

ACA Preparation Checklist 2024

- □ If you are not sure if you must report, verify if you need to report by running your ACA Large Employer Compliance Test. Run the report for the prior calendar year. For 2024 forms, run the report for 1/1/2023 through 12/31/2023.
- □ Verify all 2024 Medical Plans are added under Client Management>Benefit>Benefit Plans. Verify that all coverage levels and rates are accurate for the year. If you had a mid-year rate change, both the old rates and the new rates with the correct effective dates and end dates should be listed under the "rates" tab for each medical plan.
- Verify each medical plan has accurate New Hire Probationary Periods and Termination Rules under the "Dates" tab of the medical plan.
- Verify the ACA Plan Options are setup correctly on each Benefit Plan under Client Management>Benefits>Benefits Plans and Navigate to the "Plan" Tab on each Medical Plan. If your plan is ACA Compliant the boxes should be checked for both Minimum Essential Coverage and Minimum Value. [Note: Some "MEC" plans are not Minimum Value]. If you have a selfinsured plan, be sure the "self-insured" box is checked for that plan.
- □ Verify your ACA Aggregate Group, if any, includes all FEINs under ACA Setup Options>ACA Reporting Groups.
- Add your 2024 ACA Report Settings under ACA Setup Options> ACA Report Options. If you have more than one FEIN, you will need to confirm the settings for each FEINseparately. The settings include:
 - Your company's ACA contact name and phone number.
 - Your Certifications of Eligibility, if applicable. If you are not sure if you qualify for a certification, please verify with your broker.
 - Your default safe harbor calculations. This field will default to a 2F (W2) calculation. If you use a 2H (Rate of Pay) safe harbor, please edit the Default Calculation in the dropdown.
- Review Employment Category Assignments for each employee under Employee Management>Employee
 Maintenance>Employment ensuring correct employment categories throughout the year and correct effective dates. For any Variable Hour employees for which you are using a measurement period to determine full-time status, you should see the date which the employee "Met the Hours" for ACA Full-Time Status.
- □ Verify employee medical start and stop dates ensuring employees who were enrolled the entire year have medical start dates on or prior to 1/1/2024 If an employee changed plans mid-year, the start date for the prior plan year and the start date for the new plan year should be reflected on the employee's benefit record with no gaps in coverage.
- Verify all employees have correct hire dates, rehire dates, leave of absence dates, and termination dates in iSolved by reviewing the Employment Status History Screen. Terminated employees or permanent layoffs must be marked as terminated in the system. They cannot be marked as "Inactive."
- Verify your ACA Measurement Policies. Your Measurement Period is the same amount of time as your Stability Period.
 You may have an administrative period (optional), which is the time to complete enrollment paperwork. Your Stability
 Period should coincide with your medical plan year.

Go to Payroll>Accumulators> ACAHRS accumulator to ensure that all applicable earnings codes are checked off. These are the hours that count toward a variable EEs. Check off all of the items that are part of accumulated hours. (*check off holiday, OT, regular, sick, vacation, jury duty*)

An hour of service is defined as "each hour for which an employee is paid, or entitled to payment, for the performance of duties for the employer; and each hour for which an employee is paid, or entitled to payment by the employer for a period of time during which no duties are performed due to vacation, holiday, illness, incapacity (including disability), layoff, jury duty, military duty or leave of absence." See Treas Reg §54.4980H-1.

- □ If self-insured or partially self-insured, verify that all dependent enrollment information is in the system including dependent Social Security numbers. You will receive a TIN error from the IRS if the Social Security number is invalid or missing for both dependents and employees.
- □ Enter information on COBRA participants in the ACA Overrides area (*See the information on entering COBRA in the ACA Form Preview Guide*)
- Preview and then approve your ACA Forms following your last payroll in 2024 but prior to the January 9, 2025 approval deadline. If you are requesting an extension past the January 9 deadline, please notify us at <u>aca@ctrhcm.com.</u>