

Beyond the Basics

Part VIII: Tying It All Together

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Scenario 1: The Maroney Family



Focus Areas

- Automatic redetermination & renewal
- Changing plans
- Updating income
- Data matching issues



Maroney Family

- Jill (age 40), James (age 43), and Jenny (age 8)
- No offers of coverage at work
- Currently enrolled in 2021 coverage at HealthCare.gov with projected income of \$48,435 (223% FPL):
 - Jill: \$26,435
 - James: \$22,000

Maroney Family

- They get a notice from HealthCare.gov about open enrollment, recommending that they update their household information. They don't.

Open Enrollment starts November 1: Confirm your coverage & financial help for 2022

Review your Health Insurance Marketplace® coverage and costs for next year. The following people are currently enrolled in coverage with financial help through the Marketplace:

- Jill, James, and Jenny Maroney

The Marketplace Open Enrollment Period is November 1, 2021 – January 15, 2022. During this time, you can shop for new Marketplace coverage or choose to stay in the same type of plan, if it's still right for you. You're currently getting financial help with the cost of health coverage each month. It's important to update your household income and other information to make sure you're getting the right amount of help.

Update your Marketplace application for 2022 coverage. You must enroll by December 15, 2021 for your plan's coverage to start on January 1, 2022.

Visit [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) to update your Marketplace application during Open Enrollment. If you don't update your Marketplace application with your current household income and other information by December 15, 2021, we'll review your eligibility for coverage and financial help in 2022 based on information from the most recent income data sources we have for your household. Even if your situation hasn't changed, we might not have all of your up-to-date information. This could mean you won't get the right amount of financial help, or you may owe money when you file your 2022 federal income tax return. If you use advance payments of the premium tax credit to help pay for your Marketplace premium, you must file a tax return to report these payments even if you don't usually file taxes.

Maroney Family Chooses to Re-Enroll in Their Current Plan

- In mid-December, they receive:
 - An eligibility determination notice from HealthCare.gov
 - An enrollment confirmation from their insurance carrier
 - Their first premium bill
- ! Note that it is a regular premium and not a “binder” payment. They must pay it, but their plan would go into a grace period, not be terminated, if they don’t.

Dear Jill, James, and Jenny Maroney

You're automatically enrolled in the Marketplace plan(s) below for coverage beginning January 1

Enrolled individuals	Now enrolled in this plan	Will I get financial help for this plan
Jill Maroney James Maroney Jenny Maroney	[Plan name] Plan ID: [Number] Effective January 1.	Yes. This full amount of your premium tax credit will be applied to your monthly insurance premium. This plan has lower copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles (cost-sharing reductions).

The Marketplace determined your eligibility for financial assistance based on information including your household's projected income

How is APTC/CSR Redetermined?

Information used to redetermine 2022 APTC and CSR:

- Updated federal poverty guidelines
- 2022 benchmark plan premium information
- Most recent income information available, adjusted to 2022 (maintaining FPL level)
 1. 2021 projected income
 2. If no 2021 projection, use 2020 tax data
 3. If neither of the above, use projected 2020 income

- The Maroney family actively enrolled in 2021 and did not update their income for re-enrollment in 2022.
- HealthCare.gov will update their income by maintaining the FPL level of their 2021 projected income.

