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Taxpayers Encouraged to File 2015 Tax Return to Maintain Eligibility for Advance Payments

(Canton, Ohio - October 19, 2016) The IRS is sending letters to taxpayers who received advance payments of the premium tax credit in 2015, but who have not yet filed their tax return. Taxpayers must file a tax return to reconcile any advance credit payments received in 2015 and to maintain eligibility for future premium assistance. Taxpayers who don't file a 2015 tax return will not be eligible for advance payments of the premium tax credit in 2017. Taxpayers who have received Letter 5858 or 5862 are reminded to file a 2015 federal tax return along with Form 8962, Premium Tax Credit. The letter encourages taxpayers to file within 30 days of the date of the letter to substantially increase the chances of avoiding a gap in receiving assistance with paying Marketplace health insurance coverage in 2017.

Taxpayers who have not filed a 2015 tax return or if have received Letters 5858 or 5862 from the Internal Revenue Service can visit www.uwstark.org/freetax or call 330-491-9989 to schedule an appointment to receive FREE assistance filing their tax return.

This upcoming season, United Way of Greater Stark County's VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) will offer multiple FREE clinics at the following locations: Carroll County District Library, Massillon Public Library, Rodman Public Library (Alliance), Stark State College, Ohio Means Jobs, United Way of Greater Stark County and Walsh University. The clinics will run January 2, 2017 to April 15, 2017 and will only take clients who set up appointments. Hours are 11:00am – 6:00 pm Monday through Thursday. Appointments can be made at www.uwstark.org/freetax or by calling 330-994-VITA (8482).

About United Way

United Way of Greater Stark County believes in creating long-lasting change in the three important impact areas of focus, Education, Income and Health. The agency collaborates, convenes, and partners to support programs and initiatives that break the cycle of poverty, promote a healthy community where children are successful from kindergarten through graduation to a career, and where families have the tools, skills, and support they need to become financially independent. For more information about United Way of Greater Stark County visit www.uwstark.org. Headquarters are at 401 Market Avenue North, Suite 300, Canton, Ohio 44702. Dial p(330) 491-0445 to reach the offices.

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