

Types of Coverage Exemptions

This chart shows all of the coverage exemptions available for 2016, including information about where the coverage exemptions can be obtained and the code for the coverage exemption that is to be used on Form 8965 when you claim the exemption. If your coverage exemption was granted by the Marketplace, you will need to enter the Exemption Certificate Number (ECN) provided by the Marketplace (see the instructions for Part I).

Coverage Exemption	Granted by Marketplace	Claimed on tax return	Code for Exemption
Income below the filing threshold — Your gross income or your household income was less than your applicable minimum threshold for filing a tax return.		✓	No Code See Part II
Coverage considered unaffordable — The minimum amount you would have paid for premiums is more than 8.13% of your household income.		✓	A
Short coverage gap — You went without coverage for less than 3 consecutive months during the year.		✓	B
Citizens living abroad and certain noncitizens — You were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A U.S. citizen or resident who was physically present in a foreign country or countries for at least 330 full days during any period of 12 consecutive months; • A U.S. citizen who was a bona fide resident of a foreign country or countries for an uninterrupted period that includes an entire tax year; • A bona fide resident of a U.S. territory; • A resident alien who was a citizen or national of a foreign country with which the U.S. has an income tax treaty with a nondiscrimination clause, and you were a bona fide resident of a foreign country for an uninterrupted period that includes an entire tax year; • Not lawfully present in the U.S. and not a U.S. citizen or U.S. national. For more information about who is treated as lawfully present in the U.S. for purposes of this coverage exemption, visit www.HealthCare.gov; or • A nonresident alien, including (1) a dual-status alien in the first year of U.S. residency and (2) a nonresident alien or dual-status nonresident alien who elects to file a joint return with a U.S. spouse. This exemption doesn't apply if you are a nonresident alien for 2016, but met certain presence requirements and elected to be treated as a resident alien. For more information see Pub. 519. 		✓	C
Members of a health care sharing ministry — You were a member of a health care sharing ministry.		✓	D
Members of Indian tribes — You were either a member of a Federally-recognized Indian tribe, including an Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) Corporation Shareholder (regional or village), or you were otherwise eligible for services through an Indian health care provider or the Indian Health Service.	*	✓	E
Incarceration — You were in a jail, prison, or similar penal institution or correctional facility after the disposition of charges.		✓	F
Aggregate self-only coverage considered unaffordable — Two or more family members' aggregate cost of self-only employer-sponsored coverage was more than 8.13% of household income, as was the cost of any available employer-sponsored coverage for the entire family.		✓	G
Resident of a state that did not expand Medicaid — Your household income was below 138% of the federal poverty line for your family size and at any time in 2016 you resided in a state that didn't participate in the Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act.		✓	G
Member of tax household born, adopted, or died — During 2016 a child was added to your tax household by birth or adoption, or a member of your tax household died during the year and you can't check the full-year coverage checkbox on your tax return.		✓	H
Members of certain religious sects — You are a member of a recognized religious sect.	✓		Need ECN See Part I
Determined ineligible for Medicaid in a state that didn't expand Medicaid coverage — You were determined ineligible for Medicaid solely because the state in which you resided didn't participate in Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act.	✓		Need ECN See Part I
General hardship — You experienced a hardship that prevented you from obtaining coverage under a qualified health plan.	✓		Need ECN See Part I
Coverage considered unaffordable based on projected income — You didn't have access to coverage that is considered affordable based on your projected household income.	✓		Need ECN See Part I
Unable to renew existing coverage — You were notified that your health insurance policy was not renewable and you considered the other plans available to be unaffordable. This exemption is available only until October 16, 2016.	✓		Need ECN See Part I
Certain Medicaid programs that are not minimum essential coverage — You were (1) enrolled in Medicaid coverage provided to a pregnant woman that is not recognized as minimum essential coverage; (2) enrolled in Medicaid coverage provided to a medically needy individual (also known as Spend-down Medicaid or Share-of-Cost Medicaid) that is not recognized as minimum essential coverage; or (3) enrolled in Medicaid, and received minimum essential coverage for one or more months of the year by meeting a spend-down, but not in other months because the spenddown had not been met.	✓		Need ECN See Part I

Hardship Exemptions Granted by the Marketplace

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Homelessness 2. Eviction in the last 6 months or facing eviction or foreclosure 3. Utility shut-off notice 4. Domestic violence 5. Recent death of a close family member 6. Disaster that resulted in significant property damage 7. Bankruptcy in the last 6 months 8. Significant debt from medical expense in the last 24 months 9. High expense caring for ill, disabled or aging relative | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Failure of another party to comply with a medical support order for a dependent child who is determined ineligible for Medicaid or CHIP 11. Through an appeals process, determined eligible for a Marketplace QHP, PTC, or CSR but was not enrolled 12. Determined ineligible for Medicaid because the state did not expand coverage 13. Individual health insurance plan was cancelled and you believe Marketplace plans are considered unaffordable 14. Other hardship in obtaining coverage |
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* The Marketplace is not granting this exemption beginning in 2016, but lifetime ECNs granted in 2014 or 2015 are still valid.