



Frequently Asked Questions about Form 1095-B

From the NYS Department of Health

New York State sends Form 1095-B to Medicaid, Child Health Plus and Essential Plan (EP) consumers. Health plans also send the Form 1095-B directly to consumers who participated in employer-sponsored health insurance with a small employer. Health plans may additionally send Form 1095-B to individuals enrolled in catastrophic coverage, although they are not required to do so until next year. These FAQs are about the Form 1095-B sent by NYS for Medicaid, Child Health Plus and EP enrollment.

1. Why did I receive a Form 1095-B from the NYS Department of Health?

You received Form 1095-B because, at some point during the past year, you or a family member were either enrolled in Medicaid, Child Health Plus or EP. A separate form is sent for each Medicaid, Child Health Plus and EP consumer, even if multiple children are on the same Child Health Plus policy. If you were not enrolled in Medicaid, Child Health Plus or EP, you may have received this form as a taxpayer claiming a personal exemption for one or more individuals covered by these programs.

2. What do I need to do with Form 1095-B from the NYS Department of Health?

This document provides information to verify the coverage provided by Medicaid, Child Health Plus or EP. You do not need to attach Form 1095-B to your federal income tax return but you will use it to complete your tax return and must keep the form with your records. If you do not file taxes, keep the form with your records. To determine whether you are required to file a federal income tax return, be sure to check with the IRS either at their website, www.irs.gov, or by calling their help line at 1-800-829-1040.

3. When will I receive my Form 1095-B from the NYS Department of Health?

These forms will be mailed starting in early January.

4. I was enrolled in Medicaid, Child Health Plus or EP during the past year, but I did not receive Form 1095-B from the NYS Department of Health. How do I get a replacement copy of the form?

Call NY State of Health at 1-855-766-7860.

5. I moved and forgot to change my address with NY State of Health. How can I get my Form 1095-B from the NYS Department of Health sent to my new address?

Call NY State of Health at 1-855-766-7860.

6. I disagree with the information on my Form 1095-B from the NYS Department of Health. Can I file an appeal?

If you think the information on your Form 1095-B is not correct, please call NY State of Health at 1-855-766-7860 for assistance. If the information is found to be incorrect, the NYS Department of Health will correct the form. However, under federal rules, you may not file an appeal regarding the Form 1095-B.

7. I received a corrected Form 1095-B from the NYS Department of Health. Do I have to refile my taxes?

NY State of Health cannot offer tax advice. Please visit www.irs.gov for more information about your question or discuss your circumstances with your tax advisor.

8. Where can I get help filing my taxes?

You can get assistance from your own tax advisor or preparer. Or, you can also get help from the IRS at www.irs.gov or by calling the IRS at (800) 829-1040 Monday through Friday 7:00am-7:00pm. The IRS website offers “Help and Resources” for those who need it. Help includes “Local Taxpayer Advocates” and “Low Income Tax Payer Clinics.”

Free tax assistance is also available through local Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Sites (VITA) for taxpayers who generally make less than \$53,000, or have disabilities, or are limited English speakers, or are elderly. For more information call (800)-906-9887 or visit www.irs.gov/Individuals/Free-Tax-Return-Preparation-for-You-by-Volunteers