	2021 Projected Income	2022 Adjusted Income
FPL	223%	223%
Adjusted Income	\$48,435	\$49,000

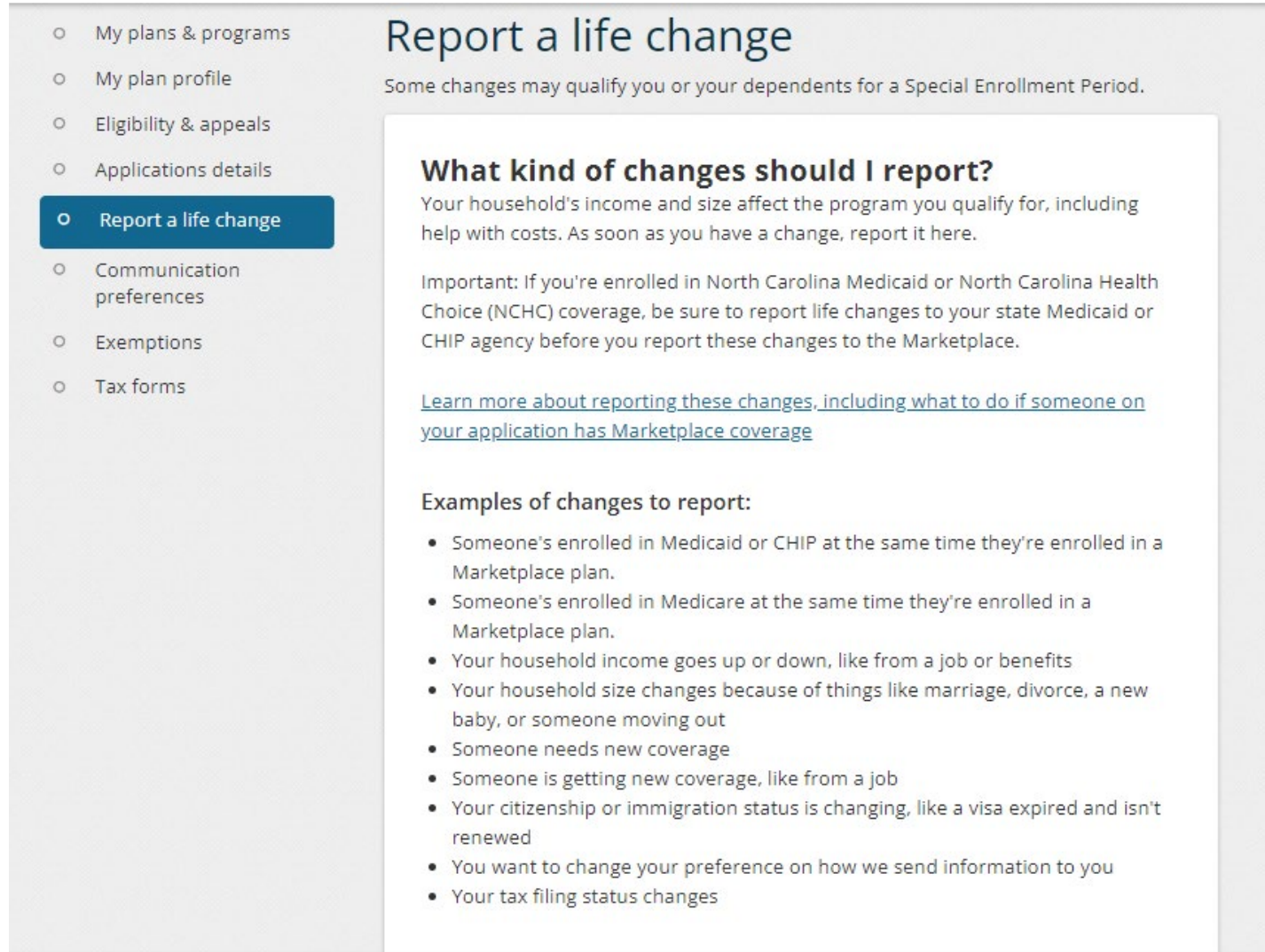
Switching Plans

- Jenny has diabetes. On January 10, Jill learns that Jenny's pediatric endocrinologist is no longer in their plan's network and that one of her prescriptions might not be covered.
- This plan doesn't work for them anymore, and they'd like to choose a different one.
- They must choose a new plan **by January 15** (the end of open enrollment).
- Assuming they paid their January premium, they had coverage in their old plan for the month of January.
- Their earliest coverage effective date for the new plan is **February 1**.
- They must pay a February binder payment.

	<div>Blue Cross and Blue Shield of NC</div> <div>Blue Value Silver Enhanced 4000 (limited network)</div> <div>Like This Plan</div>	<div>UnitedHealthcare</div> <div>Balance Plus Silver 3 Free Visits-E</div> <div>Like This Plan</div>	<div>UnitedHealthcare</div> <div>Balance Silver 3 Free Visits-E</div> <div>Like This Plan</div>
Estimated monthly premium	\$31.63 Including a \$1,459 tax credit Was \$1,490.63	\$122.66 Including a \$1,459 tax credit Was \$1,581.66	\$130.41 Including a \$1,459 tax credit Was \$1,589.41
Deductible	\$4,000 Individual total \$8,000 Family Total	\$2,900 Individual total \$5,800 Family Total	\$3,400 Individual total \$6,800 Family Total
Out-of-pocket maximum	\$6,800 Individual total \$13,600 Family Total	\$6,800 Individual total \$13,600 Family Total	\$6,800 Individual total \$13,600 Family Total
Plan metal level	Silver	Silver	Silver
Plan type	POS	HMO	HMO
Plan ID	11512NC0100044	19958NC0010002	19958NC0010003
Medical providers In-network	<div>✗ Dr. Kateryna V Kotlyarevska Md Pediatrics - Pediatric Endocrinology</div> <div>Edit medical providers</div>	<div>✓ Dr. Kateryna V Kotlyarevska Md Pediatrics - Pediatric Endocrinology In-network locations</div> <div>Edit medical providers</div>	<div>✓ Dr. Kateryna V Kotlyarevska Md Pediatrics - Pediatric Endocrinology In-network locations</div> <div>Edit medical providers</div>
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Reporting a Change in Income

- In April, Jill shifts from full-time salaried to part-time hourly work
- They return to HealthCare.gov to update their income



The screenshot shows the 'Report a life change' page on HealthCare.gov. On the left is a sidebar with a list of menu items: 'My plans & programs', 'My plan profile', 'Eligibility & appeals', 'Applications details', 'Report a life change' (highlighted with a blue background), 'Communication preferences', 'Exemptions', and 'Tax forms'. The main content area is titled 'Report a life change' and includes a sub-header 'Some changes may qualify you or your dependents for a Special Enrollment Period.' Below this is a section titled 'What kind of changes should I report?' with a paragraph explaining that household income and size affect program eligibility. An important note states that users enrolled in North Carolina Medicaid or NCHC coverage should report changes to their state agency first. A link is provided to 'Learn more about reporting these changes, including what to do if someone on your application has Marketplace coverage'. The 'Examples of changes to report:' section contains a bulleted list of scenarios such as changes in Medicaid/CHIP enrollment, Medicare enrollment, household income, household size, new coverage needs, citizenship status, and communication preferences.

Report a life change

Some changes may qualify you or your dependents for a Special Enrollment Period.

What kind of changes should I report?

Your household's income and size affect the program you qualify for, including help with costs. As soon as you have a change, report it here.

Important: If you're enrolled in North Carolina Medicaid or North Carolina Health Choice (NCHC) coverage, be sure to report life changes to your state Medicaid or CHIP agency before you report these changes to the Marketplace.

[Learn more about reporting these changes, including what to do if someone on your application has Marketplace coverage](#)

Examples of changes to report:

- Someone's enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP at the same time they're enrolled in a Marketplace plan.
- Someone's enrolled in Medicare at the same time they're enrolled in a Marketplace plan.
- Your household income goes up or down, like from a job or benefits
- Your household size changes because of things like marriage, divorce, a new baby, or someone moving out
- Someone needs new coverage
- Someone is getting new coverage, like from a job
- Your citizenship or immigration status is changing, like a visa expired and isn't renewed
- You want to change your preference on how we send information to you
- Your tax filing status changes

Reporting a Change in Income

Jill's income

If Jill has more than one source of income, you'll be able to enter more later.

Select a type of income Jill currently gets this month.

[Learn more about types of income to report, including COVID-19-related income.](#)

Job (like salary, wages, commissions, or tips) ▾

[Learn more about reporting job income.](#)

Enter the employer name.

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Enter the amount Jill gets paid.

[Learn how to calculate income.](#)

\$ 150

How often is Jill paid this amount?

