



#### Construction Contractors & Obamacare

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### Agenda



- ABC partnership overview
- Convey key facts about the Affordable Care Act
  - ACA penalties and who is impacted
- Offering benefits can make bids more competitive
- ACA compliant healthcare solutions designed exclusively for contractors
- Overview of benefits enrollment portal
- Your questions & feedback



### **ABC Partnership Overview**

- Business partner program launched in Sept 2009
  - One aspect of The Contractors Plan a prevailing wage specific retirement solution
  - Over 500 contractor members signed up through brokers since launch
  - \$10's of millions in payroll burden savings created for members
- National strategic partnership launched in Dec 2014
  - Partner for ABC core value of compliance and ethics
  - Resource for chapter staff, contractor and broker members
  - Partner page, webinars, home office and field support, educational emails, newsletter content, etc.

#### Preferred Pricing for ABC Members

- No set-up fees and waiver 1st year annual fee on retirement plans
- Other included services at no additional cost



# **ABC** Partnership Expansion



- Expanding the business partner program to include all aspects of The Contractors Plan total benefits platform
- Broker distribution model for 30+ year history of firm
- Program will now include major medical, specialty (e.g. dental, vision, life, disability, etc.), retirement and HRA plans
- Any / all chosen benefits can be administered via one easy to use platform
- Available to any contractor (i.e. not just contractors bidding and performing on prevailing wage projects)



# Who is Subject to the Mandate?



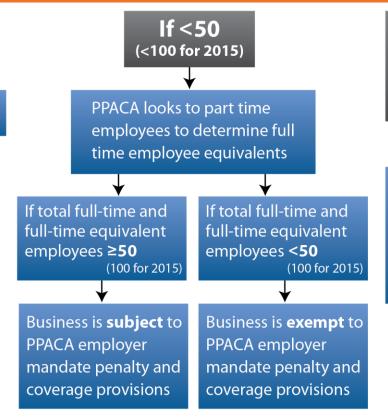
#### Determine the number of full time employees in prior calendar year.



Business is subject to PPACA

#### **Key considerations**

PPACA looks back at the prior calendar year's employment, so it might be a consideration in determining future hiring decisions in advance of the extended January 1, 2015 and 2016 effective dates for employer mandate penalties.



Seperate businesses under common control are considered one business if determined so by IRS Rules

Rules may vary by structure (e.g. corporations or individuals). Generally requires 80% control.



### Applicable Large Employer



- Applicable Large Employer "ALE" Employed an average of at least 50 full-time employees (including full-time equivalent employees) on business days <u>during the prior calendar year</u>.
- Full-time Employee An employee who is employed an average of at least 30 hours of service per week during a calendar month, or 130 hours of service during the month.
- Full-time Equivalent Employees ("FTE") The hours of service for all employees that were not full-time employees in the month are added together and divided by 120 hours.
  - 1) The result is the number of FTEs for the month.
  - 2) Maximum hours counted = 120 for any one employee

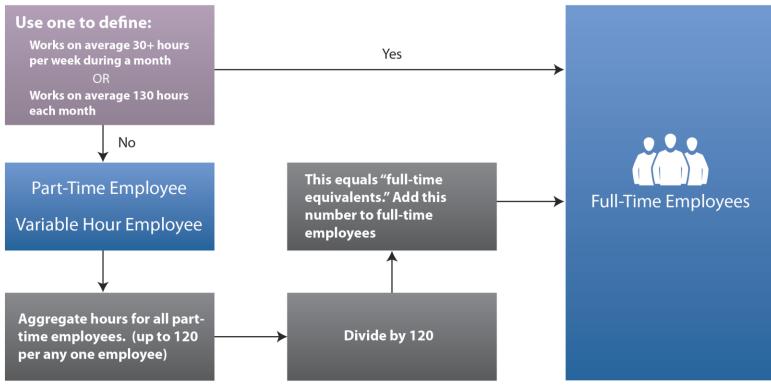


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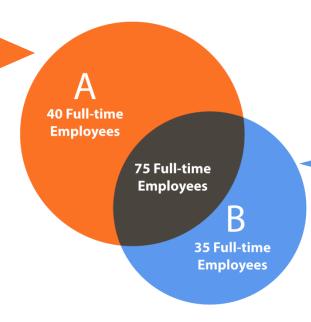


