

## OFFICE OF LABOR RELATIONS

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TO: ALL CITY, CUNY COMMUNITY COLLEGES, WATER AUTHORITY, AND HOUSING AUTHORITY EMPLOYEES

FROM: THE NEW YORK CITY OFFICE OF LABOR RELATIONS (OLR) EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PROGRAM

SUBJECT: FORM 1095-C 2016 INFORMATION

The following information is prepared to help employees better understand their 1095-C forms.

#### A. What is the Form 1095-C that I am receiving?

Form 1095-C is a tax form under the Affordable Care Act ("ACA") which contains information about your healthcare insurance coverage. It serves as an "offer of coverage" statement that shows the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") that the City of New York "the City" offered coverage to its full-time employees. Each full-time employee that worked for the City during any part of calendar year 2016 will receive a Form 1095-C, along with their W-2s. See **Question C** for the IRS definition of a "full-time" employee.

<u>Note</u>: The Form 1095-C shows the IRS that the City <u>offered</u> coverage to its full-time employees. Therefore, if you were a full-time employee during any part of calendar year 2016, you will receive a 1095-C even if you did not elect health insurance through the City.

#### B. What do I do with this form?

You do not have to file the Form 1095-C with your taxes. This form will be filed for you by the City. You may need the information contained in the Form 1095-C to use in your tax filing. Please consult a tax specialist or accountant or visit <a href="www.irs.gov/aca">www.irs.gov/aca</a> to determine if you are required to use this information in your tax filing.

#### C. Who will receive a Form 1095-C?

All full-time employees will receive a Form 1095-C. As defined by the IRS, a "full-time employee" is one who works, on average, at least 30 hours per week, or 130 hours per month.

#### D. Is this the only form that I will receive?

In addition to the 1095-C, each employee will also receive a Form 1095-B from his/her health insurance provider. Please contact your health insurance provider for information regarding the 1095-B form. Please visit the Employee Health Benefits (EHB) website at <a href="https://nyc.gov/hbp">nyc.gov/hbp</a> for information regarding health provider contact information.

#### E. What do the codes mean on the Form 1095-C?

The specific coding contained in Lines 14-16 on the 1095-C is for IRS purposes only. Please refer to the instructions located on the back of the Form 1095-C for further information.

#### F. Where can I obtain a duplicate Form 1095-C?

Each active, full-time employee for the City may obtain a duplicate 1095-C by logging into Employee Self-Service ("ESS") at <a href="nyc.gov/ess">nyc.gov/ess</a> and printing another Form 1095-C.

# G. Where can I find additional information regarding Form 1095-C?

Please visit <a href="www.irs.gov/aca">www.irs.gov/aca</a> to obtain additional information or contact the New York City 1095-C Information Line at 212-306-7602.

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### **Instructions for Recipient**

You are receiving this Form 1095-C because your employer is an Applicable Large Employer subject to the employer shared responsibility provision in the Affordable Care Act. This Form 1095-C includes information about the health insurance coverage offered to you by your employer. Form 1095-C, Part II, includes information about the coverage, if any, your employer offered to you and your spouse and dependent(s). If you purchased health insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace and wish to claim the premium tax credit, this information will assist you in determining whether you are eligible. For more information about the premium tax credit, see Pub. 974, Premium Tax Credit (PTC). You may receive multiple Forms 1095-C if you had multiple employers during the year that were Applicable Large Employers (for example, you left employment with one Applicable Large Employer and began a new position of employment with another Applicable Large Employer). In that situation, each Form 1095-C would have information only about the health insurance coverage offered to you by the employer identified on the form. If your employer is not an Applicable Large Employer it is not required to furnish you a Form 1095-C providing information about the health coverage it 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.

