

Are You Leaving Money on the Table?

Take action before tax day to get money back on your 2018 health insurance premiums.

If you had Vermont Health Connect in 2018, you might qualify for a tax credit.

Premium tax credits (PTC) help lower Vermont Health Connect premiums. To get a tax credit, your 2018 income must be under the limit.

Get your 2018 income under the limit now by saving for retirement or future health costs.

	2018 Annual Income Limit	Premium Tax Credit
Individual	\$48,240	\$1,452+
Couple	\$64,960	\$5,916+
Family of four	\$98,400	\$7,632+

How can I get under the income limit for 2018 to get a tax credit?

- Contribute to a traditional retirement account (like a 401(k) or IRA) for the 2018 tax year.
- Contribute to a Health Savings Account (HSA) for the 2018 tax year.
- You can contribute to these accounts for the 2018 tax year until the April 15, 2019 tax filing deadline.
- You must have 2018 Vermont Health Connect insurance to qualify for a 2018 tax credit.
- If you got your tax credit in advance (called APTC), you will not qualify for another credit.

Example: Jess and Pat made \$67,000 together in 2018. To get under the income limit, Jess and Pat put \$2,500 in a traditional IRA for the 2018 tax year. Now, they get two benefits: money in retirement savings AND a big (\$6,000) tax credit.

Example: Ali was under the income limit for most of 2018. He got \$120 in APTC every month. His income went up unexpectedly near the end of the year, and he ended up over the limit. The IRS will make him pay back his APTC unless he gets under the income limit before he files his taxes. If he gets under the limit, he won't have to pay money back AND he will have money in savings.

Get personal advice before you act!

Call the Office of the Health Care Advocate at 1-800-917-7787. We can answer questions about Premium Tax Credits, health insurance, or health care access. We are not tax preparers and cannot give advice on most other tax questions.

This is general information only. The IRS has detailed rules for IRA, 401(k), and HSA contributions. Talk to a tax professional to make sure you understand your options.