### Control Group Breakdown





- Corporation A owns 100% of Corporation B
- Employs 40 full-time employees in each calendar month of 2015



#### **Corporation B**

 Employs 35 full-time employees in each calendar month of 2015

#### **Conclusion:**

Corporation A and corporation B are members of a controlled group that employs 50 or more full-time employees and, therefore, are large employers subject to the employer mandate in 2016.



# ACA Employer Mandate?



- Large employers (those who average 50 or more fulltime employees in the prior calendar year) must offer medical coverage to full-time employees beginning in 2016. (100 for 2015)
- If employer does not offer medical coverage to full-time employees, is subject to annual \$2,000 fee/tax per employee (1/12<sup>th</sup> for each month without coverage) if any employee receives government premium or tax credit.
- If employer offers coverage, but it is unaffordable or doesn't meet minimum value rules, subject to annual \$3,000 fee/tax (1/12<sup>th</sup>/month) per employee that receives government premium or tax credit.



# Which Employees Qualify for a Subsidy?

- Individuals that have minimum essential coverage (MEC) via their employer are not eligible
- Qualify when income level is between 100% and 400% of the Federal Poverty Level ("FPL")
- Anyone making over 400% of the FPL bears the full cost of coverage via the exchange i.e. no subsidy is available
- "Marriage penalty" e.g. two singles can qualify at \$33,510 each, but not as a married couple

Check out the link below for a calculator: <a href="http://healthreform.kff.org/subsidycalculator.aspx">http://healthreform.kff.org/subsidycalculator.aspx</a>



# ACA Reporting (1094 & 1095)



- 1094/95 series forms are used to report health insurance coverage to individuals and information from large employers related to Affordable Care Act employer tax provisions for compliance with IRC 6055 and 6056
- There are 3 1094/95 series forms
  - 1) A Series Used by insurers to report marketplace health insurance coverage
  - 2) B Series Used by insurers to report employer sponsored plans' health insurance coverage and small employers with self insured plans
  - C Series Used by large employers to report health insurance coverage (or lack thereof) and information for compliance with ACA tax provisions
- 1094 forms are filed with IRS summarizing 1095 reporting
- 1095 forms go to individuals and employees



# ACA Reporting (6055 and 6056)



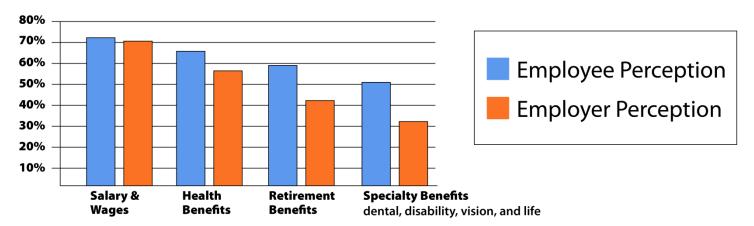
- IRC 6055 requires reporting by all providers of "Minimum Essential Coverage" health insurance to the IRS and individuals covered by the health insurance
  - 1) Health insurance issuers, carriers, for insured coverage
  - 2) Plan sponsors of self-insured group health plan coverage
  - 3) Agency of a governmental unit under government sponsored programs
- IRC 6056 requires reporting by Applicable Large Employers who are subject to the employer "shared responsibility" (tax) provisions of the affordable care act



### **Employee Retention Studies**



Employers consistently underestimate employee perceptions of value:



 Employees who are very satisfied with benefits are nearly 3x as likely to say they are satisfied with their jobs and less likely to plan to leave.

