

WE ARE SENDING YOU AN IMPORTANT TAX DOCUMENT

You or a family member got help paying for health insurance in 2018 and you need this form for your federal tax return

You or a family member got help paying for the health plan you bought through the NY State of Health last year. This financial help came in the form of a tax credit given "in advance" of filing taxes — that is, *when you enrolled in your health plan.* As a result, the IRS requires you to file IRS Form 8962 along with your federal tax return to settle your tax account for 2018. You can get Form 8962 at **www.irs.gov** and you will use the enclosed Form 1095-A to fill it out.

HELP WAS BASED ON YOUR INCOME

The amount of your advance premium tax credit was based on your estimated family income and information available at the time you enrolled. When you complete IRS Form 8962, your final premium tax credit will be based on your actual income and the cost of the second lowest cost silver plan in the county where you live.

If your final premium tax credit from IRS Form 8962 is less than your advance premium tax credit, you might have to give back some of the tax credit in the form of higher taxes or a smaller refund.

If your final premium tax credit from IRS Form 8962 is more than your advance premium tax credit, you might get more financial help in the form of a larger refund or lower taxes.

IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO KNOW...

 WHY YOU MAY GET OTHER FORMS
You will get one Form 1095-A for each Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum health plan you or a member of your family enrolled in during 2018. You will get more than one Form 1095-A if you had changes to your NY State of Health coverage during 2018. Form 1095-A is not sent for Catastrophic plans or for Medicaid, Child Health Plus, or the Essential Plan because these plans are not eligible for tax credits.

Besides Form 1095-A, it is possible that you will get other important tax forms. These are **Forms 1095-B and 1095-C**.

WHY YOU MAY GET OTHER FORMS continued If you or a family member were enrolled in Medicaid, Child Health Plus, or the Essential Plan in New York at some point in 2018, you will receive Form 1095-B from New York State. If you were enrolled in other types of coverage – such as a Catastrophic plan, Medicare Parts A or C, TRICARE, benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs, or certain employer-sponsored health insurance – you will receive Form 1095-B or Form 1095-C from other sources. The NY State of Health only provides the Form 1095-A and does not provide the Form 1095-B or Form 1095-C.

HOW TO GET HELP If you think we made a mistake on your Form 1095-A, call NY State of Health as soon as possible at 1-855-766-7860 so we can correct the record.

If you have questions about Form 1095-A or the tax credit, **visit** http://info.nystateofhealth.ny.gov/TaxCredits, call NY State of Health at 1-855-766-7860, or call Community Health Advocates' Helpline at 1-888-614-5400.

If you have a question about the 1095-B or 1095-C tax forms you may have received, call the number on those forms.

If you have questions about Form 8962 or other tax-related questions, visit **www.irs.gov.**

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

NY State of Health complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability in its health program and activities.

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NY State of Health:

Provides free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as:

- TTY through NY Relay Service
- Written information in other formats such as large print, audio, accessible electronic formats and other formats

Provides free language assistance services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:

- Qualified interpreters
- Written information in other languages

If you need these services or for more information, contact 1-855-355-5777 (TTY 1-800-662-1220).

If you believe that NY State of Health has discriminated you may file a complaint by going to: <u>http://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/discrimination_complaints/</u> or, by calling 518-473-1703 or 518-473-7883.

You may also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights electronically at <u>https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf</u> or by mail or phone at U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, D.C. 20201; 800-368-1019 (TTY 800-537-7697). Complaint forms are available at <u>hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html</u>.