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The IRS has announced that it will no longer require taxpayers to fill out the Obamacare line 61 on tax forms that asks whether taxpayers had health insurance throughout the year, and penalizes them if they did not. The line was added to enforce the individual mandate.

Under the healthcare law, the IRS would reject tax returns if taxpayers didn't have

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While President Trump promised to repeal the law during his campaign, there has been little legislative action on the subject during his first few weeks in office. However, an executive order he signed in his first day might end up being the silent killer of the healthcare law. The order told agencies to lessen "the economic and regulatory burdens of Obamacare.

"The recent executive order directed federal agencies to exercise authority and discretion available to them to reduce potential burden," the IRS said in a statement. While the agency only announced the new policy on Wednesday, Feb. 15, it says it started implementing it for all returns filed this year.

And the most recent action by the IRS will have a major impact on the ability of the healthcare law to continue, since there will be no enforcement of Americans to have insurance. Previously, those without insurance would face a penalty of up to \$695. or 2.5 percent of household income.

In another Obamacare-related developments, the department of Health and Human Services have implemented new rules that would make it harder for taxpayers to buy health coverage outside of official enrollment periods, lets insurance companies restrict coverage sooner if customers are late on payments, and has tougher eligibility checks.

"These proposals are a good start toward improving the functioning of the marketplace, so that any longer-term reforms can begin on a better footing," said Alyssa Fox, senior vice president for policy of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association.

The actions will "raise deductibles, reduce access to physicians and put limitations on the ability for people to get coverage," according to Andy Slavitt, the Obama administration official who oversaw the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Although the IRS has stopped enforcing the tax form reporting requirement, the

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advises its users to remind their clients that those leaving line 61 blank “could receive communication from the IRS, experience delayed refunds, and face subsequent collection activity to recoup the individual shared responsibility payment.”

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