☐

Hourly

☐

Daily

☒

Weekly

☐

Every 2 weeks

☐

Twice a month

☐

Monthly

☐

Yearly

☐

One time only

- Jill's prior income estimate will be displayed, and she can update it
- Monthly income is used to make the Medicaid eligibility determination

Reporting a Change in Income

- HealthCare.gov assumes that Jill's hourly wage applies for the full year – not the case
- She'll use the tools provided to improve her income estimate



If this person's income isn't the same month-to-month, the yearly income estimate below may not be correct. To enter a different amount, select "No."

Be sure the income estimate includes all unemployment income. Don't include COVID-19 stimulus checks.

[Learn more about types of income to report, including COVID-19-related income.](#)

Jill's expected yearly income

About \$7,794.00

We calculated this expected yearly income amount based on what you entered for Jill's monthly income and expenses.

[I'm not sure if this amount is correct.](#)



Yes



No

Is Jill's income hard to predict?



Yes



No

If you're not sure, make your best estimate of Jill's income total

\$



We can help you better estimate Jill's income, if you need it

If their income is hard to predict or changes (like getting unemployment or having a short-term job):

[Use income calculator](#)

If you roughly know their monthly income, even if the amounts change:

[Enter monthly amounts](#)

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[Enter monthly amounts](#)

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Estimate Jill's income

Enter Jill's expected income for each month Don't worry if this isn't the exact total, we just need a close estimate.

[Learn more about types of income to report, including COVID-19-related income.](#)

January

\$ 2,250

February

\$ 2,250

March

\$ 2,250

April

\$ 650

May

\$ 650

June

\$ 650

July

\$ 650

August

\$ 650

September

\$ 650

October

\$ 650

November

\$ 650

December

\$ 650

[Save income estimate](#)

[Cancel](#)

Reporting a Change in Income



We can help you better estimate Jill's income, if you need it

If their income is hard to predict or changes (like getting unemployment or having a short-term job),

Use income calculator

If you roughly know their monthly income, even if the amounts change:

Enter monthly amounts

Calculate yearly income

Use this tool to help calculate each household member's yearly income.



If income has changed or may be hard to estimate

We know some people's income and expenses may change throughout the year or be hard to estimate. Use this tool for help making the best estimate. If you or your household members' income changes after you submit an application, come back to the Marketplace and update your application. This will help make sure you're getting the right amount of savings.

Household member's name

Optional

Maroney Family

Income

\$34,570.28

If this person gets this income at different times during the year, enter it as multiple income sources.

Job (like salary, wages, commissions, or tips) 1: \$2,250.00 monthly from 01/01/2021 - 03/30/2021 \$6,677.42

Edit

Remove

Job (like salary, wages, commissions, or tips) 2: \$150.00 weekly from 04/01/2021 - 12/31/2021 \$5,892.86

Edit

Remove

Job (like salary, wages, commissions, or tips) 3: \$22,000.00 yearly from 01/01/2021 - 12/31/2021 \$22,000.00

Edit

Remove

Add Income Source

www.healthcare.gov/income-calculator

Reporting a Change in Income

- With lower monthly household income, Jenny now appears to be eligible for Medicaid
- Her application will be transferred to the state's Medicaid agency

Eligibility overview

Jill Maroney	✔ Eligible	To buy a Marketplace plan
James Maroney		For a premium tax credit of up to \$1215 each month for your tax household
		For lower copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles (cost-sharing reductions) on Silver plans
		Your eligibility is temporary: you must submit documents to confirm some information. See your eligibility notice for details and deadlines.
Jenny Maroney	✔ May be eligible	For Medicaid You'll get a final decision from your state Medicaid agency.

Results of Eligibility Determination

Their new eligibility determination notice (EDN) states that:

- Jill and James are eligible for an SEP because they are:
 - Currently enrolled in HealthCare.gov and
 - The income change qualifies them for a different level of CSR
- Subject to plan choice limitations

Household member(s)	Results	Next steps
Jill Maroney, James Maroney	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Until [redacted] you're eligible to buy a 2021 Marketplace plan through a Special Enrollment Period.	<p>Important: You must submit documents. This notice includes deadlines and details.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choose a plan.
Jill Maroney, James Maroney	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eligible to buy a [redacted] Marketplace plan, but we need more information from you.• Eligible for advance payments of the premium tax credit to help pay for a Marketplace plan. You can use up to this much of the tax credit:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$1,215.00 each month, which is \$14,580.00 for the year, for your tax household.• This is based on the yearly household income of \$34,600.00—the amount that you put on your application, or that came from other recent information sources.• Can choose a Silver plan with lower copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles (cost-sharing reductions).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choose a plan by [redacted] and pay your first month's premium.• You must choose a Silver plan to get cost-sharing reductions, which provide extra savings on out-of-pocket costs. Choosing a Silver plan instead of a Bronze plan may save you thousands of dollars if you use a lot of medical services.• By [redacted] 2022, send documents to confirm:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• your household income
Jenny Maroney	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May be eligible for free or low-cost coverage through North Carolina Medicaid. This result is based on the monthly household income of \$2,482.83 that you provided on your Marketplace application.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You'll get a final decision from the Division of Health Benefits.

