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ACA Filing Unit

Supersedes New

Reference: 42 CFR 435.603(f)

Overview: ACA filing units are based on IRS tax code and must be created for each applicant. Filing units are determined by answering the following questions.

Step 1:

1. Does the individual plan to file current year taxes?
   a. If not, continue to step 2
   b. If yes, do they expect someone to claim them as a tax dependent?
      i. If no, filling unit is based on tax payer's household, including their spouse (if living with them) and everyone they plan to claim as a dependent
      ii. If yes, continue to step 2

Step 2:

1. Does the individual expect to be claimed as a tax dependent?
   a. If no, continue to step 3
   b. If yes, do they meet one of the following exemptions?
      i. They expect to be claimed as a tax dependent by someone other than their biological, adoptive or step-parent
         1. If yes, continue to step 3
         2. If no, continue to ii
      ii. They are a child under age 19 and:
         1. Are living with both parents, but parents don't plan to file jointly; OR
         2. Expect their non-custodial parent to claim them as a dependent
            a. If no to both, base the filing unit on the household of the tax payer who is claiming them as a dependent
               i. Are they married? If yes, include their spouse in the filing unit
            b. If yes to either, continue to step

c. If the dependent is over the age of 19 (month after 19th birthday), continue to step 3

Step 3:

For those who:

- Don't plan to file a tax return (non-filer) and don't expect to be claimed as a dependent; or
- Are tax dependents who meet an exemption in Step 2 b or
- Are a tax dependent over the age of 19

The filing unit consists of the individual, and the following, if living in the same house:

a) Their spouse;
b) Their natural, adoptive, and step-children under the age of 19; and
c) For those under age 19 their natural, adoptive and step:
    i. Parents and
    ii. Siblings under age 19
d) For those over age 19:
    i. The individual and,
    ii. The tax payer(s) claiming them as a dependent (only if the taxpayer is a natural/adoptive or step-parent) and,
    iii. The tax dependent's spouse if they live together.

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