

42 C.F.R. § 433.68

Permissible health care-related taxes.

- (a) *General rule.* A State may receive health care-related taxes, without a reduction in FFP, only in accordance with the requirements of this section.
- (b) *Permissible health care-related taxes.* Subject to the limitations specified in § 433.70, a State may receive, without a reduction in FFP, health care-related taxes if all of the following are met:
- (1) The taxes are broad based, as specified in paragraph (c) of this section;
- (2) The taxes are uniformly imposed throughout a jurisdiction, as specified in paragraph (d) of this section; and
- (3) The tax program does not violate the hold harmless provisions specified in paragraph (f) of this section.
- (c) Broad based health care-related taxes. (1) A health care-related tax will be considered to be broad based if the tax is imposed on at least all health care items or services in the class or providers of such items or services furnished by all non-Federal, non-public providers in the State, and is imposed uniformly, as specified in paragraph (d) of this section.
- (2) If a health care-related tax is imposed by a unit of local government, the tax must extend to all items or services or providers (or to all providers in a class) in the area over which the unit of government has jurisdiction.
- (3) A State may request a waiver from CMS of the requirement that a tax program be broad based, in accordance with the procedures specified in § 433.72. Waivers from the uniform and broad-based requirements will automatically be granted in cases of variations in licensing and certification fees for providers if the amount of such fees is not more than \$1,000 annually per provider and the total amount raised by the State from the fees is used in the administration of the licensing or certification program.
 - (d) *Uniformly imposed health care-related taxes*. A health care-related tax will be considered to be imposed uniformly even if it excludes Medicaid or Medicare payments (in whole or in part), or both; or, in the case of a health care-related tax based on revenues or receipts with respect to a class of items or services (or providers of items or services), if it excludes either Medicaid or Medicare revenues with respect to a class of items or services, or both. The exclusion of Medicaid revenues must be applied uniformly to all providers being taxed.
- (1) A health care-related tax will be considered to be imposed uniformly if it meets any one of the following criteria:
- (i) If the tax is a licensing fee or similar tax imposed on a class of health care services (or providers of those health care items or services), the tax is the same amount for every provider furnishing those items or services within

the class.

(ii) If the tax is a licensing fee or similar tax imposed on a class of health care items or services (or providers of those items or services) on the basis of the number of beds (licensed or otherwise) of the provider, the amount of the tax is the same for each bed of each provider of those items or services in the class.

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