Results of Eligibility Determination

The EDN also says that:

- Jenny is likely eligible for Medicaid
- Jill and James are eligible for APTC
- They need to submit documents to verify their income within the next 90 days to get APTC (income data matching issue, or DMI)
 - ? *Why?* Their income is lower than their 2020 tax income by more than \$6,000 *and* 25%

Household member(s)	Results	Next steps Important: You must submit documents. This notice includes deadlines and details.
Jill Maroney, James Maroney	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Until _____ you're eligible to buy a 2021 Marketplace plan through a Special Enrollment Period.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choose a plan.
Jill Maroney, James Maroney	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eligible to buy a _____ Marketplace plan, but we need more information from you.• Eligible for advance payments of the premium tax credit to help pay for a Marketplace plan. You can use up to this much of the tax credit:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$1,215.00 each month, which is \$14,580.00 for the year, for your tax household.• This is based on the yearly household income of \$34,600.00—the amount that you put on your application, or that came from other recent information sources.• Can choose a Silver plan with lower copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles (cost-sharing reductions).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choose a plan by _____ and pay your first month's premium.• You must choose a Silver plan to get cost-sharing reductions, which provide extra savings on out-of-pocket costs. Choosing a Silver plan instead of a Bronze plan may save you thousands of dollars if you use a lot of medical services.• By _____ 2022, send documents to confirm:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• your household income
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Resolving an Income DMI

Jill and James submit a letter to document:

- James' income
- Jill's reduced income
- An explanation of how they arrived at their estimate

Primary Household Contact:	Jill Maroney
Other Household Members:	James Maroney Jenny Maroney
Application ID:	#####
State of Application:	North Carolina
Phone Number:	xxx-xxx-xxxx
Today's Date:	4/28/2021
Projected Annual Income for 2021 as Stated on Application:	\$34,570
Explanation for income projection:	
James' income is the same as on our 2020 tax return and our initial 2021 projection (\$22,000). Jill's income will be lower because she has reduced her schedule from a full-time salaried position to a part-time hourly position. Prior to 4/1, Jill earned approximately \$2,250 per month. As of 4/1, Jill earns about \$150 per week and expects to continue earning this amount for the rest of the year.	

If this isn't sufficient, the Maroneys will get 90, 60, and 30 day notices, emails, and an outbound call at 15 days

DMI is Successfully Cleared

Health Insurance Marketplace

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
465 INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD
LONDON, KENTUCKY 40750-0001

GOOD NEWS: The Health Insurance Marketplace verified your information.

This notice affects: Jill, James, and Jenny Maroney

You're getting this message because we successfully verified your household income information using one or more documents you submitted. Your eligibility as described in your Eligibility Notice will continue unchanged. You don't need to take any further action at this time.

Scenario 2: The Hernandez/Rosta Family



Focus Areas

- Determining who is in the household
- Determining income
- Understanding the impact of employer-sponsored insurance (ESI)
- Understanding eligibility for APTC and Medicaid/CHIP



Hernandez/Rosta Family

- Hugo Hernandez, Elena Rosta, and their children Javier and Maria Hernandez live together
- Hugo and Elena are not married
- Elena claims both kids on her taxes
- Income projections:
 - Hugo: \$30,000
 - Elena: \$28,000
- They live in a Medicaid non-expansion state
- Elena has offers of self-only and family employer-sponsored insurance (ESI)

Determining Household

The application asks many questions about their relationships and living situation

How is Javier related to Elena?

Javier is Elena's...

- Child (including adopted child)
- Stepchild
- Child of domestic partner (including adopted & step children)
- Sibling (including half & stepsibling)
- Grandchild
- Niece or nephew
- Aunt or uncle
- First cousin
- Daughter-in-law or son-in-law
- Sister-in-law or brother-in-law
- Other relative (by blood or marriage)
- Unrelated (not by blood or marriage)

Determining Household

Elena usually claims the kids (Javier and Maria). Does this seem right?

Who will Elena claim as a dependent on their federal tax return?

☒ Javier

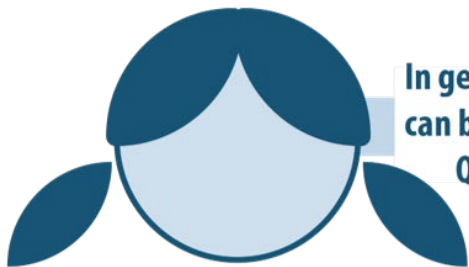
☒ Maria

☐ Hugo

Add a dependent

Children

A child can include the tax filer's child, step child, adopted child, foster child, brother, sister, niece, nephew or grandchild



In general a child can be claimed as a Qualifying Child if she...



Is a U.S. citizen or resident (for tax purposes) of the U.S., Canada or Mexico



Lives with the tax filer for more than half the year



Is under 19 at the end of the year (or 24 if a full-time student or any age if disabled)



Doesn't provide more than half of her own support

Note that Elena and Hugo have a decision to make about who claims the children. They can't both claim the same dependent.

Determining Households

Are Elena and Hugo married? No, they are in separate tax households.

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Marital status

[Learn more about marital status.](#)

What's Elena's marital status?

☒ Single

☐ Married

What's Hugo's marital status?

☒ Single

☐ Married

Learn more about marital status

[Close](#)

Find this person's situation to see how to answer this question:

Is legally married. Select "Married."

Is separated, but not divorced. Select "Married."

Is in a common law marriage. As long as they're living together, and their marriage is recognized in the state where they live, or in the state where their common law marriage began, select "Married."

Lives with their partner, but isn't legally married. Select "Single."

Is a victim of domestic violence or spousal abandonment. Spousal abandonment means this person can't locate their spouse after making a reasonable attempt to find them, also known as desertion. Select "Single."

Is widowed. Select "Single."

Tax Filing Requirement

- To claim a PTC, an enrollee needs to file a tax return
- For Medicaid, tax filing is not necessary

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Tax relationships

Now, tell us about the household's federal income tax returns. We'll use this information to see who's eligible for savings, like premium tax credits.

Elena's tax relationships

Will Elena file a **federal income tax return?**

[Learn more about tax filing.](#)

☒ Yes

☐ No

Who will Elena claim as a dependent on their **federal tax return?**

☒ Javier

☒ Maria

☐ Hugo

Will Elena claim any dependents on their **federal tax return?**

[Learn more about dependents.](#)

☒ Yes

☐ No

Reporting Income

The application asks for income information for both Elena and Hugo

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Elena's income

If Elena has more than one source of income, you'll be able to enter more later.

Select a type of income Elena currently gets this month.

[Learn more about types of income to report, including COVID-19-related income.](#)

Job (like salary, wages, commissions, or tips) ▾

[Learn more about reporting job income.](#)

Enter the employer name.

ABC Co

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Hugo's income

If Hugo has more than one source of income, you'll be able to enter more later.

Select a type of income Hugo currently gets this month.

