

Exemptions from Individual Mandate Tax Penalties for Not Having ACA Compliant Health Insurance

There are many reasons why a person does not have Health Insurance as required under The Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act ("ACA" aka "Obamacare").

Currently, there are estimated to be about 20-30 reasons why someone may be exempt from the penalty for not having health insurance. Those who have medical expenses they couldn't afford don't have to pay the penalty. Neither do some with low incomes. For example, low-income individuals who aren't required to file an income tax return don't have to pay the penalty.

The top five exemption categories are:

1. Received a shut off notice from a utility company.
2. Had difficulty signing up for health insurance through a state or federal marketplace.
3. Had medical expenses they couldn't pay in the last 24 months that resulted in substantial debt
4. Had an individual insurance plan cancelled, and believe other marketplace plans are unaffordable.
5. Can't afford health insurance; the lowest-priced coverage available would cost more than 8 percent of their household income.

Exemptions are also available because of homelessness, eviction, foreclosure, bankruptcy, the death of a close family member or an experience with domestic violence. Members of Native American tribes also are not required to sign up for health insurance. Taxpayers can claim certain exemptions on their 2014 tax return when they file in 2015, and so forth thereafter.

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