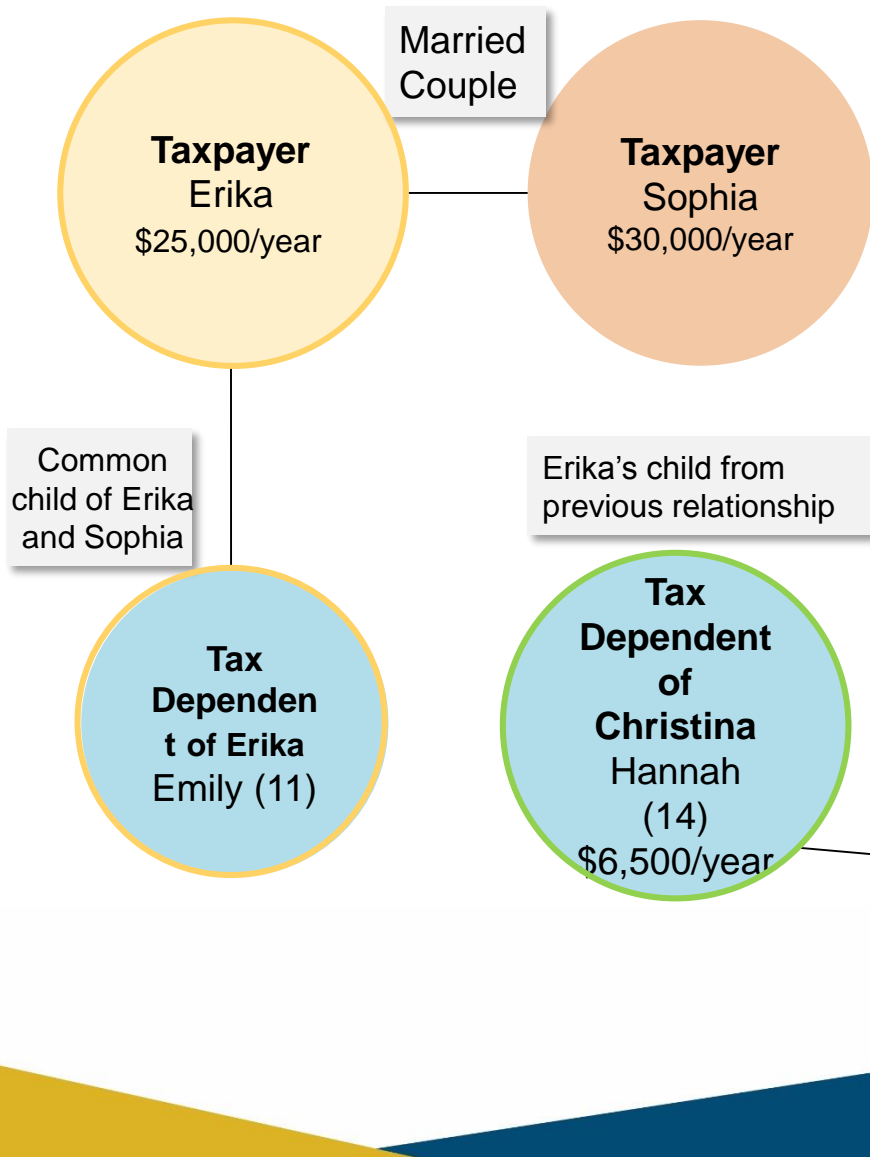
Sophia and Erika are married and have two children.

- Emily is the common child of Sophia and Erika.
- Hannah is Erika's child from a previous relationship and is claimed as a tax dependent by her non-custodial parent.

Sophia and Erika file their taxes separately.

- Erika files taxes and claims Emily as a tax dependent.
- Sophia files taxes and has no dependents.