[Learn more about types of income to report, including COVID-19-related income.](#)

Job (like salary, wages, commissions, or tips) ▾

[Learn more about reporting job income.](#)

Enter the employer name.

ABC Co

Employer-Sponsored Insurance (ESI)

Elena is offered self-only coverage and family coverage that does not include domestic partners

Job-based health coverage

[Get help completing this section.](#)

Will any of these people be offered health coverage through their job, or through the job of another person, like a spouse or parent?

Only select a person's name if they'll have an offer of coverage on 11/1/2021, even if they haven't enrolled or the enrollment period for the employer coverage is over.

[Learn more about who's offered job-based coverage.](#)

- ☒ Elena
- ☒ Javier
- ☒ Maria
- ☐ Hugo
- ☐ None of these people

An employer plan meets minimum value if it has an **actuarial value greater than 60%**

How do I know if it meets minimum value?

It will be on the plan's Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC)

Job-based health coverage

[Get help completing this section.](#)

Does ABC Co (Elena's job) offer a health plan that meets the minimum value standard?

Most job-based plans meet the minimum value standard.

[Learn more about the minimum value standard.](#)

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Employer-Sponsored Insurance (ESI)

How much would Elena pay for themselves for the lowest-cost health plan at ABC Co?

Enter the self-only premium amount for Elena, even if they aren't enrolled in coverage.

[Learn more about entering premium amounts.](#)

\$ 100

How often would Elena pay this amount?

- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ Every 2 weeks
- ☐ Twice a month
- ☒ Monthly
- ☐ Quarterly
- ☐ Yearly

- ESI is “affordable” if the employee’s contribution for **self-only coverage is less than 9.61%** of household income (in 2022)
- The employee contribution for self-only coverage determines affordability for both the employee and other members of the family who are offered coverage
- If the self-only employer coverage is affordable, the employee (and family) cannot qualify for APTC

Example: Offers of ESI and Eligibility for APTC



Summary of Plan Costs and Household Income	
Household Income:	\$28,000 (Elena's income only, since Hugo is in a different household)
Employee-only premium cost:	\$100/month
Family premium cost:	\$300/month
Minimum value (MV):	✓ 80% AV

Are Elena and her family eligible for APTC?

Employee Test

Family Test

Is Elena's plan affordable?

(In other words, is her lowest-cost premium for a minimum value plan less than 9.61% of household income?)

- Yes, Elena's share of the premium for coverage just for her is 4.3% of household income

Is Elena's plan affordable?

- Family coverage for Elena and the kids costs 12.9% of income but is still "affordable" since Elena's coverage is affordable
- Hugo is not included in Elena's coverage offer so could be APTC-eligible

✗ Elena is not eligible for APTC

✗ The kids are not eligible for APTC

Eligibility Overview

Eligibility overview

Hugo Hernandez

✔ Eligible

To buy a Marketplace plan

For a premium tax credit of up to \$301 each month for your tax household

For lower copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles (cost-sharing reductions) on Silver plans

Your eligibility is temporary: By January 7, you must submit documents to confirm some information. See your eligibility notice for details and deadlines.

Elena Rosta

Javier Hernandez

Maria Hernandez

✔ Eligible

To buy a Marketplace plan

Your eligibility is temporary: By January 12, you must submit documents to confirm some information. See your eligibility notice for details and deadlines.

You can't enroll here because you told us that only some of the people on your application file taxes, or there's more than one tax household on your application. To select a plan call the Marketplace Call Center at 1-800-318-2596 (TTY: 1-855-889-4325).

Results

- Hugo is eligible to enroll in a marketplace plan with APTC and CSR but needs to send documents (see EDN)
- The rest of the family can purchase a marketplace plan **but without APTC or CSR**
- ? *Why?* The “family glitch” makes the family ineligible for APTC because Elena has affordable ESI

Understanding Medicaid/CHIP Eligibility

Elena's income is \$28,000 (128% FPL). Why aren't they all eligible for Medicaid/CHIP?

- Elena isn't eligible for Medicaid because they live in a Medicaid non-expansion state
- Under Medicaid rules, the children are Elena's tax dependents, but they fall under one of the exceptions to the household/income rules — *kids living with both parents who are unmarried*
- Combining Hugo and Elena's incomes, household income is too high for the kids to be Medicaid eligible

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If an individual is a:		
Tax Filer, Not Claimed as a Dependent	Tax Dependent	Non-Filer / Non-Dependent
Individual's household is: → Tax filer plus: → Spouse → All persons whom tax filer expects to claim as a dependent	Individual's household is: → Household of the tax filer claiming individual as a dependent EXCEPTIONS (apply the rules for non-filers) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tax dependents not a child of the taxpayer• Individuals under 19¹ living with both parents not expected to file a joint return• Individuals under 19¹ claimed as tax dependent by non-custodial parents	For individuals age 19 and above, household is: → Individual plus: → Spouse (if living with individual) → Children under age 19 ¹ (if living with the individual) For individuals under age 19 ¹ , household is: • Individual plus: → Siblings under 19 ¹ → Parents (including step-parents) → Children living with individual ^{2,4}

¹ States can extend the age limit to include individuals under 21 who are full-time students

Notes:

- For married couples filing jointly, each spouse is considered a tax filer.
- Married couples living together are always in each other's household regardless of how they file.
- When determining the household of a pregnant woman, she is counted as herself plus the number of children she is expecting. When determining the household for individuals whose household includes a pregnant woman (but are not pregnant themselves), states can count the pregnant woman as 1, 2, or 1 plus the number of children she is expecting.
- MAGI household and income rules do not apply to seniors eligible for Medicaid or people eligible for Medicaid due to a disability.

Understanding Tax Rules

Is there another option for the family?

Who needs health coverage?

[Learn more about who not to include.](#)

Needs coverage

[Learn more about editing or removing someone.](#)

✓ Hugo

Edit

✓ Javier

Edit | Remove

✓ Maria

Edit | Remove

Add a person who needs coverage

Hugo's tax relationships

Will Hugo file a federal income tax return?