Source: 10th Annual MetLife Study of Employee Benefit Trends



### **Employee Benefits Built for Contractors**



- Hour banking to simplify accounting and smooth out coverage experience for hourly workers
- A one of a kind retirement loan program
- Online benefits administration portal for employers to access and manage & for employees to enroll, access and manage their benefits
- ACA & Prevailing Wage Compliance and Audit Support
- "Total Fringe" administration
- Integration with payroll provider



### **Employee Benefits Built for Contractors**



- Not all contractor members will be a good fit for the program
- Underwriting health insurance can be challenging and provider networks and discounts vary greatly by region
- Not intended to be a low cost insurance option
- Platform saves contractors time, money and compliance
   administrative headaches
- The features and services are specifically geared towards the unique challenges presented by having a predominantly hourly workforce



#### **Benefits Administered**



#### Medical:

- Self-funded MVP
  - Integrated Rx (PBM)
  - CIGNA doctor and hospital provider network
- Self-funded MEC
  - 63 preventive services covered at 100%
  - Removes \$2,000 part "A" penalty and part "B" for enrolled employees
  - Qualifies for individuals to avoid mandate ("shared responsibility payment")
  - Employers are still subject to the "B" penalty (\$3,000 fine) if an employee enrolls in an exchange plan and receives a subsidy.
- Fully Insured MVP
- Specialty: dental, vision, life, disability, accident, critical illness, limited indemnity, EAP
- Tax Advantaged Accounts: HRA, HSA, retirement, etc.



### Annual Employee Tax Impact

\$37,759



Fringe in Paycheck		
Base wage	\$35,000	
Fringes	\$7,750	
Gross Wages	\$42,750	
Federal Taxes	(\$4,991)	
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"Bona Fide" Fringe Plan		
Base Wage	\$35,000	
Gross Wages	\$35,000	
Federal Taxes	(\$3,304)	
Net Wages	\$31,696	
Fringes	\$7,750	

Total Wages & Benefits \$39,446

2013 Single Tax Rate, with one exemption and standard deduction.



**Total Wages** 

### **Total Potential Impact**



Over a 1 year Contract w/ 50 Employees

= \$83,200

Over a 1 year Contract w/ 250 Employees

= \$660,400

Over a 1 year Contract w/ 500 Employees

= \$1,372,800

	Fringe Paid in Wages	Fringe Paid in Benefits
Cash Wages	\$22.00 per hour paid	\$19.69 per hour paid
Fringe Contributed to H&W Benefit	\$0.00	\$2.31 per hour paid
Payroll Burden (assumed 17%) FICA, FUTA, SUTA, WC	\$3.96 per hour paid	\$3.54 per hour paid
Hourly PPACA Penalty when Major Medical Not Offered	\$0.67 per hour paid (not deductible)	\$0.00
Total Bid Cost Per Hour Paid	\$26.63	\$25.54
Savings Per Hour Per Employee		\$1.09
Annual Savings Per Employee (2080 hrs paid each)		\$2,267.20

ASSUME = 2080 Hours, \$400 premium, 100 employees. Tax penalty = \$2,000 PEPY (minus first 30)



# Single Source Administration



- One partner to administer and manage all benefits
- Holistic & integrated employee communications
- Prevailing wage, PPACA & ERISA compliance over all programs
- Detailed reporting for all aspects of your benefit strategy
- Opportunity to offer employees the best array without the added burden to you or your staff