Scenario 3: Household



Additional Information on Married Couples:

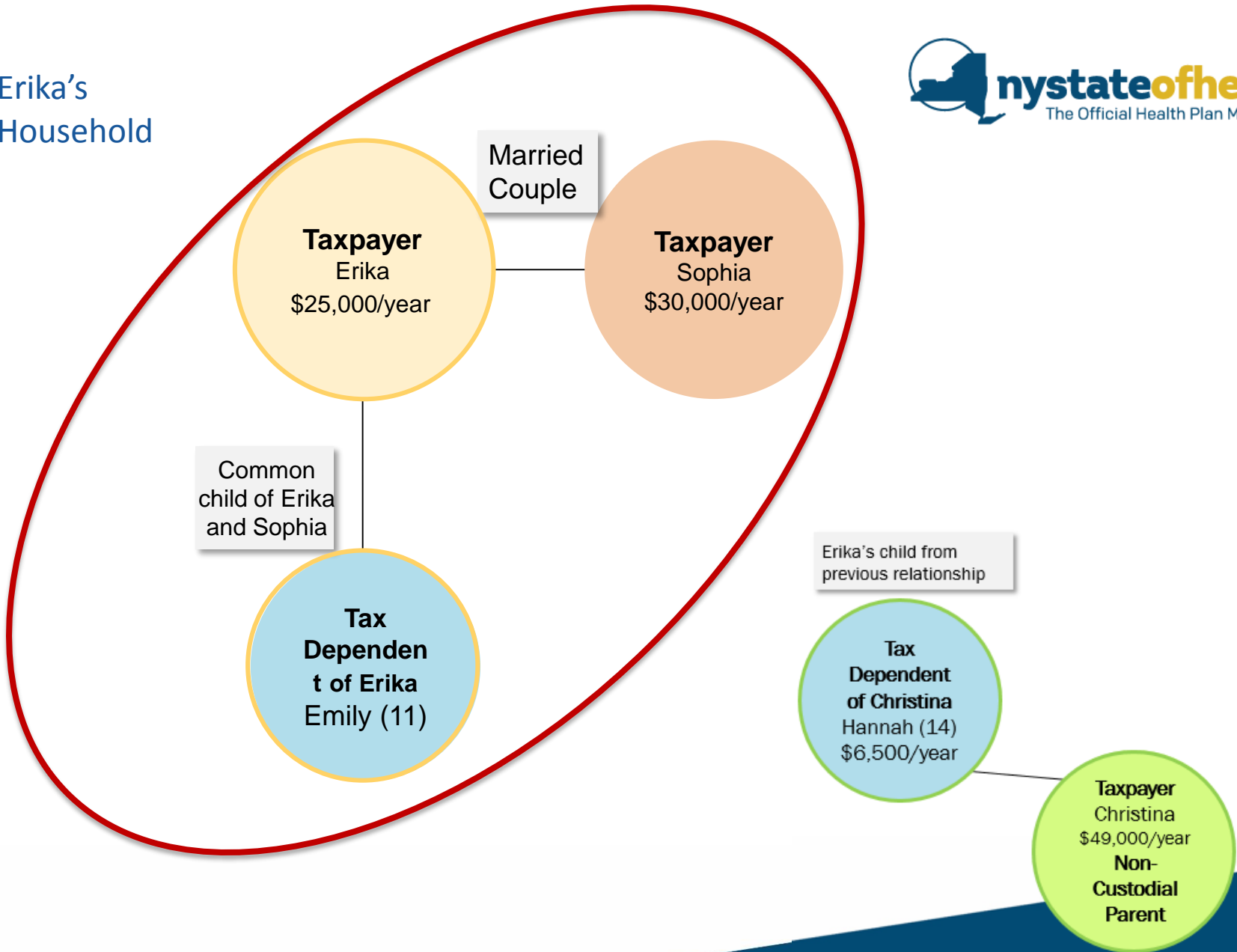
Married couples, if living together, are always considered to be in the same household regardless of tax status.

This is true whether the couple is:

- Filing taxes separately or jointly
- Claiming the spouse as a dependent
- Not filing taxes

Remember, if married couples do not file their taxes jointly, in most cases they are ineligible for APTC and CSR.

Erika's Household



Scenario 3: Tax Filer Eligibility



Erika's Household Household size: 3

Includes Erika, Sophia and Emily

X Erika Rodriguez **Not Eligible For Financial Assistance**

Marketplace ID: HX0000032470

You are not eligible to receive help paying for your health insurance coverage. However you can purchase a qualified health plan through the Marketplace at full cost. If your circumstances change, you may contact the Marketplace to have your eligibility re-determined.