[Learn more about tax filing.](#)

☒ Yes

☐ No

Will Hugo claim any dependents on their federal tax return?

[Learn more about dependents.](#)

☒ Yes

☐ No

Who will Hugo claim as a dependent on their federal tax return?

☒ Javier

☒ Maria

Understanding ESI

- If Hugo claims the children, they are no longer in the family glitch
- ? Why? Because they are on a separate tax return from the person who is offered coverage
- Elena's ESI offer doesn't count for the kids
- Elena's income is still needed for Medicaid income since she is a parent living in the same home as the kids

Job-based health coverage

[Get help completing this section.](#)

Will any of these people be offered health coverage through their job, or through the job of another person, like a spouse or parent?

Only select a person's name if they'll have an offer of coverage on _____, even if they haven't enrolled or the enrollment period for the employer coverage is over.

[Learn more about who's offered job-based coverage.](#)

☐ Hugo

☐ Javier

☐ Maria

☒ None of these people

Eligibility Determination

- Hugo claims the kids, and they are eligible for APTC of \$900/month and CSRs
- Elena files with no dependents and enrolls in her self-only employer-sponsored coverage

Eligibility overview

Hugo Hernandez		To buy a Marketplace plan
Javier Hernandez	✔ Eligible	For a premium tax credit of up to \$900 each month for your tax household
Maria Hernandez		For lower copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles (cost-sharing reductions) on Silver plans
Your eligibility is temporary: By January 7, you must submit documents to confirm some information. See your eligibility notice for details and deadlines.		

Scenario 3: Ryan Family



Focus Areas

- Calculating self-employment income
- Entering income
- Reporting tobacco use
- Plan selection
- PTC reconciliation



Ryan Family

- Denise (age 62) and Harold (age 62)
- Denise is self-employed and will earn \$20,000 in 2022
- Harold has a pension (\$1,100/mo) and Social Security benefits (\$1,550/mo)
- Harold smokes

Calculating Self- Employment Income


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Denise's income

If Denise has more than one source of income, you'll be able to enter more later.

Select a type of income Denise currently gets this month.

[Learn more about types of income to report, including COVID-19-related income.](#)

Self-employment (like own business, consulting, or freelance) 

i Enter the net income (profit) this person earns from their own trade or business, like profit earned from goods they sell or services they provide.

If this person gets a regular paycheck from an employer, select "Job" above instead.

[Learn more about self-employment income.](#)

Enter Denise's net income (total income minus business expenses)

You can enter a positive number (profit) or a negative number (loss).

[Learn how to calculate net income. If you're still not sure, make your best estimate.](#)

\$ 3,000

Describe the kind of work in a few words.

Freelance photographer

Save & continue

Net self-employment income:
Monthly income *minus*
business expenses

Calculating Self-Employment Income

Self-Employment Income Estimator

What is self-employment income? Self-employment income includes any work or services you get paid for. This could be odd jobs, seasonal work, or other work that isn't recorded on a W-2. You can deduct reasonable business expenses to offset some of your income.

Who should use this tool? This tool can help you calculate the self-employment income and expenses you'll include on your HealthCare.gov application. This tool doesn't include everything you need to know to file your tax return and it isn't a substitute for tax advice.

Note: If you underestimate your income (or overestimate your expenses), you may get a higher premium tax credit than you qualify for and will need to pay some of it back.

Main Information

Type of Business or Profession	Photography		
Business Name	Precious Memories by Denise		
Business Start Date	01/01/2007		
Have you included this business income on a recent tax return?	yes		
Are your income and expenses similar to those on your prior tax return? If so, refer to your last tax return for help in estimating your income for next year.	yes		

Tip Keep a separate checking account or credit card for your business to make income and expenses easier to track.

Income

Total Gross Income from Form(s) 1099-MISC (do NOT deduct any expenses)	\$	
Total Gross Income from Form 1099-K (do NOT deduct any expenses)	\$	
Total Electronic payments not reported on 1099-MISC or 1099-K (such as certain rideshare income not reported above)	\$	25000
Total of all other income received by cash or check not reported above	\$	8000

Total Gross Income \$ **33,000**

Income Details

Income	Details
\$5,000 x 5	Weddings
\$500 x 16	Studio sessions

and this list doesn't reflect all potentially deductible expenses.

Transportation Related to (including commuting)	\$	
Advertising	\$	
Professional Services	\$	
Contractor (paid to someone else)	\$	
Supplies & Fees	\$	
Education	\$	
Home (rental) or (commuting)	\$	500

13,000

to guide to estimate income & expenses share

Camera	
Phones	
Editing equipment	
Advertising	
Insurance	
Travel	

. \$ **20,000**

Entering Income

Denise's expected yearly income

About \$36,000.00

We calculated this expected yearly income amount based on what you entered for Denise's monthly income and expenses. Is this correct for 2021?

[I'm not sure if this amount is correct.](#)

☐ Yes

☒ No

Is Denise's income hard to predict?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Make your best estimate of Denise's expected yearly income

\$ 20,000



We can help you better estimate Denise's Income, If you need It

If their income is hard to predict or changes (like getting unemployment or having a short-term job):

[Use income calculator](#)

If you roughly know their monthly income, even if the amounts change:

[Enter monthly amounts](#)

Save & continue

- Based on monthly income, the application over-estimates her annual income
- Denise expects significant expenses in other months that will reduce her net income
- Denise corrects the estimate

Entering Income

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Review Harold's income & expenses

Harold's income

Enter any income Harold gets this month, like from a job, self-employment, unemployment, or other source.

Social Security benefit

\$1,550.00 each month

[Edit](#) | [Remove](#)

Pension benefits

\$1,100.00 each month

[Edit](#) | [Remove](#)

[Add another income source for Harold](#)

Harold's expenses

Only enter student loan interest, alimony, educator expenses, and contributions to an IRA that Harold gets

[Add expense for Harold](#)

Harold's net income totals

Harold's expected monthly income

About \$2,650.00

We calculated this current monthly income amount based on what you entered for Harold's income and expenses. Don't worry if this isn't the exact total — we just need a close estimate.

