

Form 1095-B For Medicaid and Chip Clients

The Affordable Care Act requires taxpayers to report healthcare coverage when filing their taxes. Healthcare providers, including government-sponsored healthcare coverage such as Medicaid and CHIP, will be sending members a new tax form showing the months of coverage for individuals and their dependents. HHSC will mail the new IRS Form 1095-B to heads of households and authorized representatives of members who received most types of Medicaid or CHIP benefits in early 2015. The form will show who in the household had healthcare coverage during the year. Members are not required to send Form 1095-B to the IRS, but will need to use the form when filing their taxes. Members should receive Form 1095-B by the end of March.

Please see informational flyer below, which will help answer any client questions. If you have further questions, please contact Laura Blanke at laura.blanke@hhsc.state.tx.us and copy your health plan management team.

IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

FORMEDICAID AND CHIPRECIPIENTS

The Affordable Care Act requires most people to have health coverage or pay the IRS federal tax payment. IRS Form 1095-B shows which months you, or people on your case, had qualifying health coverage in 2015.

If you received qualifying Medicaid or CHIP in 2015, you will be mailed Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 1095-B beginning in January 2016 to show proof of health coverage.

If you apply for and receive qualifying Medicaid or CHIP in 2016 that covers you in 2015, your form will be mailed later.

- Keep a copy of Form 1095-B for your records.
- If you file a federal income tax return, use this form when filing your taxes.
- If someone listed on this form will file a federal income tax return separately, give them a copy of this form.
- If you don't file a federal income tax return, you won't use this form.
- Receiving this form does not mean you must file a federal income tax return.

If you need another copy of Form 1095-B, or if your form seems incorrect, call 2-1-1 or 877-541-7905.

Press 2 after picking a language.

For tax questions, go to IRS.gov or call **800-829-1040**.

To learn about receiving free, in-person tax help, go to RS.treasury.gov/freetaxprep or call **800-906-9887**.