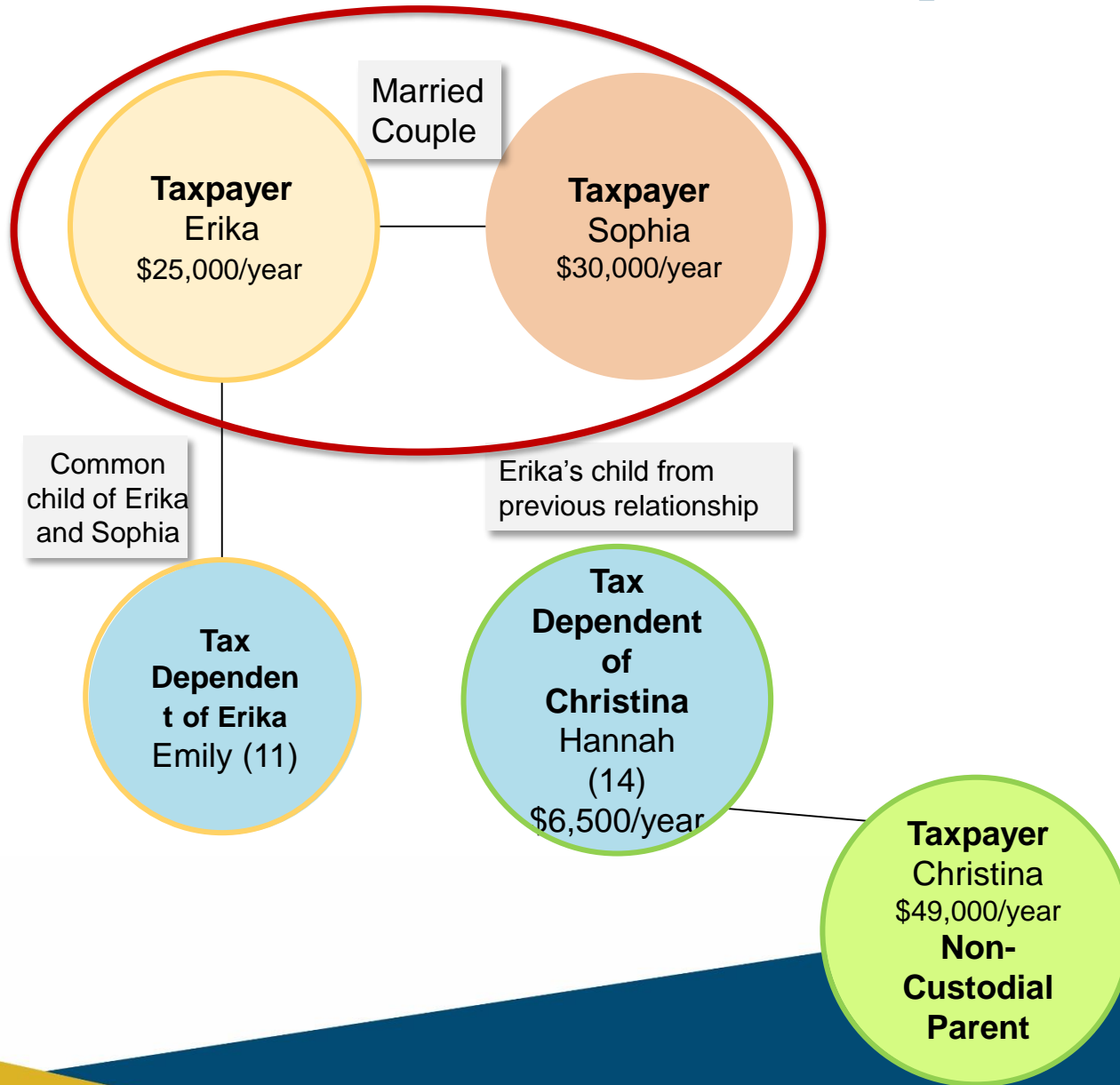
Annual Household Income	Federal Poverty Level
\$55,000.00	277.92%

138% Medicaid

400% Premium Assistance

Greater than 400% Full Pay

Sophia's Household



Scenario 3: Tax Filer Eligibility



Sophia's Household Household size: 2 Includes Sophia and Erika

✘ Sophia Taylor **Not Eligible For Financial Assistance**

Marketplace ID: HX0000032462

You are not eligible to receive help paying for your health insurance coverage. However you can purchase a qualified health plan through the Marketplace at full cost. If your circumstances change, you may contact the Marketplace to have your eligibility re-determined.

