



STOP! If you (and your spouse if married filing jointly) answered Yes in line 1 and completed line 2 and/or line 3, you meet the requirements of the health care reform law and are not subject to the loss of your personal exemption. Enter your personal exemption amount, shown in line 1 above, on your Form 1 or Form 1-NR/PY. Skip the remainder of this schedule and **continue completing your tax return**. If married filing jointly and one spouse answered Yes in line 1 and one spouse answered No in line 1, do not enter a personal exemption amount until page 2 of Schedule HC is completed.

**RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION AND CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION**

Complete this page **only** if you (and/or your spouse if married filing jointly) **do not** have health insurance. If married filing jointly and one spouse answered Yes in line 1 on page 1 but the other spouse answered No in line 1 on page 1, only the spouse who answered No must answer the following questions.

- 4a RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION:** Are you (and/or your spouse if married filing jointly) claiming an exemption from the requirement to purchase health insurance based on your sincerely held religious beliefs? **▶ 4a** You: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Spouse: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you (and/or your spouse if married filing jointly) answer Yes, go to line 4b. If both answer No, go to line 5.

- 4b** If you (and/or your spouse if married filing jointly) are claiming a religious exemption in line 4a, did you (and/or your spouse if married filing jointly) receive medical health care during tax year 2007? **▶ 4b** You: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Spouse: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you (and your spouse if married filing jointly) answer No to line 4b, go to line 7a.

If you are filing a joint return and one spouse either has health insurance or answers No to line 4b but the other spouse answers Yes, the spouse who answered Yes must go to line 5 to determine the amount of the personal exemption.

If you (and your spouse if married filing jointly) answer Yes to line 4b, go to line 5.

- 5 CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION:** Have you (and/or your spouse if married filing jointly) obtained a Certificate of Exemption for the 2007 tax year issued by the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority? **▶ 5** You: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Spouse: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you (and your spouse if married filing jointly) answer Yes to line 5, **enter the certificate number(s) below**. Also, go to line 7a.

If you are filing a joint return and one spouse either has health insurance or answers Yes to line 5 but the other spouse answers No, the spouse who answered Yes must enter the certificate number below and the spouse who answered No must go to line 6a to determine the amount of the personal exemption.

If you (and your spouse if married filing jointly) answered No to line 5, go to line 6a.

CERTIFICATE NUMBER

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SPOUSE'S CERTIFICATE NUMBER

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AFFORDABILITY AS DETERMINED BY STATE GUIDELINES

NOTE: This section will require the use of worksheets and tables found in the instructions. You **must** complete the worksheet(s) to determine the amount of your personal exemption to enter on Form 1, line 2a or Form 1-NR/PY, line 4a.

- 6a** Did your employer (or your spouse's employer if married filing jointly) offer affordable health insurance as determined by completing the Schedule HC Worksheet for Line 6a in the instructions? **▶ 6a** You: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Spouse: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If your employer did not offer health insurance, you were not eligible for health insurance offered by your employer, you were self-employed or you were unemployed, go to line 6b.

If you answer No, fill in the **No** oval(s) for yourself (and your spouse if married filing jointly) and go to line 6b. If you answer **Yes**, fill in the Yes oval(s) for yourself (and your spouse if married filing jointly) and go to line 7b.

- 6b** Are you (or your spouse if married filing jointly) eligible for government-subsidized health insurance as determined by completing the Schedule HC Worksheet for Line 6b in the instructions? **▶ 6b** You: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Spouse: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answer **No**, fill in the No oval(s) for yourself (and your spouse if married filing jointly) and go to line 6c. If you answer **Yes**, fill in the Yes oval(s) for yourself (and your spouse if married filing jointly) and go to line 7b.

- 6c** Are you (or your spouse if married filing jointly) able to afford private health insurance as determined by completing the Schedule HC Worksheet for Line 6c in the instructions? **▶ 6c** You: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Spouse: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answer No, fill in the **No** oval(s) for yourself (and your spouse if married filing jointly) and go to line 7a. If you answer **Yes**, fill in the Yes oval(s) for yourself (and your spouse if married filing jointly) and go to line 7b.

PERSONAL EXEMPTION

- 7a** You are entitled to your personal exemption. Enter one of the following amounts on line 2a of Form 1 or line 4a of Form 1-NR/PY: \$4,125 if single or married filing a separate return; \$ 6,375 if head of household; or \$8,250 if married filing jointly.

- 7b** You are not entitled to your personal exemption.* If you are not claiming an appeal on Schedule HC-A, enter "0" on line 2a of Form 1 or line 4a of Form 1-NR/PY. If you are claiming an appeal, see the Appeals section below.