If your employer provided you or a family member health coverage through an insured health plan or in another manner, the issuer of the insurance or the sponsor of the plan providing the coverage will furnish you information about the coverage separately on Form 1095-B, Health Coverage. Similarly, if you or a family member obtained minimum essential coverage from another source, such as a government-sponsored program, an individual market plan, or miscellaneous coverage designated by the Department of Health and Human Services, the provider of that coverage will furnish you information about that coverage on Form 1095-B. If you or a family member enrolled in a qualified health plan through a Health Insurance Marketplace will report information about that coverage on Form 1095-A, Health Insurance Marketplace Statement.



Employers are required to furnish Form 1095-C only to the employee. As the recipient of this Form 1095-C, you should provide a copy to any family members covered under a self-insured employer-sponsored plan listed in Part III if they request it 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 the IRS.



If you do not provide your SSN and the SSNs of all covered individuals to the plan administrator, the IRS may not be able to match the Form 1095-C to determine that you and the other covered individuals have complied with the individual shared responsibility provision. For covered individuals other than the employee listed in

Part I, a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) may be provided instead of an SSN.

#### 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 or to report errors in the information on the form and ask that they be corrected.

#### Part II. Employer Offer and Coverage, Lines 14–16

- Line 14. The codes listed below for line 14 describe the coverage that your employer offered to you and your spouse and dependent(s), if any. (If you received an offer of coverage through a multiemployer plan due to your membership in a union, that offer may not be shown on line 14.) The information on line 14 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.
- **1A.** Minimum essential coverage providing minimum value offered to you with an employee contribution for self-only coverage equal to or less than 9.5% of the 48 contiguous states single federal poverty line and minimum essential coverage offered to your spouse and dependent(s) (referred to here as a Qualifying Offer). This code may be used to report for specific months for which a Qualifying Offer was made, even if you did not receive a Qualifying Offer for all 12 months of the calendar year.
- **1B.** Minimum essential coverage providing minimum value offered to you and minimum essential coverage NOT offered to your spouse or dependent(s).
- **1C.** Minimum essential coverage providing minimum value offered to you and minimum essential coverage offered to your dependent(s) but NOT your spouse.
- **1D.** Minimum essential coverage providing minimum value offered to you and minimum essential coverage offered to your spouse but NOT your dependent(s).
- **1E.** Minimum essential coverage providing minimum value offered to you and minimum essential coverage offered to your dependent(s) and spouse.
- **1F**. 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 *All 12 Months* box on line 14.
- **1H.** No offer of coverage (you were NOT offered any health coverage or you were offered coverage that is NOT minimum essential coverage).
- 11. Your employer claimed "Qualifying Offer Transition Relief" for 2015 and for at least one month of the year you (and your spouse or dependent(s)) did not receive a Qualifying Offer. Note that your employer has also provided a contact number at which you may request further information about the health coverage, if any, you were offered (see line 10).
- Line 15. This line reports the employee share of the lowest-cost monthly premium for self-only minimum essential coverage providing minimum value that your employer offered you. The amount reported on line 15 may not be the amount you paid for coverage if, for example, you chose to enroll in more expensive coverage such as family coverage. Line 15 will show an amount only if code 1B, 1C, 1D, or 1E is entered on line 14. If you were offered coverage but not required to contribute any amount towards the premium, this line will report a "0.00" for the amount.
- **Line 16.** This code provides the IRS information to administer the employer shared responsibility provisions. Other than a code 2C which reflects your enrollment in your employer's coverage, none of this information affects your eligibility for the premium tax credit. For more information about the employer shared responsibility provisions, see IRS.gov.

#### Part III. Covered Individuals, Lines 17–22

Part III reports the name, SSN (or TIN for covered individuals other than the employee listed in Part I), and coverage information about each individual (including any full-time employee and non-full-time employee, and any employee's family members) covered under the employer's health plan, if the plan is "self-insured." A date of birth will be entered in column (c) only if an SSN (or TIN for covered individuals other than the employee listed in Part I) is not entered in column (b). Column (d) will be checked if the individual was covered for at least one day in every month of the year. For individuals who were covered for some but not all months, information will be entered in column (e) indicating the months for which these individuals were covered. If there are more than 6 covered individuals, see the additional covered individuals on Part III, Continuation Sheet(s).