

HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE

also known as: Obamacare, healthcare.gov, the Marketplace



PREMIUM TAX CREDITS

HealthCare.gov

Premium tax credits help you pay for some or all of your monthly premiums for health insurance. The less you make, the more credits you can get.

Example Conrad and Seniya

Conrad and Seniya live in Milwaukee, and they can't get health insurance from work. They make \$43,000 / year. Using their tax credits, they found a plan for \$175 / month.

Monthly premium: \$650

Tax credit: - \$475

Final monthly cost: \$175

You Qualify for Premium Tax Credits if ...



(you must meet all of these requirements)

...you buy insurance from the Health Insurance Marketplace. HealthCare.gov

...you do not get affordable health insurance from your work.

What is "affordable" health insurance from your work?

The lowest-cost employer plan must be less than 9.66% of the total family income for the employee only. This means that if your plan from work is affordable for the employee, but not for the family (two or more people), the family cannot get premium tax credits from the Marketplace.



The health plan at my work is more than 9.66% of my salary.

...you do not qualify for BadgerCare Plus, or other Medicaid programs.

...you cannot be claimed as a dependent by another person. (Married couples must file a joint tax return.)

I make too much money to qualify for BadgerCare+




...you have a low to moderate household income (check chart below).

Number of people in household	1	2	3	4	5
2015 Yearly Salary	\$11,670 - \$46,680	\$15,730 - \$62,920	\$19,790 - \$79,160	\$23,850 - \$95,400	\$27,910 - \$111,640


Understanding Tax Credits

HealthCare.gov will tell you how much financial help your household can get every month to help you pay for health insurance in your Eligibility Determination, based on your income.

You must choose how you would like to get the financial help (Tax Credits). Tax credit refunds are separate from other tax refunds.


 **Report all changes in income to the Marketplace.** 

If you make more than you reported, you may have to pay back some or all of the financial help.

 You will lose your financial help (premium tax credits) if you don't file your taxes.

Example Conrad and Seniya

Conrad and Seniya can get \$475 dollars of tax credits every month to help them pay for health insurance. This is a total of \$5,700 for the year. **Conrad and Seniya must decide how much of their \$5,700 tax credit to use now, and how much of the \$5,700 they will get as a tax refund at the end of the year.** The amount they use now will be split between the 12 months.

Use All	Use Some	Use None
<p>If Conrad and Seniya use all of their tax credits, the Marketplace will pay tax credits directly to their insurance company every month.</p> <p>This lowers their monthly premium payments to the lowest possible cost.</p> <p>EXAMPLE:</p> <p>Monthly premium: \$650 Tax credit: - \$475 Final monthly cost: \$175</p> <p>Premium tax credit refund at the end of the year: \$0</p>	<p>Conrad and Seniya can pick how much of the credits they want the Marketplace to pay to the insurance company.</p> <p>The more tax credits they use, the lower their premium payments will be.</p> <p> Using less might be a good option if you have an income that changes during the year.</p> <p>EXAMPLE:</p> <p>Monthly premium: \$650 Tax credit: - \$300 Final monthly cost: \$350</p> <p>Premium tax credit refund at the end of the year: \$2,100</p>	<p>Conrad and Seniya can pay the full cost of the monthly premium for their health insurance.</p> <p>Conrad and Seniya's tax credit will be available as a tax refund at the end of the year if they have a plan through the Marketplace.</p> <p>EXAMPLE:</p> <p>Monthly premium: \$650 Tax credit: - \$ 0 Final monthly cost: \$650</p> <p>Premium tax credit refund at the end of the year: \$5,700</p>