*If you are filing a joint return and one spouse either has health insurance or is claiming an exemption and the other spouse answers Yes to line(s) 6a, 6b or 6c and is filing an appeal, go to the Appeals section below. If you are not filing an appeal, the joint filers are allowed to deduct half of the personal exemption. Enter \$4,125 in line 2a of Form 1 or line 4a on Form 1-NR/PY. **Continue completing your tax return.**

APPEALS

Taxpayers who will lose their personal exemption may submit an appeal by filing Schedule HC-A, Health Care Appeals, claiming a hardship prevented the purchase of affordable health insurance coverage. ☐ **Fill in oval if filing Schedule HC-A (page 3 of Schedule HC).**



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Schedule HC-A Health Care Appeals. If filing an appeal, you must enclose with Form 1 or Form 1-NR/PY and Schedule HC. **2007**

Taxpayers who did not have health insurance which was deemed affordable on Schedule HC may maintain their personal exemption only by submitting an appeal claiming a hardship prevented them from purchasing health insurance in tax year 2007.

There is a three step process to appeal. **First**, fill in the oval(s) below that reflects the hardship that you (and/or your spouse if married filing jointly) experienced in 2007. **Second**, you will receive a follow-up letter and form after you file your tax return. You must complete that form stating your grounds, and provide significant documentation to substantiate your claim for hardship, within 30 calendar days of receipt of the form. Failure to submit the form and provide documentation in the required time frame will result in a dismissal, and you will be issued a bill based on the loss of your personal exemption. **Third**, the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority will review your claim and documentation. You may be required to attend a hearing to review your case. All claims and documentation will be filed under the pains and penalties of perjury.

- 1** ☐ I authorize DOR to share this schedule and any other information on this return that may be relevant with the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority, which will be making the determination on my appeal.

Note: Failure to fill in this oval to share this return will result in your appeal being denied and the loss of your personal exemption. If you do not fill in this oval, enter "0" in line 2a of Form 1 or line 4a of Form 1-NR/PY and continue completing your tax return.

Grounds for Hardship Appeal During 2007:

- 2a** ☐ You were homeless, more than 30 days in arrears in rent or mortgage payments, or received an eviction or foreclosure notice. You will be asked to provide proof, such as a copy of an eviction or foreclosure notice.
- 2b** ☐ You received a shut-off notice, were shut off, or were refused the delivery of essential utilities (gas, electric, oil, water, or telephone). You will be asked to provide a copy of a shut off notice (not a late notice) or other similar correspondence from the utility company. Shut off or delivery refusal must be for essential services only.
- 2c** ☐ You had non-cosmetic medical and/or dental out-of-pocket expenses (exclusive of premium payments), totaling more than 7.5% of your adjusted gross income that were not subject to payment by a third party. You will be asked to provide copies of medical bills for non-cosmetic, non-reimbursable medical services received in 2007, which the Commonwealth Health Care Connector Authority will compare to your declared income.
- 2d** ☐ The expense of purchasing health insurance would have caused a serious deprivation of food, shelter, clothing or other necessities. You will be asked to provide proof to show additional expenses above and beyond that which your income would cover. Please note that your documentation and claim must show serious deprivation.
- 2e** ☐ You incurred a fire, flood, natural disaster, or other unexpected natural or human-caused event causing substantial household or personal damage to/for you. You will be asked to provide copies of insurance claims correspondence, police reports or other proof.
- 2f** ☐ You incurred a significant, unexpected increase in essential expenses resulting directly from the consequences of: domestic violence; the death of a spouse, family member, or partner with primary responsibility for child care; the sudden responsibility for providing full care for an aging parent or other family member, including a major, extended illness of a child that requires you to hire a full-time caretaker for the child. You will be asked to provide proof, such as death certificates, medical records or other documentation proving your claim.
- 2g** ☐ **Other.** You may state other grounds, such as the application of the affordability tables in Schedule HC to you is inequitable (for example, because of family size), you were unable to obtain government-subsidized insurance despite your income, or there are circumstances that made you unable to purchase insurance despite your income. You will be asked to provide documentation for your claims.

- 3** If you are filing an appeal to maintain your personal tax exemption, enter one of the following amounts on line 2a of Form 1 or line 4a of Form 1-NR/PY: \$4,125 if single or married filing a separate return; \$6,375 if head of household; or \$8,250 if married filing jointly.

If filing a joint return and one spouse has health insurance or answered No to line 6c and the other spouse is filing an appeal, the joint filers should enter their full personal exemption amount of \$8,250.

By filling in an oval above, you will maintain your personal tax exemption pending the review of your appeal. **This does not mean the appeal has been allowed. Your appeal may be denied, and you will be billed accordingly.**

NOTE: Do **not** include any hardship documentation with your original return. You will be required to submit substantiating hardship documentation at a later date during the appeal process.

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