Tax Penalty

Didn't get Health Insurance?

Didn't have health insurance last year?

Most people who didn't have insurance will have to pay a penalty on their taxes. Some people can qualify to not pay.

This is called an exemption.



Do you need help with your exemption?

Dial 2-1-1 and ask for free, local health insurance help.

	How do I Apply for it?	
Types of Exemptions	Marketplace 1-800-318-2596 Takes 2-3 weeks	Claim on tax return
Uninsured for less than 3 months in a row		
Lived in a different country for 330 days or more		
Not lawfully present in the U.S. (includes DACA and many with ITINs)		
Health insurance from your job is unaffordable for you or your family		
Member of a health care sharing ministry		
U.S. tribal member or eligible for Indian Health Services		
In prison or jail		
You lived in WI during 2018 and your household income was less than: 1 person: \$16,642 2 people: \$22,411 3 people: \$28,179 4 people: \$33,948		
Member of recognized religious sect (Such as Amish or Mennonite)		
Hardship (homeless, eviction, death in the family, domestic violence, unpaid medical bills, or other) in the last 3 years	V	
Marketplace plans are unaffordable (more than 8.05% of household income)	V	
Need help on your Marketplace exemption? Call 1	-800-318-259	6

If your exemption is from the Marketplace, they will send you a code in 2-3 weeks. You must have this code for your taxes to get your exemption.





Need help filing your taxes?

 Call 211 and ask for free, in-person tax help near you:



Call 2-1-1 for free, local help

Ask about the following:

- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA). Sites usually run from February - April.
- Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE). Helps all ages, February - April.

What if I can't get an exemption?

If you didn't have health insurance and can't get an exemption, you will likely pay a fee. The fee is paid when you file your taxes.

How much is the fee?

The fee will be per person or a percentage of income, whichever is more.

The fee depends on the number of months you were uninsured

Fees

Per Person:

\$695 per adult \$347.50 per child under 18 Maximum: \$2,085 per household Percentage of Income:

2.5% of household income Maximum: \$4,092 per person

Can I sign up for Marketplace health insurance? (Obamacare)

Sign up during Open Enrollment: Nov. 1 - Dec. 15

Or sign up within 60 days of these events:

Loss of coverage

Loss of coverage from a job, COBRA, BadgerCare Plus, student health plan, or turning 26 and losing parent's insurance

Changes in household size Birth or adoption, marriage, divorce, legal separation, death

Moving

A permanent move to a new county





Immigration

Got citizenship or lawful presence in the U.S.

Tribal Membership Members of a federally recognized tribe

may enroll at any time of the year

Release from incarceration or jail