W-2 Reporting: Comparison of Amounts Reportable in Code DD, Box 12, and Box 1

Type of Coverage & Individual Covered	Box 12	Box 1
Medical, Drug, Hearing, EAP, On-Site Clinic, Executive Medical,		
Wellness ¹	Yes	No
Employee, spouse, child, and tax dependent ²	Yes	Yes
Non-tax dependent ³		
Self-insured medical <u>NOT</u> subject to COBRA (e.g., church plans)		
Employee, spouse, child, and tax dependent	No	No
Non-tax dependent	No	Yes
EAP, Wellness, On-Site Clinic NOT subject to COBRA ¹		
Employee, spouse, child, and tax dependent	No	No
Non-tax dependent	No	Yes
Dental and/or Vision that is NOT HIPAA Excepted Benefit		
Employee, spouse, child, and tax dependent	Yes	No
Non-tax dependent	Yes	Yes
Dental and/or Vision that is HIPAA Excepted Benefit		
Employee, spouse, child, and tax dependent	No	No
Non-tax dependent	No	Yes
Health FSA (employee, spouse, child, and tax dependent only)		
Salary reduction amount	No	No
Employer contribution other than salary reduction amount	Yes	No
Heath Reimbursement Arrangement		
Employee, spouse, child, and tax dependent	No	No
Non-tax dependent	No	Yes
Health Savings Account (HSA), Archer Medical Savings Account ⁴ , and		
Qualified Small Employer Health Reimbursement Arrangement (QSEHRA)	No	No
Employee, spouse, child, and tax dependent	No	No
Non-tax dependent		
Specific Disease, Hospital Indemnity		
Employee pays 100% of premium after-tax	No	No
Employer contribution or employee pre-tax premium payment	Yes	Yes

¹ EAP and wellness included only if they meet the definition of a health plan and employer charges a COBRA premium. Excludes EAP that is referral only or an incidental benefit under a LTD contract.

² Includes spouse, employee's natural, adopted, step or foster child until the end of the calendar year the child reaches age 26 and any other individual who is the employee's tax dependent.

³ Value of coverage must be imputed as income to the employee.

⁴ Employer contributions to an Archer MSA should be included in Box 12 using Code R, but should not be included in the amount reported for the cost of employer-sponsored coverage using Code DD. Employer contributions (and any employee contributions made under a cafeteria plan) to an HSA should be included in Box 12, using Code W, but should not be included in the amount reported for the cost of employer-sponsored coverage in Box 12 using Code DD. Contributions to a QSEHRA should be included in Box 12 using Code FF, but also should not be included as part of the cost of employer-sponsored coverage in Box 12, Code DD.



Type of Coverage & Individual Covered	Box 12	Box 1
HIPAA Excepted Coverage (e.g., accident or disability only coverage, workers' compensation, liability, supplemental liability, auto medical payment insurance, credit only insurance)	No	Maybe ⁵
Long Term Care	No	Maybe⁵
Excess reimbursement to highly compensated employee under a self-insured health plan	No	Yes
Employer contribution to multi-employer plan	No	Maybe ⁵

Note: Although the IRS released final ICHRA regulations in January 2021, the Biden Administration issued a memorandum on January 20, 2021 freezing certain regulations pending review by the new administration. As a result, employers will need to wait until further action is taken by the Biden Administration to rely on the final ICHRA regulations.

The intent of this analysis is to provide general information regarding the provisions of current federal laws and regulation. It does not necessarily fully address all your organization's specific issues. It should not be construed as, nor is it intended to provide, legal advice. Your organization's general counsel or an attorney who specializes in this practice area should address questions regarding specific issues.

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⁵ Tax status based on the facts and circumstances – may be taxable in some cases, not taxable in others.