

# Health Coverage Exemptions for American Indians, Alaska Native Shareholders, and Individuals Eligible for Services from an Indian Health Care Provider

Beginning in 2014, everyone must have health care insurance, have an exemption, or pay a fee (tax penalty) if you file a federal income tax return. You will not have a tax penalty if you have any of these:

- health insurance through your employer
- Medicaid, CHIP or Medicare
- health care through Veteran's Affairs (VA)
- insurance purchased through the Marketplace or private insurance
- your income is too low to pay federal income tax

Health care provided by the Indian Health Service, Tribal programs, or urban Indian programs does not count as insurance for purposes of avoiding the fee (tax penalty).

American Indians, Alaska Natives and other people eligible for services through the Indian Health Service, Tribal programs, or urban Indian programs (like the spouse or child of an eligible Indian) don't have to pay the fee for not having health coverage. This is called an Indian Exemption.

## For more information about the Indian exemption, visit:

[www.HealthCare.gov/tribal](http://www.HealthCare.gov/tribal)

[www.Healthcare.gov/american-indians-alaska-natives/exemptions](http://www.Healthcare.gov/american-indians-alaska-natives/exemptions)

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## For a list of Frequently Asked Questions, visit:

[www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/American-Indian-Alaska-Native/AIAN/Downloads/AI-AN-Exemption-FAQs.pdf](http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/American-Indian-Alaska-Native/AIAN/Downloads/AI-AN-Exemption-FAQs.pdf)