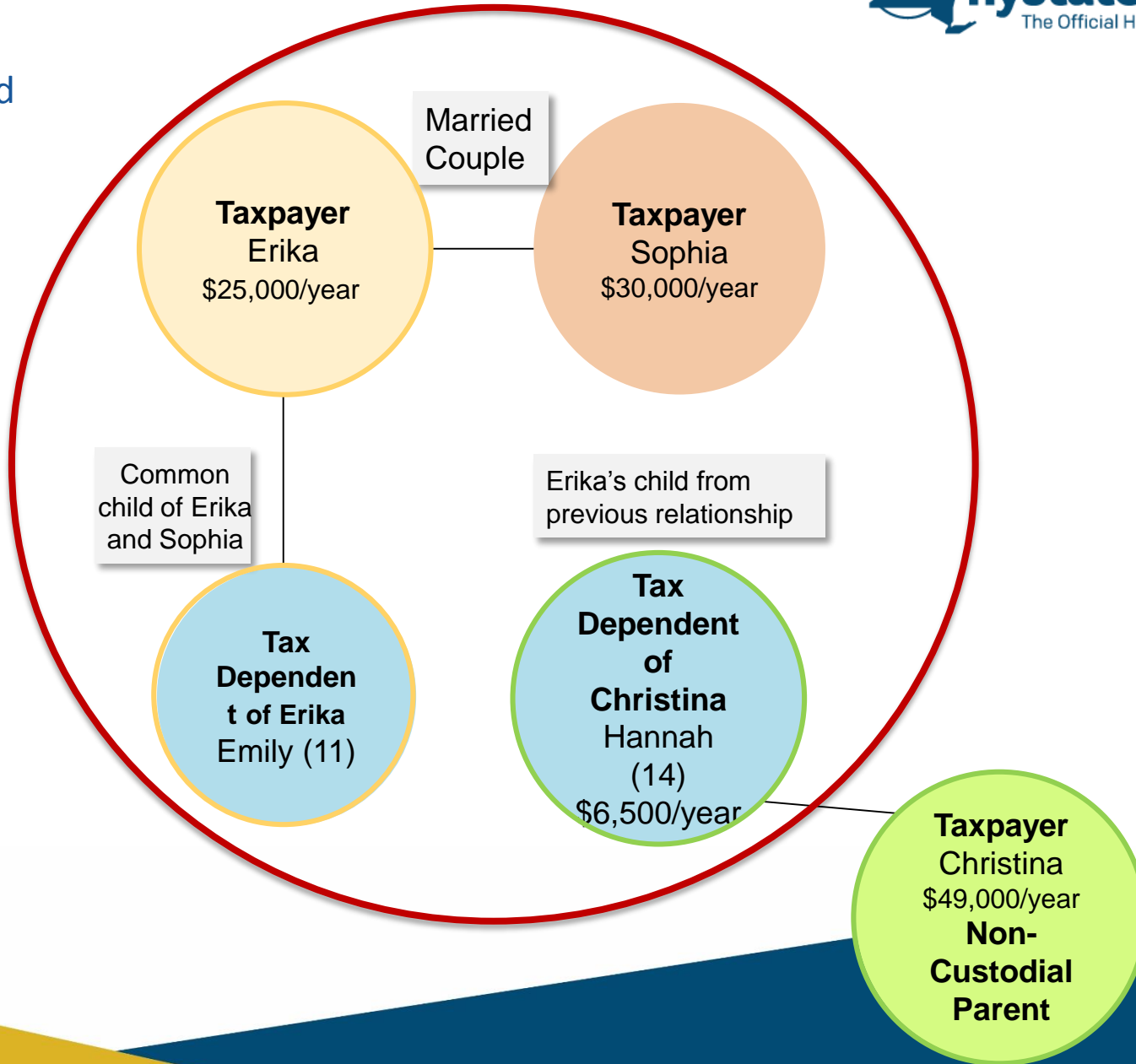
Annual Household Income	Federal Poverty Level
\$55,000.00	349.65%

138% Medicaid

400% Premium Assistance

Greater than 400% Full Pay

Emily &
Hannah's
Household



Scenario 3: Tax Dependent Eligibility The Official Health Plan Marketplace



Emily's Household

Household size: 4

Includes Erika, Sophia, Hannah and Emily.

