

Healthcare Reimbursements by Churches and Ministries

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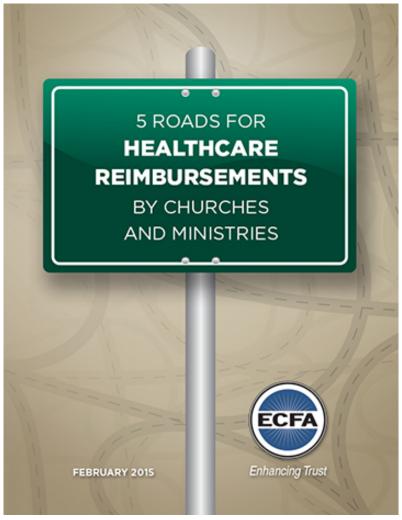
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Purpose of This Webinar

Provide the latest information on healthcare reimbursements and the ACA excise tax penalties for smaller churches and ministries:

- What works
- What doesn't work
- What we don't know



ACA Background on Healthcare Reimbursements

- Healthcare reimbursements were required to conform to the ACA market reforms effective January 1, 2014—we are into the second calendar year of these requirements
- The penalties for noncompliance are up to \$100 per employee, per day
- Noncompliance must be self-reported on Form 8928



ECFA Form 8928

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Exceptions

Exceptions for ACA Excise Tax Penalties for Churches and Ministries

- If the church or ministry does not offer a group health plan, the exceptions are:
 - Accident-only coverage
 - Disability income coverage
 - Certain limited-scope dental and vision benefits



Exceptions Continued

Exceptions for ACA Excise Tax Penalties for Churches and Ministries

- Certain long-term care benefits
- Benefits under an employee assistance program, if the program does not provide significant benefits in the nature of medical care treatment
- One-participant health plan



What Works and Doesn't Work in Avoiding ACA Penalties

- Employer pays for individual health insurance coverage
- Employer pays out-of-pocket medical expenses—without integration with group coverage
- Employer Makes No Healthcare-Related Payments
- Employer pays for group health insurance coverage



Employer Pays For Individual Health Insurance Coverage

- Employer reimbursement of individual health insurance policy premiums are subject to the ACA market reform excise taxes unless qualifying for the exceptions
- The exceptions are one-participant health plans and certain other excepted benefits



Employer Pays Out-of-Pocket Medical Expenses—Without Group Coverage

- If not offered in conjunction with group health coverage, payments/reimbursements of out-ofpocket medical expenses are subject to the penalties even if you have an HRA or FSA
- With group coverage, out-of-pocket expenses could be paid through an HRA or FSA
 - An HRA must satisfy certain "integration" requirements



Employer Makes No Healthcare-Related Payments

- Employers making no healthcare-related payments are not subject to penalties
- While compensation may be increased to provide the funding to employees for their healthcare expenses, the increased compensation cannot be related to the healthcare expenses—tying the compensation to healthcare expenses triggers the ACA penalties



Employer Pays for Group Insurance Coverage

- Employer provided group coverage through a SHOP Marketplace or through a private insurer avoid ACA penalties
- Premium payments by employers do not represent taxable income to employees.
- HRAs and FSA may be offered by employers



What We Don't Know

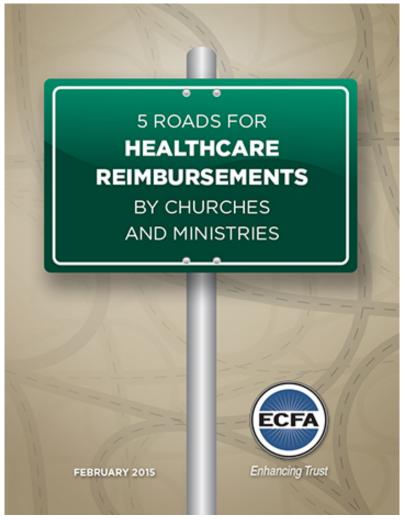
Other Arrangements

- Paying for dependent coverage in spouse's employer's group plan
- Paying for Medicare premiums and Medicare supplement premiums
- Paying for COBRA coverage
- Paying for healthcare sharing ministries costs



