

CUT THE COST of Health Insurance

*How a new tax credit may help you and
your family pay for health coverage*

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DO I QUALIFY FOR A TAX CREDIT?

Simply answer the following **three questions** to find out.

- ★ DOES YOUR EMPLOYER OFFER HEALTH INSURANCE? Yes No
- ★ DO YOU RECEIVE MEDICARE? Yes No
- ★ DO YOU OR YOUR FAMILY MAKE MORE THAN THE AMOUNT BELOW IN A YEAR? Yes No

FAMILY SIZE	YEARLY INCOME*	FAMILY SIZE	YEARLY INCOME*
1	\$45,960	4	\$94,200
2	\$62,040	5	\$110,280
3	\$78,120	6	\$126,360

★ If you answered “NO” to all three questions, you may qualify for the new tax credit!

*If your income is near the amounts listed in the table, you may still qualify.

How does the new tax credit work?

The new tax credit is designed to help lower the amount you pay for health insurance. The amount of the tax credit depends on your income, your age, the size of your family, and where you live. You can take the tax credit in advance to lower your monthly cost for health insurance when you sign up for coverage through **Connect for Health Colorado™**. Or you can claim the tax credit when you file taxes to reduce the amount of tax you owe the IRS or, if you get a refund, to increase the size of that refund.

Can I use the tax credit for any health plan?

No. If you are a Colorado resident, you must buy your health insurance through Connect for Health Colorado to get the tax credit. Connect for Health Colorado is a new marketplace that allows you to compare and shop for health insurance online. The marketplace offers a wide variety of plans with good benefits and is the **ONLY** way you can get the new tax credit. Connect for Health Colorado opens on October 1, 2013 to sign up for coverage that will start at the beginning of 2014.

How much will I save?

The amount you get back will depend on your family income and family size. Lower income families and individuals get the most help.

When does it start?

The new tax credit applies to insurance that takes effect **January 1, 2014** or later.

If you take it now, get the right amount

Remember, it is your job to make sure Connect for Health Colorado knows if you have changes during the year that might affect your tax credit.

If you take the tax credit **in advance**, changes to the size of your family or your income – or even a new job that offers health insurance can change the amount of your tax credit.

When can family size change?

- ✓ You get married or divorced
- ✓ You have a baby or are pregnant
- ✓ You no longer claim your child on your tax return

↓ **Family size goes down:** Call because you may get less credit and don't want to owe more at tax time

↑ **Family size goes up:** Call because you might get more credit!

When can income change?

- ✓ You get a raise
- ✓ You lose your job
- ✓ Your salary gets cut

↓ **Income goes down:** Call because you might get more credit!

↑ **Income goes up:** Call because you may get less credit and don't want to owe more at tax time

What should I do if my income changes every month?

Talk to us about taking a partial credit up front instead of the full credit. This will still lower your monthly payments. By taking the rest of your credit at tax time, there is less risk of you having to repay later.

What if my new job offers health insurance?

If you get a new job that offers health insurance, you should call us right away since you may no longer be eligible for the tax credit. The sooner you call, the less likely you'll have to repay later.

To make sure you're getting the right amount, be sure to tell us within 30 days after you have a change.

Save Now or Save Later: YOU DECIDE!

If you qualify, you get to choose when to get your tax credit.

➔ How do I take it NOW?

October 2013 – March 2014

1. Sign up for health insurance at ConnectforHealthCO.com
2. Tell us you want your tax credit "in advance"
3. Choose to take all your credit in advance, or just part of it

During 2014

4. Pay a lower insurance premium each month – now you're covered!

Tax time 2015

5. Keep the statement you receive from Connect for Health Colorado showing how much tax credit you received in 2014
6. File your 2014 taxes, showing the information about the tax credit you already received

ADVANTAGE: Lower your insurance premium each month

➔ How do I take it LATER?

October 2013 – March 2014

1. Sign up for health insurance at ConnectforHealthCO.com

During 2014

2. Pay the full premium each month in 2014 – now you're covered!

Tax time 2015

3. File your 2014 taxes
4. Subtract your tax credit from the tax you owe or, if you get a refund, add it to the refund!

ADVANTAGE: Lower the amount you pay at tax time

AVOID REPAYMENTS!



Claudia and Patrick's Story

"In January, we decided to take the tax credit in advance. On August 1, I got a new job that increased our income so we no longer qualified for the tax credit. We forgot to tell our Marketplace. At tax time, we had to pay back \$2,000."

Tax credit they got over 12 months	\$4,800
Amount they should have gotten since credit ended in August	-\$2,800
Amount they must pay back	\$2,000

Remember: You control how much tax credit you use in advance.

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Find out if you qualify!

To learn more about whether you qualify for the new tax credit and how much you can get, visit **ConnectforHealthCO.com** to calculate your savings.

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