🕒 Emily Taylor **Child Health Plus**

Marketplace ID: HX0000037114

Congratulations! You are qualified for health insurance through Child Health Plus with \$30.00. You told us your household income is \$61,500.00.

Certain groups of people, like people 65 or older, parents, children, people with disabilities or who are blind, may have their eligibility for Medicaid determined under a different basis, like through the Spenddown or Excess Income Program. This program allows individuals to subtract their medical expenses from their household income to become eligible for Medicaid. If your household income is above the Medicaid level or if your eligibility could not be determined through the Marketplace, you may be able to get help paying for your medical bills through this program. More detail is available in the plan selection section.

Annual Household Income	Federal Poverty Level	Premium Amount
\$61,500.00	253.61%	\$30.00

138% Medicaid

400% Premium Assistance

Greater than 400% Full Pay

Scenario 3: Tax Dependent Eligibility The Official Health Plan Marketplace



Hannah's Household

Household size: 4

Includes Hannah, Erika, Sophia and Emily

Hannah is claimed by her non-custodial parent, Christina, but lives with her mother Erika and stepmother Sophia.

📍 Hannah Rodriguez **Child Health Plus**

Marketplace ID: HX0000005230

Congratulations! You are qualified for health insurance through Child Health Plus with \$30.00. You told us your household income is \$61,500.00.

Certain groups of people, like people 65 or older, parents, children, people with disabilities or who are blind, may have their eligibility for Medicaid determined under a different basis, like through the Spenddown or Excess Income Program. This program allows individuals to subtract their medical expenses from their household income to become eligible for Medicaid. If your household income is above the Medicaid level or if your eligibility could not be determined through the Marketplace, you may be able to get help paying for your medical bills through this program. More detail is available in the plan selection section.

Annual Household Income	Federal Poverty Level	Premium Amount
\$61,500.00	253.61%	\$30.00

138% Medicaid

400% Premium Assistance

Greater than 400% Full Pay

Poll #3



Married couples who are living together can:

- a. Only be in the same Marketplace household if filing jointly.
- b. Only be in the same Marketplace household if filing separately.
- c. Be in the same Marketplace household regardless of tax status.

Awesome !!



Section 3:

Pregnant Women

Pregnant Women



All women of child bearing age (10 to 65) are asked if they are pregnant. This affects household eligibility.

- For Medicaid and Child Health Plus, a pregnant woman is counted as herself plus the number of children she is expecting.
- This rule does not apply to QHP's.

Scenario 4: Pregnant Women (under the age of 21)