Legislative Developments

HR 5860, Small Business Healthcare Relief Act



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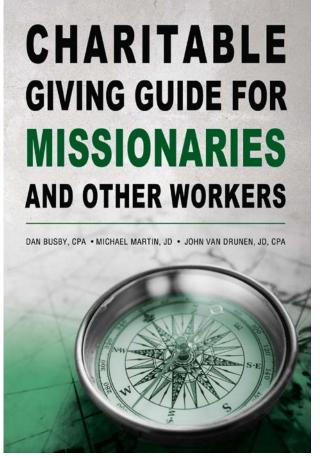


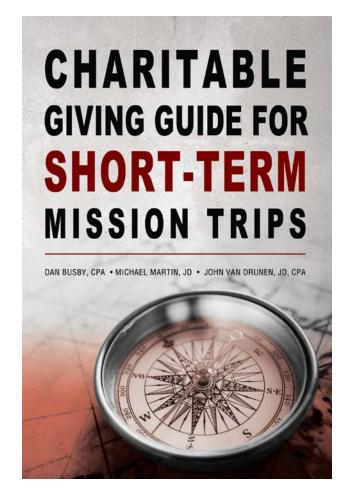
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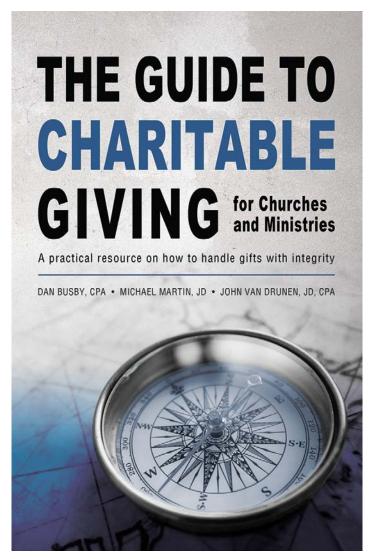




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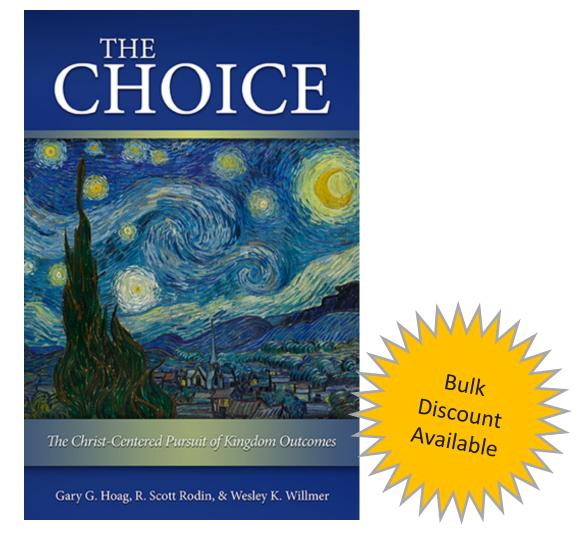


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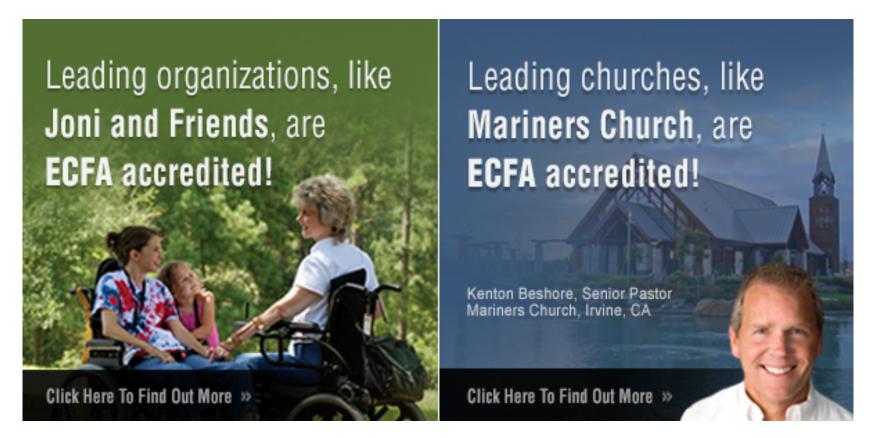
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