

section [enacting this section and renumbering former section 139 as section 140 of this title] shall apply to taxable years ending on or after September 11, 2001.”

**§ 139A. Federal subsidies for prescription drug plans**

Gross income shall not include any special subsidy payment received under section 1860D-22 of the Social Security Act.

(Added Pub. L. 108-173, title XII, §1202(a), Dec. 8, 2003, 117 Stat. 2480; amended Pub. L. 111-148, title IX, §9012(a), Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 868.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1860D-22 of the Social Security Act, referred to in text, is classified to section 1395w-132 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

AMENDMENTS

2010—Pub. L. 111-148 struck out second sentence which read as follows: “This section shall not be taken into account for purposes of determining whether any deduction is allowable with respect to any cost taken into account in determining such payment.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2010 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 111-148, title IX, §9012(b), Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 868, as amended by Pub. L. 111-152, title I, §1407, Mar. 30, 2010, 124 Stat. 1067, provided that: “The amendment made by this section [amending this section] shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012.”

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section applicable to taxable years ending after Dec. 8, 2003, see section 1202(d) of Pub. L. 108-173, set out as an Effective Date of 2003 Amendment note under section 56 of this title.

**§ 139B. Benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders**

**(a) In general**

In the case of any member of a qualified volunteer emergency response organization, gross income shall not include—

- (1) any qualified State and local tax benefit, and
- (2) any qualified payment.

**(b) Denial of double benefits**

In the case of any member of a qualified volunteer emergency response organization—

- (1) the deduction under 164 shall be determined with regard to any qualified State and local tax benefit, and

- (2) expenses paid or incurred by the taxpayer in connection with the performance of services as such a member shall be taken into account under section 170 only to the extent such expenses exceed the amount of any qualified payment excluded from gross income under subsection (a).

**(c) Definitions**

For purposes of this section—

**(1) Qualified State and local tax benefit**

The term “qualified state and local tax benefit” means any reduction or rebate of a tax described in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of section 164(a) provided by a State or political division thereof on account of services performed as a member of a qualified volunteer emergency response organization.

**(2) Qualified payment**

**(A) In general**

The term “qualified payment” means any payment (whether reimbursement or otherwise) provided by a State or political division thereof on account of the performance of services as a member of a qualified volunteer emergency response organization.

**(B) Applicable dollar limitation**

The amount determined under subparagraph (A) for any taxable year shall not exceed \$30 multiplied by the number of months during such year that the taxpayer performs such services.

**(3) Qualified volunteer emergency response organization**

The term “qualified volunteer emergency response organization” means any volunteer organization—

- (A) which is organized and operated to provide firefighting or emergency medical services for persons in the State or political subdivision, as the case may be, and

- (B) which is required (by written agreement) by the State or political subdivision to furnish firefighting or emergency medical services in such State or political subdivision.

**(d) Termination**

This section shall not apply with respect to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2010.

(Added Pub. L. 110-142, §5(a), Dec. 20, 2007, 121 Stat. 1805.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 110-142, §5(c), Dec. 20, 2007, 121 Stat. 1806, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [enacting this section] shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2007.”

**§ 139C. COBRA premium assistance**

In the case of an assistance eligible individual (as defined in section 3001 of title III of division B of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009), gross income does not include any premium reduction provided under subsection (a) of such section.

(Added Pub. L. 111-5, div. B, title III, §3001(a)(15)(A), Feb. 17, 2009, 123 Stat. 465; amended Pub. L. 111-144, §3(b)(5)(B), Mar. 2, 2010, 124 Stat. 44.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 3001 of title III of division B of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, referred to in text, is section 3001 of Pub. L. 111-5, div. B, title III, Feb. 17, 2009, 123 Stat. 455, which is set out as a note under section 6432 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2010—Pub. L. 111-144 substituted “section 3001 of title III of division B of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009” for “section 3002 of the Health Insurance Assistance for the Unemployed Act of 2009”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2010 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 111-144 effective as if included in the provisions of section 3001 of Pub. L. 111-5 to which it relates, see section 3(c) of Pub. L. 111-144, set out as a note under section 6432 of this title.