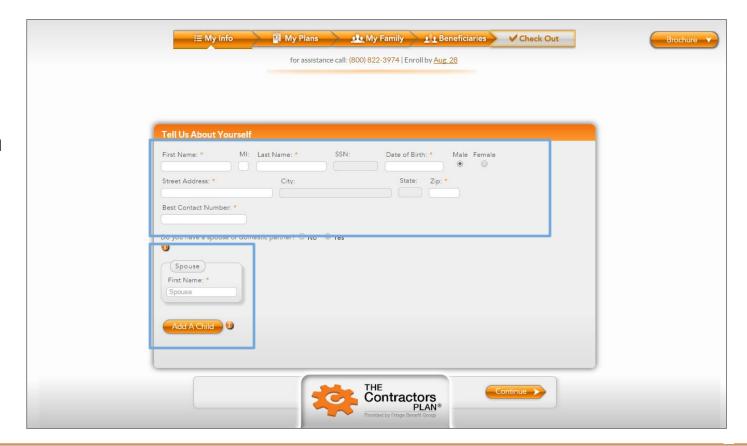


# Participant Profile Page



#### **User Profiles -**

Can be census driven or created and updated by the participant directly, allowing user information to stay current with employer records





#### Customizable Health Plans



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Product, Level and Tier provide all of the information to make plan choices on one screen

#### Plan Cart -

Shows (Realtime) Allocations to Medical, Ancillary and Retirement





### **Ancillary Benefits**

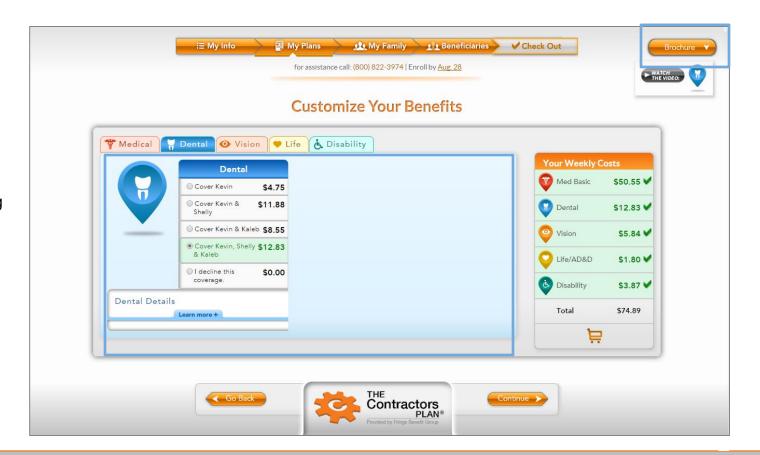


Ancillary
Benefits –
Specialty bei

Specialty benefit products are displayed on individual screens, enabling an "a la carte" style shopping experience