Harold's expected yearly income

About \$31,800.00

We calculated this expected yearly income amount based on what you entered for Harold's monthly income and expenses. Is this correct for 2023?

[Be sure if this amount is correct.](#)

☒ Yes

☐ No

[Save & continue](#)

Reporting Tobacco Use

You're eligible to enroll in Marketplace coverage

1 **Decide how much tax credit to use to lower premium**

2 **Report tobacco use** 

3 **See if plans cover your doctors, hospitals & drugs**

Enter your doctors and hospitals to see if they're in the plan's network and see which plans cover them.

4 **Choose health plans**

Shop, compare, and choose health plans.

Report tobacco use

Have any of the following household members regularly used tobacco recently?

Select each person who used tobacco 4 or more times per week (on average) in the past 6 months. Exclude religious or ceremonial uses.

[Why are we collecting tobacco use?](#)

☐ Denise Ryan

☒ Harold Ryan

When was the last time Harold Ryan used tobacco regularly?

Enter a date between _____ and today.

Month Day Year
10 / 01 / 2021

☐ None

Save & Continue

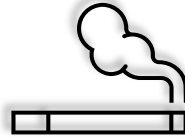
- Insurers can charge a 50% higher premium to people who use tobacco (subject to state limits)
- APTC isn't increased to pay the extra premium

Impact of Tobacco Surcharge

Monthly premium
\$14.24
Including a \$1,603.00 tax credit
Was \$1,617.24

Ambetter of Illinois
[Ambetter Essential Care 5 \(2021\)](#)
Bronze | HMO | Plan ID: 27833IL0140016

Deductible ⓘ	Out-of-pocket maximum
\$16,200 Family Total	\$17,000 Family Total



Monthly premium
\$135.53
Including a \$1,603.00 tax credit
Was \$1,738.53

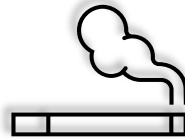
Ambetter of Illinois
[Ambetter Essential Care 5 \(2021\)](#)
Bronze | HMO | Plan ID: 27833IL0140016

Deductible ⓘ	Out-of-pocket maximum
\$16,200 Family Total	\$17,000 Family Total

Monthly premium
\$262.46
Including a \$1,603.00 tax credit
Was \$1,865.46

Ambetter of Illinois
[Ambetter Balanced Care 11 \(2021\)](#)
Silver | HMO | Plan ID: 27833IL0140011

Deductible ⓘ	Out-of-pocket maximum
\$12,000 Family Total	\$17,000 Family Total



Monthly premium
\$402.37
Including a \$1,603.00 tax credit
Was \$2,005.37

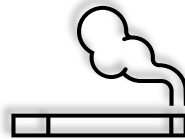
Ambetter of Illinois
[Ambetter Balanced Care 11 \(2021\)](#)
Silver | HMO | Plan ID: 27833IL0140011

Deductible ⓘ	Out-of-pocket maximum
\$12,000 Family Total	\$17,000 Family Total

Monthly premium
\$631.46
Including a \$1,603.00 tax credit
Was \$2,234.46

Ambetter of Illinois
[Ambetter Secure Care 5 \(2021\)](#)
Gold | HMO | Plan ID: 27833IL0140010

Deductible ⓘ	Out-of-pocket maximum
\$2,900 Family Total	\$12,600 Family Total



Monthly premium
\$799.04
Including a \$1,603.00 tax credit
Was \$2,402.04

Ambetter of Illinois
[Ambetter Secure Care 5 \(2021\)](#)
Gold | HMO | Plan ID: 27833IL0140010

Deductible ⓘ	Out-of-pocket maximum
\$2,900 Family Total	\$12,600 Family Total

Not All Plans Have Tobacco Rating

Monthly premium

\$69.54

Including a \$1,603.00 tax credit
Was \$1,672.54

Cigna Healthcare

[Cigna Plus with Northwestern Medicine 8550](#)

Bronze | HMO | Plan ID: 53882IL0040024

Deductible ⓘ

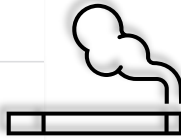
\$17,100

Family Total

Out-of-pocket maximum ⓘ

\$17,100

Family Total



Monthly premium

\$69.54

Including a \$1,603.00 tax credit
Was \$1,672.54

Cigna Healthcare

[Cigna Plus with Northwestern Medicine 8550](#)

Bronze | HMO | Plan ID: 53882IL0040024

Deductible ⓘ

\$17,100

Family Total

Out-of-pocket maximum ⓘ

\$17,100

Family Total

Monthly premium

\$463.76

Including a \$1,603.00 tax credit
Was \$2,066.76

Cigna Healthcare

[Cigna Plus with Northwestern Medicine 5000](#)

Silver | HMO | Plan ID: 53882IL0040025

Deductible ⓘ

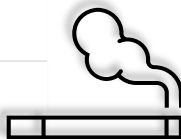
\$10,000

Family Total

Out-of-pocket maximum ⓘ

\$17,100

Family Total



Monthly premium

\$463.76

Including a \$1,603.00 tax credit
Was \$2,066.76

Cigna Healthcare

[Cigna Plus with Northwestern Medicine 5000](#)

Silver | HMO | Plan ID: 53882IL0040025

Deductible ⓘ

\$10,000

Family Total

Out-of-pocket maximum ⓘ

\$17,100

Family Total

Plan Selection

They can enroll in the same plan or choose different plans

Health plan groups for your household

Based on your application, we put your household members into the groups below. You can choose one plan for everyone, a separate plan for each person, or some other grouping.

[Why change groups?](#)

- To get started with current groups: select **View plans** for a group to get started.
- To change groups: select **Change groups**, make the changes, then **View plans** for the new groups.

You'll select a plan for each group one at a time.

