



# IRS INFORMATIONAL REPORTING FORMS – COMING SOON!

In 2017, you will receive an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) tax form (Form 1095-C) from Santa Clara University. Employees who were full-time for one or more months during 2016 will receive a Form 1095-C (part-time employees and even some non-employees may also receive a Form 1095-C). This form provides information about the medical coverage offered to you by Santa Clara University, and may also include information on who is enrolled for coverage under your plan.

Depending on the type of coverage you were enrolled in during 2016, you may also receive a similar form from your insurance carrier (Form 1095-B) or from the Marketplace (Form 1095-A).

Keep all of the 1095 forms that you receive – You may use them to substantiate what you report for health coverage on your 2016 personal income tax return.

#### WHAT IS A FORM 1095-C?

Health Care Reform legislation requires that health plan sponsors (employers) and insurers provide a statement each year to eligible employees describing the medical coverage available to them. The 1095-C is the form created for employers by the IRS for this purpose. All employees (and certain other covered participants) who are eligible for health coverage with Santa Clara University will receive a form, even if coverage is waived.

## WHEN AND HOW WILL I GET IT?

Similar to a Form W-2, the Form 1095-C must be mailed to your permanent address on file, or hand delivered to you. The Form 1095-C may be delivered electronically if you specifically consented to electronic delivery. The Form 1095-C must be furnished to you by March 2, 2017. (The IRS provided a 30-day extension of the deadline to furnish copies of Form 1095-C and Form 1095-B from January 31, 2017 to March 2, 2017 in <u>IRS Notice 2016-70</u> on November 18, 2016. The deadline for the Marketplace to provide Form 1095-A is January 31, 2017.) Santa Clara University is also required to send the IRS copies of all forms issued.

#### DO I NEED THE FORM TO PREPARE MY INCOME TAX RETURN?

For the 2016 tax year, it is not a requirement to have Form 1095-C in order to file your personal income tax return in 2017. You may also use other sources of information about your health insurance to prepare your tax return. Proof of insurance coverage includes: insurance cards, explanation of benefits, insurer's statements, W-2 or payroll statements reflecting health insurance deductions, records of advance payments of the premium tax credit, and other statements indicating that you, or your family members, had health care coverage.

The government has provided an opportunity for employees to self-report coverage for the 2016 tax year, attesting that the employee (and any dependents, if applicable) had "minimum essential coverage" throughout the year.





# WHAT WILL THIS FORM BE USED FOR THEN?

If you receive your Form 1095-C prior to filing your taxes in 2017, you may use the information on the form to file your Federal income tax return for 2016. If not, then your Form 1095-C will be used as proof that you indeed had coverage in 2016 if you are audited by the IRS in the future. In either situation, the Form 1095-C will be used to substantiate that you (and any dependents) had minimum essential coverage for each month of the year. If you or your dependents did not have coverage, you may qualify for an exemption. Otherwise, you will have to pay a penalty.

In addition, the IRS will also use this form to ensure that Santa Clara University has complied with the Employer Shared Responsibility rules, and to determine whether or not individuals who applied for Marketplace coverage were actually eligible for premium tax credits.

#### YOU MAY RECEIVE MULTIPLE FORMS

Form 1095 – A from the Marketplace, if you had Marketplace (individual) coverage during the year

Form 1095 – B from any insurance carrier that covered you during the calendar year on a fully-insured employer sponsored health plan

Form 1095 – C from any employer you worked for during the calendar year, if you were eligible for coverage under their health plan

#### WHAT INFORMATION IS ON THE FORM?

A screenshot of Form 1095-C can be found below. It is divided into three parts:

- Part I, Employee and Employer Information Includes your specific information, as well as details about Santa Clara University
- Part II, Employee Offer of Coverage Includes information about the coverage offered to you, your spouse, and dependents for each month of 2016
- Part III, Covered Individuals (if applicable) Self-insured plans will list each person covered on the plan, as well as what month(s) they had coverage

## WILL EACH PERSON ON MY PLAN RECEIVE A FORM?

No. Santa Clara University is only required to send the form to employees (and certain other covered participants).



# WHO IS REQUIRED TO HAVE HEALTH COVERAGE UNDER THE INDIVIDUAL SHARED RESPONSIBILITY PROVISION?

All U.S. citizens living in the U.S., all permanent residents, and all foreign nationals who are in the U.S. long enough during a calendar year to qualify as a resident alien for tax purposes are required to have minimum essential coverage. Foreign nationals living in the U.S. may need to file a federal tax return, but if they have not been here long enough to become a resident alien for federal income tax purposes then they are not subject to this mandate.

A U.S. citizen who is not physically present in the U.S. for at least 330 full days in a consecutive 12-month period is treated as having minimum essential coverage for that period, as are U.S. citizens who are bona fide residents of foreign countries for an entire tax year.

See a tax advisor or contact the IRS with questions specific to your situation.

# WHO DO I CALL FOR QUESTIONS?

Visit <u>www.healthcare.gov</u> or <u>www.irs.gov</u>, talk to your tax advisor or contact the Human Resources department with questions.

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