#### **Documentation**

Brochure,
 Waiver and other forms can be downloaded from each page



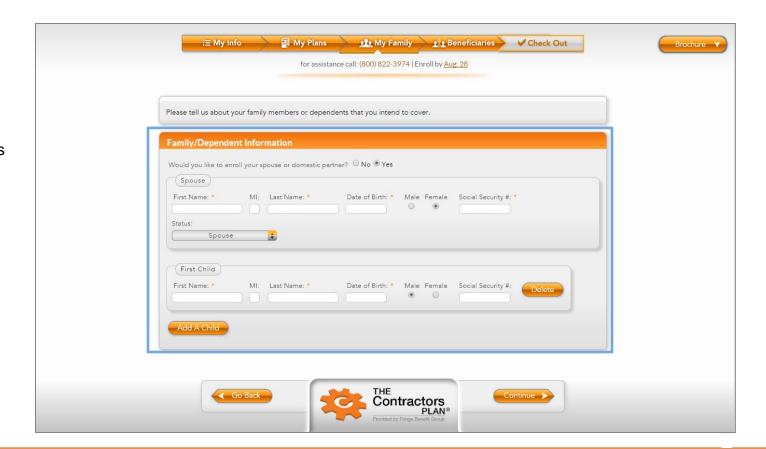


# Dependent Profile Page



#### Dependent -

Prepopulated dependent information from enrollment choices simplifies data entry



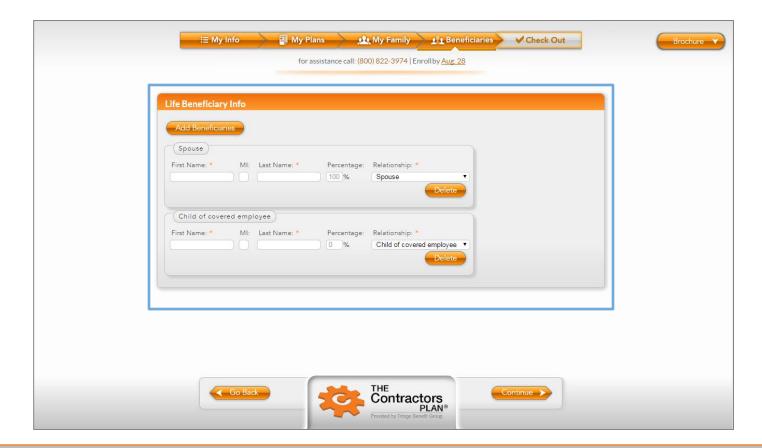


# **Enter Beneficiary Information**



#### Beneficiaries -

Based on product choices, the beneficiary box displays / prepopulates with default dependent information





# Benefit Summary Page



#### **Plan Summary**

- Enables
participants to
see their entire
set of selections
graphically
mapped on one
page. Additional
information can
be obtained (or
changed) by
clicking the
benefit icon



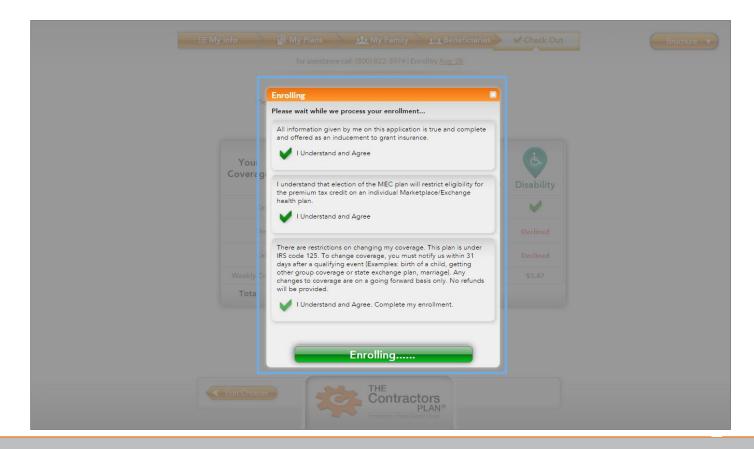


#### **Disclosure Statements**



#### **Plan Disclosures**

 Place important information in front of the participant, requiring action, to proceed to the Confirmation

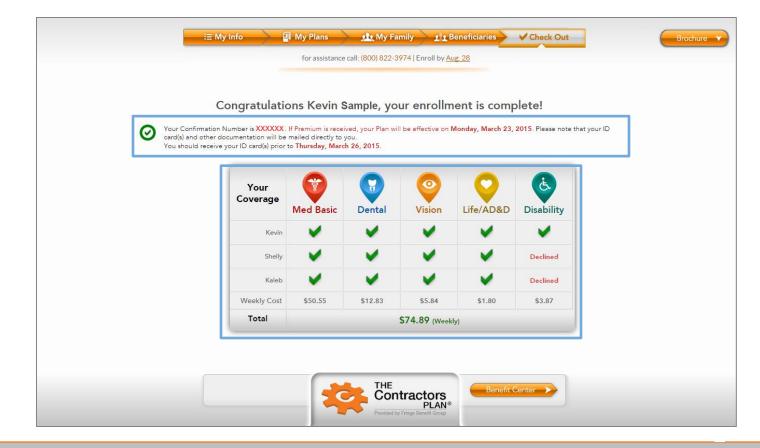




# **Confirmation Page**



Confirmation
Page – Lets the
participant know
that their
enrollment is
complete along
with providing
the effective date
and date to
receive the ID
card