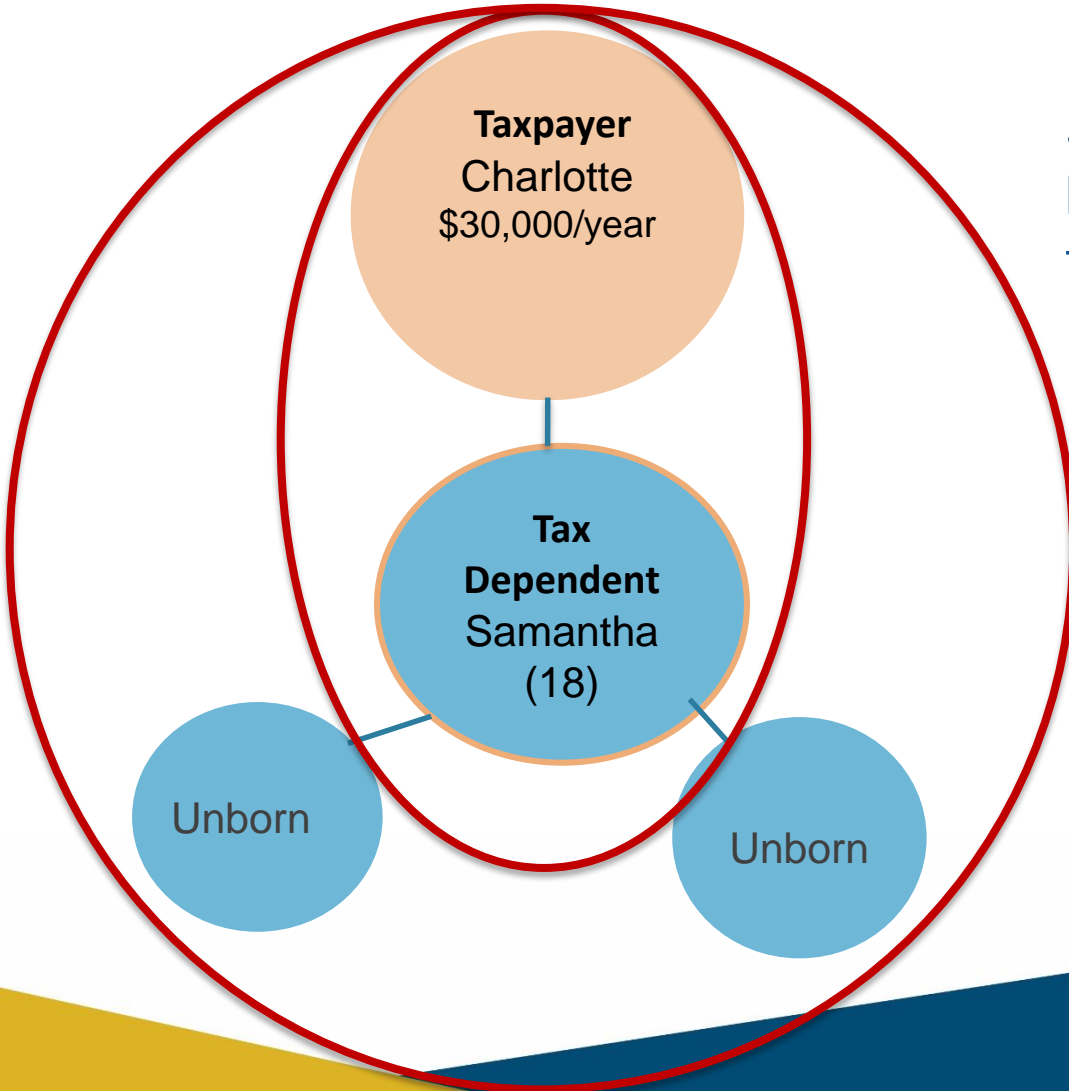
Samantha (18) is pregnant with twins.
She has no income.

Samantha is claimed by her mother,
Charlotte, as a dependent on her taxes.

Charlotte is currently working and makes
\$30,000/year.

Scenario 4: Pregnant Women (under the age of 21)

Charlotte's Household: 2



Samantha is claimed by her mother Charlotte and they live together.

Samantha's Household: 4

Scenario 4: Non-Tax Filer Breakdown



Rules for Pregnant Minors Under 21

- Because Samantha is a pregnant woman under the age of 21, all income is disregarded even if she earned \$30,000/year herself, her own income would be disregarded and she would still be MA eligible.

Note: If the NY State of Health counts any income for a pregnant woman under the age of 21, making her ineligible for Medicaid, the Assistor should report this case to the cacmail@health.state.ny.us to have the income disregarded.

Scenario 4: Non-Tax Filer



Samantha's Household

Household size: 4

Includes Charlotte, Samantha and 2 unborn children.

📍 Samantha Jones **Medicaid**

Marketplace ID: HX0002153119

Congratulations! You are eligible to enroll in Medicaid. Your eligibility is based on the number of people in your household and the income information you provided to us. You told us your income is \$0.00.

Annual Household Income	Federal Poverty Level
\$0.00	0.0%

138% Medicaid

400% Premium Assistance

Greater than 400% Full Pay

Poll #4



True or False?

The program a pregnant woman could be eligible for depends on her income and the number of people counted in her household composition.

Awesome !!



Questions?



Reminder: Recertification Process



- Assistors must attend or view each NY State of Health Recertification Webinar in order to be recertified on NY State of Health.
- Please use the following link to report that you have viewed this Webinar:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Assistor_Reporting_Household_Composition
- If you are unable to access Survey Monkey, please have your supervisor contact Assistor.Admin@health.ny.gov and NYSDOH will send your supervisor the manual process for recertification reporting.

Thank you for joining us!

- Watch for surveys
 - Recertification Evaluation of Webinar: Household Composition
 - NY State of Health Assistor Recertification Reporting – Household Composition
- Watch for the video to be posted to <http://info.nystateofhealth.ny.gov/SpringTraining>

Next Recertification Training:

Title: Immigration

Date: August 26, 2015