

§ 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.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section applicable to taxable years ending after Feb. 17, 2009, see section 3001(a)(15)(C) of Pub. L. 111-5, set out as a Premium Assistance for COBRA Benefits note under section 6432 of this title.

§ 139D. Indian health care benefits

(a) General rule

Except as otherwise provided in this section, gross income does not include the value of any qualified Indian health care benefit.

(b) Qualified Indian health care benefit

For purposes of this section, the term “qualified Indian health care benefit” means—

- (1) any health service or benefit provided or purchased, directly or indirectly, by the Indian Health Service through a grant to or a contract or compact with an Indian tribe or tribal organization, or through a third-party program funded by the Indian Health Service,

- (2) medical care provided or purchased by, or amounts to reimburse for such medical care provided by, an Indian tribe or tribal organization for, or to, a member of an Indian tribe, including a spouse or dependent of such a member,

- (3) coverage under accident or health insurance (or an arrangement having the effect of accident or health insurance), or an accident or health plan, provided by an Indian tribe or tribal organization for medical care to a member of an Indian tribe, include a spouse or dependent of such a member, and

- (4) any other medical care provided by an Indian tribe or tribal organization that supple-