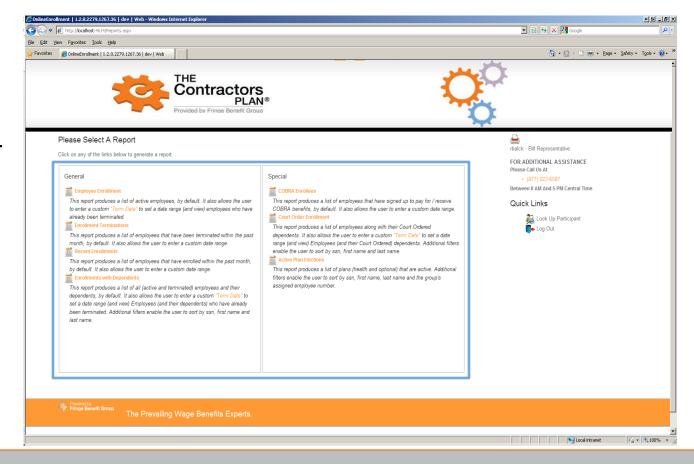




### Robust Reporting Center



Reports Screen –
Provides the most requested reports and enables the employer and producer to download to .csv or .txt format for further analysis



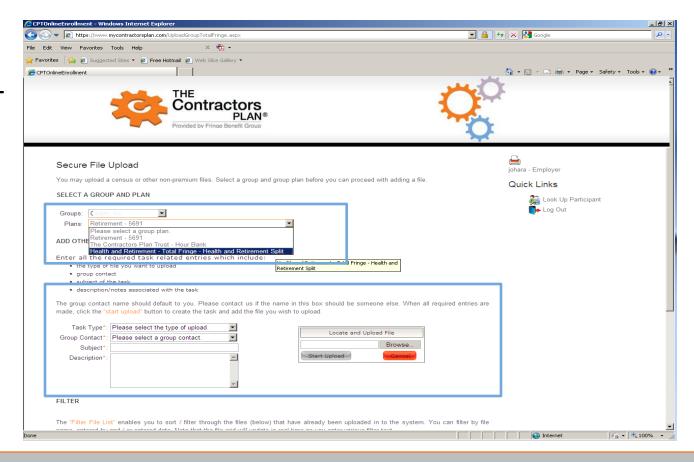


### Simple Secure File Upload



Secure Upload – Administrators can upload files directly - safely and securely

Upload Types –
Enables the user
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multiple file
upload types
from a single
menu

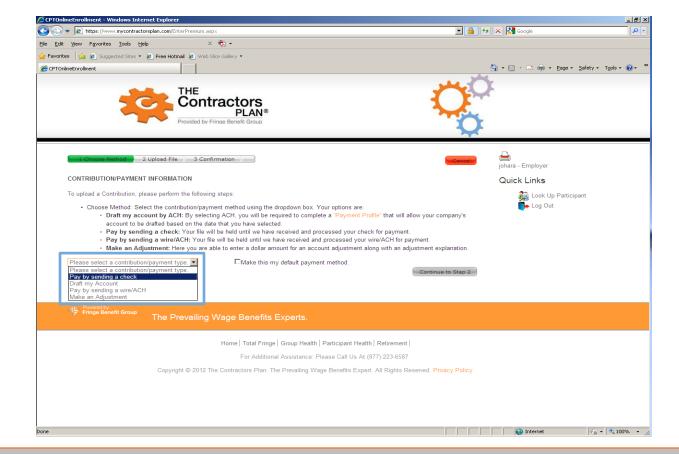




# Multiple Payment Process Options



Payment Files – Enables plan administrators to select from multiple payment types using a single menu





#### Where to Learn More



#### The Contractors Plan Website:

- www.thecontractorsplan.com
- Complete Solution section
- 9 brief informative videos
- ACA Section
- Contact Us to find nearby field support

#### ABC Website:

http://www.abc.org/membership/memberdiscounts/thecontractorsplan.aspx

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### Questions & Feedback