Group: 1

Denise Ryan (Age 62)
Harold Ryan (Age 62)

View Plans

Change Groups

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Group: 1

Denise Ryan (Age 62)

View Plans

Group: 2

Harold Ryan (Age 62)

View Plans

Change Groups

PTC Reconciliation

- Enrollees need to **reconcile** their APTC on their tax return
- People who have more income than they projected will owe back some or all of the APTC they received
- In 2020, repayment was suspended
- For 2021 and going forward, repayment applies

Form 8962 **Premium Tax Credit (PTC)** OMB No. 1545-0074
 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service **2021**
 Attach to Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR. **Attachment Sequence No. 73**
 Go to www.irs.gov/Form8962 for instructions and the latest information.

Name shown on your return _____ Your social security number _____

A. If you received, or were eligible to receive, unemployment compensation for any week in 2021, check the box. See instructions. ☐
B. You cannot take the PTC if your filing status is married filing separately unless you qualify for an exception. See instructions. If you qualify, check the box. ☐

Part I Annual and Monthly Contribution Amount

1 Tax family size. Enter your tax family size. See instructions. **1** _____
2a Modified AGI. Enter your modified AGI. See instructions. **2a** _____
b Enter the total of your dependents' modified AGI. See instructions. **2b** _____
3 Household income. Add the amounts on lines 2a and 2b. See instructions. **3** _____
4 Federal poverty line. Enter the federal poverty line amount from Table 1-1, 1-2, or 1-3. See instructions. Check the appropriate box for the federal poverty table used. **a** ☐ Alaska **b** ☐ Hawaii **c** ☐ Other 48 states and DC **4** _____
5 Household income as a percentage of federal poverty line (see instructions) **5** _____ %
6 Reserved for future use **6** _____
7 Applicable figure. Using your line 5 percentage, locate your "applicable figure" on the table in the instructions. **7** _____
8a Annual contribution amount. Multiply line 3 by line 7. Round to nearest whole dollar amount. **8a** _____ **b** Monthly contribution amount. Divide line 8a by 12. Round to nearest whole dollar amount. **8b** _____

Part II Premium Tax Credit Claim and Reconciliation of Advance Payment of Premium Tax Credit

9 Are you allocating policy amounts with another taxpayer or do you want to use the alternative calculation for year of marriage? See instructions.
☐ **Yes.** Skip to Part IV, Allocation of Policy Amounts, or Part V, Alternative Calculation for Year of Marriage. ☐ **No.** Continue to line 10.
10 See the instructions to determine if you can use line 11 or must complete lines 12 through 23.
☐ **Yes.** Continue to line 11. Compute your annual PTC. Then skip lines 12-23 ☐ **No.** Continue to lines 12-23. Compute your monthly PTC and continue to line 24.

Annual Calculation	(a) Annual enrollment premiums (Form(s) 1095-A, line 33A)	(b) Annual applicable SLCSP premium (Form(s) 1095-A, line 33B)	(c) Annual contribution amount (line 8a)	(d) Annual maximum premium assistance (subtract (c) from (b); if zero or less, enter -0-)	(e) Annual premium tax credit allowed (smaller of (a) or (d))	(f) Annual advance payment of PTC (Form(s) 1095-A, line 33C)
11 Annual Totals						
Monthly Calculation	(a) Monthly enrollment premiums (Form(s) 1095-A, lines 21-32, column A)	(b) Monthly applicable SLCSP premium (Form(s) 1095-A, lines 21-32, column B)	(c) Monthly contribution amount (amount from line 8b or alternative marriage monthly calculation)	(d) Monthly maximum premium assistance (subtract (c) from (b); if zero or less, enter -0-)	(e) Monthly premium tax credit allowed (smaller of (a) or (d))	(f) Monthly advance payment of PTC (Form(s) 1095-A, lines 21-32, column C)
12 January						
13 February						
14 March						
15 April						
16 May						
17 June						
18 July						
19 August						
20 September						
21 October						
22 November						
23 December						
24 Total premium tax credit. Enter the amount from line 11(e) or add lines 12(e) through 23(e) and enter the total here						24 _____
25 Advance payment of PTC. Enter the amount from line 11(f) or add lines 12(f) through 23(f) and enter the total here						25 _____
26 Net premium tax credit. If line 24 is greater than line 25, subtract line 25 from line 24. Enter the difference here and on Schedule 3 (Form 1040), line 9. If line 24 equals line 25, enter -0-. Stop here. If line 25 is greater than line 24, leave this line blank and continue to line 27						26 _____

PTC Reconciliation

- People with income below 400% FPL have a cap on the amount they must repay
- Over 400% FPL, there is no cap
 - But for 2021 and 2022, there is no cliff for people with income over 400% FPL because they don't lose eligibility when they cross that threshold

REPAYMENT LIMITS (TY 2021)		
Income (as % of FPL)	SINGLE taxpayers will pay back no more than ...	OTHER taxpayers will pay back no more than....
Under 200%	\$325	\$650
At least 200% but less than 300%	\$800	\$1,600
At least 300% but less than 400%	\$1,350	\$2,700
400% and above	None: Full repayment	None: Full repayment

PTC Reconciliation

- In 2022, they had two income changes that they failed to report
 - Denise and Harold unexpectedly needed a new roof and took \$8,000 out of their IRA
 - Denise earned more money and had fewer expenses than she anticipated, earning \$30,000 instead of \$20,000
- They have no cap on repayment but don't have a repayment cliff because, under the American Rescue Plan (ARP), enrollees are still eligible with income over 400% FPL in 2022

	2022 Income	Applicable Percentage	Premium for Benchmark Silver	APTC
Projected Income	\$51,800 (297% FPL)	5.88% of income	\$3,046	\$19,334
<i>Actual</i> Modified Adjusted Gross Income	\$69,800 (401% FPL)	8.5% of income	\$5,933	\$16,447
			<i>Repayment = \$2,887</i>	

Repayment amount without ARP

Upcoming Webinars

Part IX: Best Practices for Assisting People with Disabilities

- Thursday, October 14 | 1 pm ET (10 am PT)

See previous webinars at

www.healthreformbeyondthebasics.org/home/issues/webinars/

Register for upcoming webinars at

www.healthreformbeyondthebasics.org/events

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