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User Bulletin 8581: Update and Special Information

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This user bulletin describes changes made to this release of Planner CS® and special information related to the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) law changes.

CHANGES

2019 federal tax brackets, standard deduction, and phase-out amounts

This release of Planner CS includes annual cost-of-living increases for federal statutory amounts for tax year 2019, including the 2019 tax rate brackets, standard deduction, and various phase-out levels.

2018 average bronze level coverage premium

The federal module includes the national average monthly premium of \$283 for bronze level health plans for the 2018 shared responsibility penalty, as recently announced by the IRS. Refer to the *Bronze plan national average* field on the ACA > ACA Penalty Pg 1 tab for this change.

Form 2210 underpayment penalty

The federal module is updated to include a 5% interest rate for tax underpayments for the fourth quarter of 2018.

State updates

The following state modules are updated with the most recent information available at the time of this release: California, District of Columbia, Indiana, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oregon, Rhode Island, Utah, and Vermont.

SPECIAL INFORMATION

Minor child tax calculations

Until a future update, the federal income tax calculation for a minor child who has unearned income is temporarily disabled. For tax years 2018 through 2025, Planner CS will not calculate federal income tax if the *Subject to minor child rules?* checkbox on the Main > Exemptions tab is marked *Yes*. The future update will include the tax calculations for a minor child as revised by TCJA tax law, which will apply the estate/trust ordinary and capital gains tax rates to the net unearned income of a minor child for tax years 2018 through 2025.

Planner CS state calculations and TCJA

The TCJA includes a wide range of federal individual tax law changes that will affect state taxation. State agencies are working to establish guidance as to how individual states will account for these changes; therefore, you should carefully review state tax plans for the effects of the TCJA, and edit your state plan accordingly.