



New tax forms related to health coverage are to be released in 2016 regarding 2015 insurance coverage. One is Form 1095-B, which contains information about Medicaid health coverage. Anyone enrolled in a Medicaid program for any part of 2015 will receive Form 1095-B from the Health Coverage Provider for Medicaid. In New Jersey, that's the Department of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS).

This information affects Medicaid recipients who are receiving Medicaid as part of a service from the New Jersey Department of Children and Families (DCF), Division of Child Protection and Permanency. Such recipients would include children in foster care, children receiving Medicaid as part of an adoption or kinship legal guardian subsidy, and some young adults who have aged out of foster care and are receiving a Medicaid Extension (MEYA).

Form 1095-B was mailed to Medicaid recipients in early February. However, to safeguard confidentiality, those recipients described above did not receive that mailing. DCF has since met with DMAHS to discuss how to ensure these forms are mailed to and received by the people who need them. We want these forms mailed to adoptive and kinship legal guardian families and MEYA recipients as soon as possible. Requests to release Form 1095-B to resource parents and families will be handled on a case-by-case basis, and will require a direct inquiry to DMAHS/NJ FamilyCare.

It is important to note that Form 1095-B is not required to file a tax return, nor is it submitted with the tax return. However, we have been advised the form is frequently required when taxes are being prepared by a third-party.

This information will continue to be available on DCF's public website and from NJ FamilyCare by calling 1-800-701-0710, option #3. The website and telephone recording will be updated as needed.