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Everyone Please Note !!!!

ObamaCare is Here AND it still affects EVERY Tax Return This Year

If you had ObamaCare at any time during the year

You will get a Form 1095-A from the ObamaCare Exchange

If you had health insurance at any time during the year

You will get a Form 1095-B from the insurance company

If you had health insurance through your employer at any time during the year

You "MAY" get a Form 1095-C from your employer (it all depends on how large your employer is)

► We **MUST** get any and all of these forms from you to complete two new tax forms that will inform IRS if you are in compliance, entitled to a credit, or will have to repay a credit, or will have to pay a penalty

Form 8962 Premium Tax Credit

You may be entitled to "Refundable" Tax Credits to help cover the cost of your insurance premiums

Form 8965 Health Coverage Exemption

This form will determine if you can qualify for any one of the many exemptions available if you didn't have full coverage for the full year.

Be aware, there are many exemptions to the tax penalty that is imposed for not having full coverage for the full year. If you qualify for any of them, you will not have to pay the penalty, or at the very least, the penalty can be reduced. It's complicated, please let us assist you with this.

New 2017 IRS Refund Policy

for returns claiming "Earned Income Tax Credit" or "Additional Child Tax Credit",

According to a new tax law, the IRS cannot issue any part of a refund before February 15th for tax returns that claim either of these credits, AND IRS further cautions that refunds with these credits likely won't arrive in accounts until the week of February 27th.

So get your return in their system early, remember, **First Come - First Served**

New Loan Product for 2017

"Refund Advance" tax refund-related loans will be available in amounts to be determined by Refund Advantage of \$500, \$800, or \$1,200.

Beginning January 23rd

Get Your Refund in as little as 7 days

*with **Free Electronic Filing***

Direct Deposited in a checking, savings, or retirement account (tax preparation fees paid when filing)

OR

*with **No Money needed to file**
using a bank product with bank fees*

tax preparation fees and bank fees are deducted from your Electronic Refund Check (ERC)

IRS will not accept returns from anyone until Monday January 23rd

However, we can prepare your return anytime so you know exactly what your refund is, and then transmit it to IRS as soon as IRS opens

Regular hours Jan 2nd thru Jan 18th

Starting Jan 19th, Monday thru Friday

First appt 9:00AM - Last appt 8:00PM

Saturdays & April 18th

First appt 9:00AM - Last appt 4:00PM

If you need an appointment before 9:00 AM or after 8:00 PM, or Sunday, call and we will try to assist you.

Unable to come to us?

Try our e-mail or mail-in service

Whether you're temporarily away for the winter, have moved, or simply unable to come to our office, we still want to serve you. We prepare state returns for all states.

1. E-mail. Beginning in 2017, in order to improve our turnaround time due to slow mail service, we will now have our entire "mail-in" packet on our website.

If you're computer savvy, you could print the forms, then scan them along with all your tax information (W 2's, 1099's, etc.) and e-mail them to us.

2. Traditional Mail. We have a "mail-in" packet which includes a postage-paid envelope and all the necessary forms. There is no cost for postage either coming to us or going back to you

Please call for our "**mail-in**" packet. Our toll free line is 800-844-2293

In either case, when completed, we will e-file your return and mail your copy to you

We Love New Client Referrals, Get \$20 or \$40 or more

You get a **\$20 Thank You check** for your first new referral each year, and we will **double that to a \$40 Thank You check** for each additional new referral during that same year. (some restrictions, see our "Refer A Friend" card)

Plus the new client will get a \$20 Discount that first year.

If you don't have any of our "Refer A Friend" cards, simply tell your referral to mention your name and that you referred them, we'll gladly give them a discount and send you our thank you check.

To Kim Harlows Clients

As you were aware last year, Kim was having some health issues and has decided that she needs to step away from preparing tax returns. We are very sorry to see her leave, but her health is much more important. She had been with us since 1999 and will be missed.

IRS Scam Alert

IRS will not contact you by phone or by e-mail. If you get a call or e-mail from someone claiming to be from the IRS, IT'S A SCAM. Do not give them any personal information and definitely don't send them any money. If this happens, notify IRS. Call 1-800-366-4484 or e-mail "phishing@irs.gov"

Indiana Tax Law Issues

► Civil Service Annuity Deduction

Effective 2016, the deduction is now \$16,000. It was increased from \$2,000 in 2014 to \$8,000 in 2015 and now increases to \$16,000 in 2016. Sounds great, but it all depends on any Social Security you may be receiving.

► Deductions Eliminated for 2016

Indiana Lottery Winnings Deduction

It was only a \$1,200 deduction which meant about \$60 in cash

Insulation Deduction

It was only a \$1,000 deduction which meant about \$50 in cash

► \$1,000 Private School and Homeschooled Deduction

For Individuals who have a dependent enrolled in a K-12 private school or is being homeschooled. It's \$1,000 for each dependent. Those eligible need to take advantage of this.

► Public School Educator Expense Credit

Effective 2015, the credit will be the lesser of \$100 or the actual amount spent on classroom supplies. This is the same as the \$250 deduction that has been federal law for several years, but this is a credit, which is actual dollars. (Sorry, doesn't apply to private school educators)

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Small Business Tax Law Changes

► Self Employed Health Ins

Premiums are still deductible 100% in 2016 against income. This includes Medicare premiums and Medicare Supplement premiums.

► Improvements/Repairs

Effective for 2016, the immediate write-off has been increased from \$500 to \$2,500 per invoice without having to depreciate.

► Depreciation Alternative

The immediate write off of equipment and/or furniture of up to \$500,000 has been extended for 2016.

► 6,000 lb Vehicle Rule

The immediate write off of SUV's is only \$25,000 for 2016 and only for vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight greater than 6,000 pounds.

► Over the Road Drivers

The daily meal allowance increased for 2016 from \$59 to \$63 for workers subject to DOT hours. Now 80% is deductible for 2016.

► Day Care Providers

The Standard Meal and Snack Allowance for children in your care has been increased for 2016 (you do have to keep records, but not grocery receipts).

Breakfast	\$1.32 (US)
Lunch & Supper	\$2.48 (US)
Snack (up to 3)	\$0.74 (US)

► Business Mileage Rate

54¢ per mile in 2016 (down from 57.5¢ in 2015) plus business vehicle interest and parking fees.

► Business Filings & Penalties

The filing deadline for business tax returns are

**Partnerships – New for 2016
Now due March 15th**

C Corporations – April 15th

S Corporations - March 15th

Trusts – April 15th

Late filing penalties will be assessed for filing after above dates.

Prepared your own return?

If you want us to just **Electronically file** your return for you, you could have your refund direct deposited in your checking, savings, or retirement account in as little as **7 days**
Fees must be paid at time of filing