COMMUNITY FIRST MERCADO PLAN

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UNDERSTANDING YOUR ADVANCE PREMIUM TAX CREDIT (APTC)

WHAT IS AN ADVANCE PREMIUM TAX CREDIT?

An Advance Premium Tax Credit (APTC) is financial assistance that helps lower the monthly cost of Marketplace health insurance. The credit is paid directly to your health plan, reducing the amount you pay each month.

WHY IS APTC IMPORTANT?

- **Lowers your monthly premium**
- **Makes health insurance more affordable**
- **Helps eligible Members access Marketplace coverage at a lower cost**

IMPORTANT: REPORT CHANGES RIGHT AWAY

Your APTC amount is based on the information you provide to the Health Insurance Marketplace®. To avoid receiving too much or too little financial assistance, report any changes in your life or income as soon as possible:

- **Increase or decrease in income**
- **Marriage or divorce**
- **Birth or adoption of a child**
- **A dependent moving in or out of the household**
- **Access to employer-sponsored health insurance**
- **Eligibility for Medicare or Medicaid**

HOW APTC AFFECTS YOUR TAXES

APTC is based on your estimated household income. If your actual income or household size changes during the year, the amount of financial assistance you receive may no longer be accurate. When you file your federal taxes, the government will compare the amount of APTC you received with the amount you were actually eligible to receive.

WHAT COULD HAPPEN AT TAX TIME?

IF THIS HAPPENS	YOU MAY
Your income stays close to your reported income	Have little or no change at tax time
Your income is higher than reported income	Have to repay part of your APTC or receive a smaller tax refund
Your income is lower than reported income	Qualify for additional tax credits or receive a larger tax refund

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **If your income increases and you do not report the change, you could owe money when you file your taxes.**
- **Changes in income, employment, or household size can affect the amount of APTC you qualify for.**
- **Reporting changes as soon as possible can help prevent unexpected tax bills and ensure you receive the correct amount of financial assistance.**