

IRS MEC Reporting – Form 1095-B Return

County Ops Call Update 12/22/2015

The purpose of this IRS Tax Form 1095-B update is to inform the counties on the policy regarding “corrections,” upcoming MEDIL, call center stats and the development of the “Dispute Process” webpage.

After the initial Form 1095-B mailings are sent out (postmarked January 31, 2016), the following changes of beneficiary information within the MEDS database will warrant a “corrected” Form 1095-B:

- Name Change (only in given tax year)
- Date of Birth
- Social Security Number
- Months of Coverage
- Origin of Policy (Medi-Cal or APTC/CSR)
- Change of EIN Number

On a monthly basis, the system will run an automatic batch process that will sweep the information and identify any updates that have been made since the previous run. Once the information is identified, it will be transmitted back to DHCS, who in turn will forward the request for a “corrected” Form 1095-B to the printing vendor to create and send a new copy with the new information.

Additionally, DHCS is finalizing a MEDIL to be issued shortly. The purpose of this MEDIL is to inform the counties of the Form 1095-B mailing in January 2016, as well as the mailing order in which they will be sent. There will be an attachment included for the mail order which is broken down by zip code. Though this mail order is tentative, we do not foresee any deviations past a day or so.

Our call center has been answering 1095-B inquiries generated by the Beneficiary Letter mailing. The contact number (1-844-253-0883 or for TTY, 1-844-357-5709) will also be included on the Form 1095-B as well. The following call stats received thus far have been broken down by week:

Week	# of Calls
11/02 – 11/08	1,833
11/09 – 11/15	1,571
11/16 – 11/22	624
11/23 – 11/29	756
11/30 – 12/06	1,055
12/07 – 12/13	1,589

Form 1095-B updates may be located at our webpage at http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medical/eligibility/Pages/IRS_REporting.aspx. Materials will be posted at the referenced link, located under the “Dispute Policy Update” header pertaining to the workgroup consisting of state and county staff developing the policy and requirements for the dispute and reprint processes.

Any questions pertaining to the 1095-B may also be sent to: 1095-b@dhcs.ca.gov