

**Tax-Qualified Long-Term Care Insurance
2018 Tax Summary**

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Type of Taxpayer	Premium Deduction (Traditional Policies)	Taxation of Benefits											
Individual taxpayer who does NOT itemize	No deduction.	<p>Reimbursement benefits are not included in income. <i>IRC §§104(a)(3), 7702B(a)(2)</i></p> <p>Per diem (or indemnity) benefits are not included in income except amounts that exceed the <u>greater of</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$360 per day (2018 indexed), <u>or</u> • Total qualified LTC expenses. <p><i>IRC §§104(a)(3), 7702B(a)(2), 7702B(d)</i></p>											
<p>Individual taxpayer who itemizes deductions (Schedule A)</p>	<p>Treated as accident and health insurance. <i>IRC §7702B(a)(1)</i></p> <p>Limited to <u>lesser of</u> actual premium paid <u>or</u> eligible LTCI premium. <i>IRC §§213(d)(1)(D), 213(d)(10)</i></p> <p>Eligible LTC premium in 2018 (indexed):</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Attained age in tax year</th> <th>Deductible premium limit</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Age 40 or less</td> <td>\$ 420</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Age 41 – 50</td> <td>\$ 780</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Age 51 – 60</td> <td>\$1,560</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Age 61 – 70</td> <td>\$4,160</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Age 71 and older</td> <td>\$5,200</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Medical expense deduction is allowable to extent that such expenses (including payment of Eligible LTCI premium) exceed 7.5% of AGI <i>IRC §§213(a), 213(f)</i></p>		Attained age in tax year	Deductible premium limit	Age 40 or less	\$ 420	Age 41 – 50	\$ 780	Age 51 – 60	\$1,560	Age 61 – 70	\$4,160	Age 71 and older
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HSA & Archer MSA	Eligible LTCI premium is a qualified medical expense. <i>IRC §213(d)(1)(D)</i>	<p>Return of premium (non-forfeiture) benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available only upon total surrender or death. • May not be borrowed or pledged. • Included in gross income to extent of any deduction or exclusion allowed with respect to premium. <i>IRC §7702B(b)(2)(C)</i> 											
<p>Employee (W-2) (NON-owner)</p>	<p>Premium paid by <u>employee</u> (e.g., “voluntary” or payroll deduction):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May NOT be paid through pre-tax cafeteria plan. <i>IRC §125(f)</i> • May NOT be paid through FSA or similar arrangement. <i>IRC §106(c)</i> • Deductible by employee who itemizes (subject to limitations above) <p>Premium paid by <u>employer</u> (ANY business type):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employer provided LTCI treated as accident and health plan. <i>IRC §7702B(a)(3)</i> • Deductible by employer - NOT limited to Eligible premium (subject to reasonable compensation). May also include spouse and other eligible tax dependents. <i>IRC §162(a)</i> • Total premium excluded from employee’s income (NOT limited to Eligible premium). Not subject to FICA, etc. <i>IRC §106(a)</i> • Benefits remain tax-free. (See column to right) 												
<p>C-Corporation Shareholder / Employee (with W-2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Including PCs and LLCs taxed as a C 	<p>Treated as employee. (See above)</p> <p>(NOTE that premiums may NOT reduce or be allocated against any individual’s compensation in any form; the premiums must be a true corporate expense.)</p>	<p>Linked-Benefit LTCI</p> <p>LTC benefits paid from a Tax-Qualified (7702B) annuity or life insurance “linked benefit” plan are tax-free as noted above. <i>IRC §7702B(e)</i></p> <p>Cash surrenders from a LTCI linked-benefit plan that paid LTCI benefits may have a reduced cost-basis. <i>IRC §72(e)(11)</i></p> <p>Premium payments for annuity or life insurance linked-benefit LTCI plans are NOT deductible. (Separate TQ LTCI continuation rider premiums may be deductible.)</p>											
<p>“Self-employed” business owners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sole Proprietor • Partner • S-Corporation >2% shareholder/employee (W-2) • Member of a LLC or PC taxed as any of above <p><i>NOTE: Limited Liability Corporation (LLC) is a legal, not tax, entity – based on how the entity files.</i></p>	<p>Eligible for Self-Employed Health Insurance Deduction, which is taken “above-the-line” on Line 29 of IRS Form 1040 Schedule 1 (2018). May also include spouse or other eligible tax dependents. <i>IRC §162(l)</i></p> <p>Limited to lesser of actual premium paid or Eligible LTCI premium. <i>IRC §§213(d)(1)(D), 213(d)(10)</i></p> <p>Eligible LTCI premium in 2017 (indexed):</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Attained age in tax year</th> <th>Deductible premium limit</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Age 40 or less</td> <td>\$ 420</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Age 41 – 50</td> <td>\$ 780</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Age 51 – 60</td> <td>\$1,560</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Age 61 – 70</td> <td>\$4,160</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Age 71 and older</td> <td>\$5,200</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Deduction is NOT limited to 7.5% of AGI threshold.</p>		Attained age in tax year	Deductible premium limit	Age 40 or less	\$ 420	Age 41 – 50	\$ 780	Age 51 – 60	\$1,560	Age 61 – 70	\$4,160	Age 71 and older
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