

MA 1099-HC Form – Individual Mandate to Have Health Care Coverage Questions and Answers for Tax Year 2007

1. What is a MA 1099-HC Form?

The MA 1099-HC form is a new Massachusetts document that serves as proof of health insurance coverage for Massachusetts adult residents.

2. Who will receive a MA 1099-HC?

Every Massachusetts subscriber who had employer provided health insurance during 2007 will receive a MA 1099-HC Form from the health insurance company.

3. Why will I receive a MA 1099-HC?

Most Massachusetts adult residents (age 18 or older) are required to purchase health insurance by July 1, 2007. Residents will need to provide evidence that they have health insurance by December 31, 2007 with their 2007 MA Resident state tax forms to avoid a penalty for not purchasing health insurance in 2007.

4. How long am I required to have health insurance in 2007?

The law requires most adult MA residents (age 18 or older) to purchase health insurance by July 1, 2007. However, in 2007, the penalty for non-compliance is only applied if the adult resident did not have insurance coverage as of December 31, 2007.

5. When will I receive a MA 1099-HC form?

You should receive your form by January 31, 2008. They cannot be printed until after December 31, 2007.

6. What address will the form be mailed to?

The 1099 HC form will be mailed to the Subscriber address on file with the health insurance company. If you receive health insurance coverage through an employer, please be sure that your employer has current address information so that your group health insurance can send you your MA 1099-HC.

7. Do I attach the MA 1099-HC to my MA State Income Tax forms?

No. The MA 1099-HC is informational. You will copy some of the information on the MA 1099-HC onto a "Schedule HC, Health Care Information" form, which you will attach to your MA residential tax form. Schedule HC is a new required tax return attachment for all MA residents.

8. Should I keep the MA 1099-HC form after I file my taxes?

Yes. Should you get audited, the MA 1099-HC form is your proof of health insurance.

9. If I lose the original or I didn't receive one, can I get another?

After the original MA 1099-HC forms have been printed, reprints may be requested by calling your health insurance company. To protect your privacy, requests can only be made by the subscriber and specific questions will be asked to confirm that the caller is, in fact, the subscriber.

10. Does the original or re-print cost me anything?

No.

11. If my spouse and I file taxes separately do I need more than one MA 1099-HC?

No. You will receive one form per family. You may make a copy of the original, keeping in mind the MA 1099-HC is only required if you get audited.

12. What information will be printed on MA 1099-HC for tax year 2007?

- Name of Health Insurance Company
- Federal Tax ID for the Health Insurance Company
- Name of the Subscriber
- Subscriber Date of Birth
- Subscriber Member ID
- Mailing address for the Subscriber (on file with the health insurance company)
- Dependent/s Name (if applicable)
- Dependent/s Date of Birth
- Dependent Member ID
- Effective Date of Insurance Coverage of subscriber and dependent/s (if applicable)
- Through Date of Insurance Coverage of subscriber and dependent/s (if applicable)

13. Does the form contain my Social Security Number (SSN)?

No.

14. What information will I transcribe from the MA 1099-HC to the Schedule HC?

- Name of Insurance Company
- Federal Tax ID for Insurance Company
- Did you have insurance on December 31, 2007? Yes/No

15. Why does the MA 1099-HC have more information than the Schedule HC and what will it be used for?

The MA Department of Revenue developed the list of information elements on the MA 1099-HC. The Commissioner of Revenue may disclose the additional information in statements and reports to the Division of Insurance, the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy and the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector. However, the information in the statements and reports will be confidential and will not constitute a public record.

16. Why is my "Through Date" on the form 12/31/2007 when my insurance is still in effect?

The field is labeled "through" date; not "termination" date. The MA 1099-HC is intended to report your coverage for the previous tax year. The DOR has instructed the health insurers to enter the last day of the previous year in this space if your insurance has *not* been terminated.

17. Where can I get a copy of the new Schedule HC, Health Care Information tax form?

The Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) website will have a copy of this schedule. You may visit the DOR website at www.state.ma.us/dor. Alternatively, you can consult with your tax professional.

18. What is Minimum Creditable Coverage (MCC)?

Minimum Creditable Coverage is the minimal standard that a Massachusetts adult's health insurance must meet by January 1, 2009 to conform with new MA Health Care Reform laws. Prior to January 1, 2009, virtually any legal health care coverage in Massachusetts satisfies the Minimum Creditable Coverage standard.

19. Does my employer provided insurance meet the Minimum Creditable Coverage (MCC) requirements?

At this time, your employer provided health insurance plan meets or exceeds Minimum Creditable Coverage guidelines.



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