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Marriage

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"The IRS guidance provides clarification on a number of issues that weren't resolved by the Supreme Court's decision," said Catherine Murray, tax analyst at Thomson Reuters and an author of the report. "Same-sex married couples and their advisors now have the necessary guidance to determine actions to take in relation to their federal taxes."

The **Thomson Reuters Checkpoint report**, which features explanations, observations, and illustrations, is available as a free download. The report provides clarification and guidance on Federal tax implications resulting from the Supreme Court's DOMA ruling including:

- How to determine whether a same-sex couple is legally married for federal tax purposes
- Policies for accepting amended returns based on marital status changes
- An explanation of the impact the ruling has on employers and employees
- A list of states that recognize same-sex marriage and when they began doing so
- An explanation of the ruling's impact on couples in state-sanctioned "marriage equivalents," including those residing in community property states

Thomson Reuters also offers guidance and training on the DOMA ruling. A complete

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