



CareFirst Broker Flash

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Market: Consumer Direct

1095-B Health Coverage Forms – 2017 Distribution Deadline Extension

Later this month CareFirst will begin mailing 1095-B Health Coverage Forms to:

- Members in the Individual Market (including Off Exchange, Grandfathered and Catastrophic members)
- Members who are part of a group that is not self-insured

NOTE: The IRS has indicated a member does not need to wait until the receipt of the 1095-B Health Coverage Form to file tax returns. The form should be retained as part of subscriber records. The subscriber is not required to submit the form when filing returns to the IRS.

When will subscribers receive the 1095-B form from CareFirst?

We will begin mailing forms to subscribers in late February. If a copy has not been received by early March then a subscriber should call the Customer Service number on the back of their ID card.

Can subscribers get a copy?

Once the 1095-B forms are mailed, subscribers may request a copy by contacting Customer Service at the number on the back of their ID card or by downloading a copy from My Account. 1095-B forms will not be available until the forms are mailed.

Can subscribers get an electronic copy?

Yes. Subscribers should log on to My Account and request eConsent.

What if the subscriber has filed their taxes and the 1095-B form is the only document missing? Can they get the form sooner?

Submitting a copy with their filing is not an IRS requirement for 2016 taxes. CareFirst provides a copy to the IRS. Tax advisors requesting copies will need to work with the subscriber to get a copy once they are released.



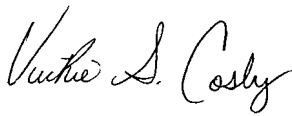
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When does CareFirst send the 1095-B forms to the IRS?

CareFirst is not required to send the form to the IRS until the end of June 2017 for 2016 documentation. Any questions concerning the impact of a subscriber's 2016 tax filing needs to be addressed with a tax advisor or the IRS.

Should you have any questions, please contact your broker sales representative.



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