

# 2014 Tax Filing and the ACA

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# Shared Responsibility

Starting in 2014, everyone in U.S. required to file taxes must:

- Have health care coverage: includes private insurance plans, Medicaid, Medicare, all major medical coverage

OR

- Have a health care coverage exemption: special exemption in 2014 for those who did not get health care coverage until May 1<sup>st</sup>  
<https://www.healthcare.gov/fees-exemptions/exemptions-from-the-fee/>

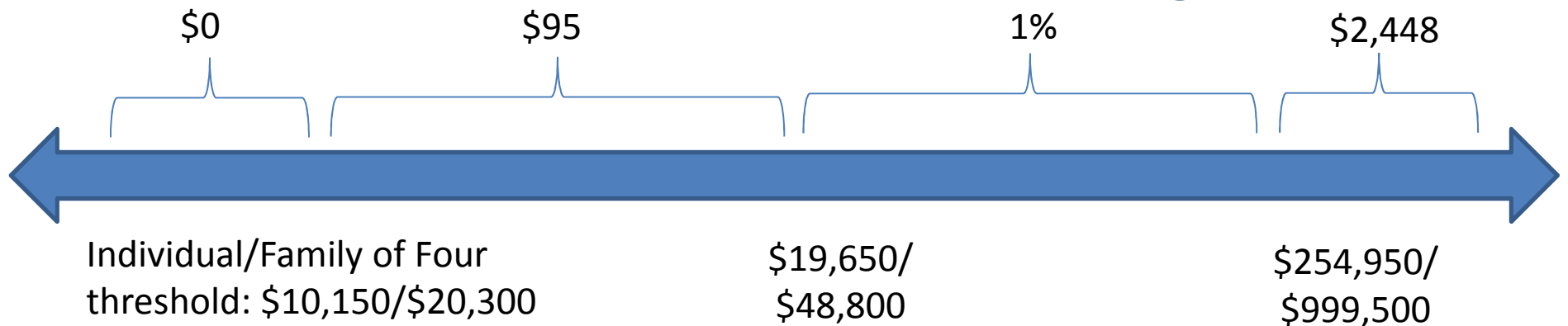
OR

- Make a shared responsibility payment

# Shared Responsibility Fee

If no exemptions or health care coverage in 2014, you must pay the following through taxes:

- **The greater of:**
  - **\$95 per adult and \$47.50 per child under age 18 (up to \$285 per family) OR**
  - **1% of household income in excess of filing threshold**



# Premium Tax Credit

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- VHC calculated APTC when the customer first applied for a QHP.
- If circumstances changed after that, that may affect the correct amount of the credit.
  - Big life changes affecting household structure or income may change the PTC.
  - If CoCs were reported but not processed, customers may have received a different amount than what they *should* have received.
    - The process of tax filing will reconcile the amount the customer owes or is owed.

# Advanced Premium Tax Credit

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- If a customer got too much APTC, do not panic
  - There is a cap on repayment (see next slide)
  - If they owe money to the IRS and can't pay, they can call the IRS and request an installment plan or even hardship status.
    - [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)
    - They will receive an IRS bill with a phone number to call
  - If they have problems with the IRS, you can refer to:
    - IRS Taxpayer Advocate Service, 802-859-1052
    - Vermont Low Income Taxpayer Project, 800-889-2047

# Advanced Premium Tax Credit

## Limits on APTC repayment according to income

2014 Repayment Limits for Advance Premium Tax Credits				
Household Income as Percentage of Federal Poverty Line (FPL)	Annual Income for an Individual	Maximum Repayment for a Single Person	Annual Income for a Family of Four	Maximum Repayment for Married Taxpayers Filing Jointly
<200%	< \$22,980	\$300	< \$47,100	\$600
200 - 299%	\$22,980 - \$34,470	\$750	\$47,100 - \$70,650	\$1,500
300 - 399%	\$34,470 - \$45,960	\$1,250	\$70,650 - \$94,200	\$2,500
400%+	\$45,960+	Full Amount	\$94,200+	Full Amount

# 1095-A: Update from VHC

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- Vermonters enrolled directly in a Vermont Health Connect qualified health plan will get a 1095-A to help determine if they owe or are owed money.
  - Does not apply to Vermonters VHC plans through their employers or to catastrophic plans
- VHC expects to mail 1095-As on January 26 & January 27

# Where to go for help

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- Vermonters should call the VHC Call Center if:
  - they have a question about their 1095-A
  - need a copy of the 1095-A
  - need their 1095-A corrected
- Vermonters should contact a tax resource about:
  - the shared responsibility payment (individual penalty) and its exemptions
  - APTC reconciliation
- Vermonters should call an Assister or the VHC call center for help with enrollment



# Where to go for help

Vermont Health Connect  
Customer Service Center:  
**(855) 899-9600** Toll Free  
[www.vermonthhealthconnect.com](http://www.vermonthhealthconnect.com)

[IRS Local Taxpayer Advocate  
- Vermont](#) (or call **802-859-  
1052**)

Vermont Legal Aid, Office of  
the Healthcare Advocate:  
[www.vtlawhelp.org/health](http://www.vtlawhelp.org/health)  
**1-800-917-7787**  
**1-800-889-2047**

Vermont Low Income Tax  
Program:  
[http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Free-  
Tax-Return-Preparation-for-You-by-  
Volunteers](http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Free-Tax-Return-Preparation-for-You-by-Volunteers)



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