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IRS releases 2023 inflation adjustments for fringe benefits and Form W-2/1099 information reporting penalties

In <u>Revenue Procedure 2022-38</u>, the IRS announced the 2023 inflation adjustments that will apply to certain fringe benefits and to Form W-2/1099 information reporting penalties.

Medical Savings Account (MSA) limits go up in 2023

Summarized below are the 2023 limits that apply to MSAs under IRC Section 220(c)(2)(A).

Provision	Self-only coverage	Family coverage
High-deductible health plan: annual deductible	Not less than \$2,650 (up from \$2,450 in 2022) and not more than \$3,950 (up from \$3,700 in 2022)	Not less than \$5,300 (up from \$4,950 in 2022) and not more than \$7,900 (up from \$7,400 in 2022)
Annual out-of-pocket (other than for premiums)	Not to exceed \$5,300 (up from \$4,950 in 2021)	Not to exceed \$9,650 (up from \$9,050 in 2022)

Adoption assistance limit goes up in 2023

The limit on qualified adoption assistance (including benefits provided for special needs children) under IRC Section 137 for 2023 is \$15,950, up from \$14,890 in 2022.

For 2023, the amount excludable from an employee's gross income begins to phase out under IRC Section 137(b)(2)(A) for taxpayers with modified adjusted gross income of more than \$239,230 and is completely phased out for taxpayers with modified adjusted gross income of \$279,230 or more.

Health flexible spending arrangement (FSA) limit goes up in 2023

The 2023 annual limit on pretax contributions employees can make toward their health FSA through a cafeteria

plan under IRC Section 125(i) is \$3,050, up from \$2,850 in 2022.

If the cafeteria plan permits the carryover of unused amounts, the maximum carryover amount is \$610.

Transportation fringe benefits (parking and transit) limit goes up in 2023

The 2023 monthly limit on parking benefits under IRC Section 132(f)(2)(B) is \$300, up from \$280 in 2022.

The 2023 aggregate monthly limit for transportation in a commuter highway vehicle and any transit pass under IRC Section 132(f)(2)(A) is also \$300, up from \$280 in 2022.

Foreign earned income exclusion for 2023

For taxable years beginning in 2023, the foreign earned income exclusion amount under IRC Section 911(b)(2)(D)(i) is \$120,000, up from \$112,000 in 2022.

Reporting penalties for Forms W-2/1099 increase for tax year 2023

The penalties that apply to late or incorrect Forms W-2 is indexed each year for inflation. On the following page are the penalties that apply to late or incorrect Forms W-2 required to be furnished to employees and/or filed with the Social Security Administration for tax year 2023 (filed in 2024).

IRC Section 6721: Failure to timely file an accurate information return with IRS (for returns required to be filed in 2024)						
Filed/corrected on or after	On or before	Penalty	Maximum	Maximum small employer		
1/1	1/31	\$0	N/A	N/A		
Day after deadline (in 2024, 2/1)	30 days after required filing date (in 2024, 3/2)	\$60	\$630,500	\$220,500		
31 days after deadline (in 2024, 3/3)	8/1	\$120	\$1,891,500	\$630,500		
8/2		\$310	\$3,783,000	\$1,261,000		
	intentional disregard	\$630	no limit	no limit		
IRC Section 6722: Failure to furnish correct payee statements (for statements required to be furnished in 2024)						
Filed/corrected on or after	On or before	Penalty	Maximum	Maximum		
				small employer		
1/1	1/31	\$0	N/A			
1/1 Day after deadline (in 2024, 2/1)	1/31 30 days after required filing date (in 2024, 3/2)	\$0 \$60	N/A \$630,500	employer		
Day after deadline (in	30 days after required			employer N/A		
Day after deadline (in 2024, 2/1) 31 days after deadline	30 days after required filing date (in 2024, 3/2)	\$60	\$630,500	employer N/A \$220,500		
Day after deadline (in 2024, 2/1) 31 days after deadline (in 2024, 3/3)	30 days after required filing date (in 2024, 3/2)	\$60 \$120	\$630,500 \$1,891,500	employer N/A \$220,500 \$630,500		

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