



## The Oregon Health Plan & Taxes

### 1095-B Tax Form

#### Background

2015 is the first tax year that Oregon Health Plan (OHP) members are required to report OHP coverage on their income tax return. People who file a 2015 federal income tax return, and who had OHP coverage in 2015, must report which months of the year they had OHP. This information is on the IRS Form 1095-B.

#### 1095-B is an official income tax form

The federal health care law now requires that tax filers answer questions about health care coverage on their income tax return. People who received OHP coverage in 2015 will receive a 1095-B form. The 1095-B shows which months someone received OHP coverage during 2015. Even if someone was only covered for one day in a month, the form will show that they were covered for that month.

#### The 1095-B form will be mailed on January 29, 2016

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will mail everyone who was covered by OHP a 1095-B form, even children. OHA will mail the forms on January 29, 2016. People should keep the 1095-B with their important papers. OHA will also send the information to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

#### OHP members who file an income tax return need a 1095-B form to report OHP coverage

OHP members who file an income tax return must keep the 1095-B to use when they file their taxes. If an OHP member is claimed as a dependent on someone else's income tax return, that person will need the information from the member's 1095-B form.

#### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

##### Why do I need a 1095-B form?

You only need a 1095-B if you file an income tax return for 2015, or someone else claims you as a dependent, and you received OHP coverage in 2015. The federal health care law now requires that tax filers answer questions about health care coverage on their income tax return. The 1095-B shows which months in 2015 you were covered by OHP.

##### I don't file taxes; do I need a 1095-B form?

If you don't file taxes, you don't need a 1095-B form. However, the Oregon Health Authority will still send you one. If someone claims you as a dependent on their income tax return, they will need your 1095-B form.



### **Who sends and receives the 1095-B?**

The Oregon Health Authority will send everyone a 1095-B form who received OHP coverage in 2015, even children. The 1095-B will show which months you were covered by OHP in 2015. OHA will also send the information to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

### **When will I get a 1095-B form?**

You should receive it in February 2016. OHA will mail the forms on January 29, 2016.

### **Do I have to pay taxes on my OHP coverage?**

No. You do not have to pay taxes on OHP coverage. The 1095-B form is just a reporting document that gives proof of the month(s) you had OHP coverage in a given year.

### **What if I don't get a form or my form is wrong?**

If you don't get a 1095-B by late February 2016, or your 1095-B is wrong, please call the OHP 1095-B Service Line at 1-844-346-8060, (TTY 711). We will send you a new 1095-B if the original is incorrect.

### **How can I learn more?**

To learn more, visit the "OHP & Taxes" webpage at [www.oregon.gov/oha/healthplan/Pages/Tax-Info.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/oha/healthplan/Pages/Tax-Info.aspx).