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Course Information

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CPA: 2 (All states)

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Course Description

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The law imposes various tax increases in order to generate revenue and uses a carrot and stick approach to ensure compliance with its provisions by offering tax credits for compliance and imposing tax penalties for non-compliance. This course will review the principal provisions of the law affecting individuals and will consider the:

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 - The requirement for certain patient protections,
 - The general requirement for universal health care coverage, and
 - The requirement that plans covering children extend child coverage until age 26;
- Various personal income tax changes affecting taxpayers; and

- Tax credits and tax penalties authorized under the law to help enforce the requirement that individuals maintain minimum essential coverage.

Program Delivery Method: Self-Study (NASBA QAS Self-Study/Interactive)

Subject Codes/Field of Study

NASBA (CPA): Taxes.

IRS (EA, OTRP): Federal Tax Law.

Course Level, Prerequisites, and Advance Preparation Requirements

Level: Overview. This program is appropriate for professionals at all organizational levels.

Prerequisites: Basic familiarity with federal taxation

Advance Preparation: None

Course Materials

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Final exam (online): Seventeen questions (multiple-choice).

Instructions for taking this course

You must complete this course within one year of the date of purchase (if you do not complete the course within one year, contact us to determine whether an updated edition of the course is available, in which case we will provide you with a PDF of the updated course and the online exam at no charge).

A passing grade of at least 70% is required on the final exam for this course. You may retake the exam if you do not pass it on the first attempt (no charge).

Complete the course by following the learning objectives listed on page one, studying the chapter-text, then studying the review quiz at the end of the chapter (answers to chapter review quizzes are at the end of the text). Once you have completed each chapter and you are confident that the learning objectives have been met, answer the final exam questions (online).

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 - The exam is "open book," it is not timed, and it may be retaken if not passed on the first attempt (no charge).
 - Results (correct, incorrect answers) and certificate appear immediately upon passing the exam.
 - EA credits are reported weekly.

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Important Note Concerning the ACA

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (TCJA) changed the individual mandate beginning in 2019 by reducing the tax penalty to zero for failure to maintain individual health insurance coverage. In focusing only on the tax penalty for failing to maintain coverage, individuals are still required to maintain individual health insurance coverage; however, there is no monetary penalty for their failure to do so.

Although the balance of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) provisions—provisions such as those prohibiting exclusions for pre-existing conditions and increased premiums based on other than age or tobacco use as well as the provisions applicable to large employer responsibilities—were not **directly** changed by the TCJA's elimination of the individual tax penalty, there is little doubt that it will not have an indirect effect on the ACA that far exceeds the reduction of the tax penalty for failing to maintain individual health insurance coverage.

On December 14, 2018, a federal district court judge in [*Texas v. United States of America*](#) declared the ACA in its entirety to be invalid, principally because of the legislative elimination of the tax penalty for failing to maintain coverage, a provision considered in the opinion to be the ACA linchpin. It is anticipated that the district court ruling will be appealed, and the federal government has announced that it will continue to enforce the remaining provisions of the ACA pending the judicial resolution of any appeals.

Introduction

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- Tax credits authorized under the law to assist taxpayers by helping them purchase and maintain health insurance coverage.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this course, you should be able to:

- List the principal healthcare provisions of the PPACA affecting individuals;
- Identify those individuals who may be exempt from the individual mandate; and
- Calculate the tax credits designed to help ensure that individuals are able to purchase and maintain health insurance coverage.