

HEALTH INSURANCE – MINIMUM ESSENTIAL COVERAGE (“MEC”) CERTIFICATION

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) was passed by Congress and then signed into law by the President on March 23, 2010. On June 28, 2012 the Supreme Court rendered a final decision to uphold the health care law. Beginning with the 2014 tax year, taxpayers were required to answer questions related to health care coverage on their individual federal income tax returns. This requirement remains in place for 2016 tax returns.

The individual shared responsibility provision of the ACA requires that you, your spouse (if applicable), and any dependents (if applicable) claimed on your tax return have qualifying health insurance that meets the Minimum Essential Coverage (MEC) defined in the ACA. If you do not have such coverage, you must qualify for an exemption from the responsibility to have MEC, or make an individual shared responsibility payment when you file your federal income tax return.

If you had health coverage in 2016, you may receive a Form 1095-A, 1095-B, or 1095-C. This form lists the individuals in your family who were enrolled in the coverage and shows their months of coverage. You do not need to attach this form to your return.

If you had MEC health insurance for all of 2016, please sign and return the certification below. Your tax return will not be e-filed until we receive this signed certification statement along with your signed e-file authorization forms.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:

I and each member of my family (if applicable) had MEC health insurance for all of 2016.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____