

TAX FILING FORMS FOR HEALTH INSURANCE

FORM 1099-HC (Required for Massachusetts State Tax Returns)

Form 1099-HC is needed to complete your MA state tax return. This form serves as proof of health insurance coverage for Massachusetts residents age 18 and older.

Your 2023 Form 1099-HC will be mailed to you by your **health insurance carrier** by January 31st, 2023. If you had a mid-year carrier change you will receive a form from both carriers that you had coverage with during the calendar year. For example, if you were initially covered under Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA and during open enrollment, you decided to change to Mass General Brigham Health Plan, you will receive a 1099-HC from BCBSMA for 1/1/23-6/30/23 and a 1099-HC from MGBHP for 7/1/23-12/31/23.

Note: This proof of coverage is **REQUIRED** for your Massachusetts state income tax filing.

If you did not receive your 1099-HC form or need to request another copy, you can access the document on demand by visiting the member portal for your respective health plan. Additionally, you can call the health plan directly to request a new form. Below is the portal link and contact information for each of the health plans:

- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts
 - o Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Member Portal
 - BCBSMA Member Service: (888) 714-0189
- Mass General Brigham Health Plan
 - Mass General Brigham Health Plan Member Portal
 - o MGBHP Member Service: (866) 567-9175

The City of Boston Health Benefits & Insurance Office does not have access to 1099-HC forms and cannot request a new form on your behalf. Please follow the above instructions to access and/or request a new form by contacting the health plan directly. Please do not contact the Health Benefits & Insurance Office to request a 1099-HC form.



FORM 1095-C or FORM 1095-B (Reference Document Only)

Form 1095-C and 1095-B is an informational document for your federal tax return and should be kept with your tax papers but is not required to file your federal tax return. This document serves as proof that if you are eligible, you were given an offer of affordable coverage.

Most benefit eligible employees will receive a 1095-C form.

Employees in certain unions within BPS are considered benefit eligible by the City's standards even though they work less than 20 hours per week. Employees who fall under this category who are enrolled in health coverage through the City will receive a 1095-B form and not a 1095-C form.

Retirees who are not yet Medicare eligible and who are enrolled in an active employee health plan through the City will receive a 1095-B form.

The City of Boston will mail 1095-C forms to eligible employees by March 1, 2024.

Electronic 1095 Forms

If you have opted into receiving an electronic version of your 1095 form, there is a new process that you will have to follow in order to obtain your electronic form. Please visit the following link for instructions: <u>Accessing Your Electronic 1095 Form</u>