

# Samaritan™

## MINISTRIES

### Samaritan members who are residents of the State of Indiana

As a resident of the State of Indiana and member of Samaritan Ministries, you are allowed to deduct all ministry-related amounts you pay each year when calculating your taxable income on your **Indiana Individual Income Tax Return**.

Below, there are step-by-step instructions for how to deduct amounts paid as a member of Samaritan Ministries on your 2024 Indiana Individual Income Tax Return and a sample of **Indiana Department of Revenue Schedule 2: Deductions** form.

**The form to use** – The deduction must be taken on **Line 11** of your Indiana Department of Revenue Schedule 2: Deductions.

Write the deduction name **Health Care Sharing Ministry Deduction** in the 11a deduction name box. Write the code amount **643** in the 11a code no. box. Write your deduction dollar (\$) amount in the third 11a box.

**The instructions** – The accompanying instructions contain this statement – **Health Care Sharing Ministry Deduction 643**: *“If you paid an amount for membership in a health care sharing ministry, as defined by IC 27-1-2.1-1, you may claim a deduction for the amount paid for membership in a health sharing ministry. Deduct only the amounts paid for membership. Do not use this code to deduct amounts for unreimbursed health care expenses.”*

### Interpreting the instructions

**Contributions** – The instructions could be misunderstood to be limiting your deduction to “charitable contributions,” which you made directly to Samaritan in 2024 (such as donations to Special Prayer Needs, Disaster Relief, or the Special Needs Adoption Fund). However, the law that was passed allows a deduction for the amount “*paid by a qualified individual for membership in a health care sharing ministry*” (Ind. Code § 6-3-2-28). We understand the deduction to include funds you are assigned to send to other members, as well as those you are assigned to send directly to Samaritan Ministries that go toward administrative expenses and any charitable gifts you gave directly to the ministry and did not claim on your federal income tax return as a charitable contribution.

Because any extra amounts you gave directly to Samaritan members with a medical need (Special Prayer Needs, extra giving during prorated months, or any other additional gifts) are also included, you may want to add the total amount for any such gifts you sent in 2024. **Keep in mind, you can claim the charitable contributions on either your federal or your personal IN income tax return, but not on both.**

**Qualifying health care sharing ministry** – This term as defined by IC 27-1-2.1-1 means a nonprofit organization that:

- (1) is comprised only of participants who share similar and sincerely held religious beliefs;
- (2) is tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;
- (3) acts as a facilitator among participants who have financial or medical needs that are qualified in accordance with the organization's criteria, matching those participants with other participants who have the present ability to assist with financial or medical needs;
- (4) provides for the financial or medical needs of a participant through contributions from one (1) participant to another participant;

- (5) provides information about amounts that participants, with no assumption of risk or promise to pay, may contribute for distribution:
  - (A) among the participants; or
  - (B) by the organization to participants;
- (6) provides a written monthly statement to all participants that specifies:
  - (A) the total dollar amount of qualified needs submitted to the organization; and
  - (B) the amount actually published or assigned to participants for their contribution; and
- (7) includes the following statement, in writing, or on or accompanying all applications and guideline materials:

“NOTICE: The organization facilitating the sharing of medical expenses is not an insurance company, and neither its guidelines nor its plan of operation is an insurance policy. Any assistance you receive with your medical bills will be totally voluntary. Neither the organization nor any other participant can be compelled by law to contribute toward your medical bills. As such, participation in the organization or a subscription to any of its documents should never be considered to be insurance. Whether or not you receive any payments for medical expenses and whether or not this organization continues to operate, you are always personally responsible for the payment of your own medical bills.”

**We understand Samaritan to meet this definition.**

**Do not include amounts excluded from your federal taxable income.** – An example of this: If you made a charitable contribution to Samaritan *and* deducted that as an itemized deduction on your federal income tax return, you are not permitted to also include that amount on your **Indiana Department of Revenue Schedule 2: Deductions** form.

## **Tax year 2024 statement of amounts you paid as a member of Samaritan Ministries**

Soon, we will be sending you a statement that we provide to assist you in calculating the amounts you paid as a member in 2024. The statement will show all amounts in 2024 that you were assigned to send to other members for their medical needs, as well as the funds you sent to Samaritan for administrative purposes and any additional administrative fees, such as the sign-up fee, the Save to Share™ annual fee, and the membership level switching fee (if applicable). You will need to adjust for any amounts you were assigned in December 2024 that were not paid until after December 31, since you may only deduct funds actually paid in 2024.

The amount on the statement will not include any extra gifts you sent to members beyond the amounts you were assigned to send—Special Prayer Needs, extra assistance in times of proration, or any other extra gifts—nor will it include any contributions you made to Samaritan Ministries International (SMI), all of which we understand to also be deductible. (If you made charitable contributions to SMI in 2024, you will receive a separate statement showing the total amount.)

If you have general questions regarding health care sharing ministries and taxes, please contact us at [taxquestion@samaritanministries.org](mailto:taxquestion@samaritanministries.org). For more specific tax questions, please consult your tax adviser.

**Schedule 2**  
**Form IT-40**  
 State Form 53996  
 (R15 / 9-24)

Indiana Department of Revenue  
**Schedule 2: Deductions**

**2024**

Enclosure  
 Sequence No. **02**

Name(s) shown on Form IT-40

Your Social Security Number

  

1. Renter's deduction

Address where rented if different from the one on the front page (enter below)

Landlord's name and address (enter below)

Number of months rented  Amount of rent paid \$  .

Enter the lesser of \$3,000 (\$1,500 if married filing separately) or amount of rent paid  1  .

2. Homeowner's residential property tax deduction

Address where property tax was paid if different from front page (enter below)

Number of months lived there  Amount of property tax paid \$  .

**Round all entries**

Enter the lesser of \$2,500 (\$1,250 if married filing separately) or amount of property tax paid  2  .

3. State tax refund reported on federal return

3  .

4. Interest on U.S. government obligations

4  .

5. Taxable Social Security benefits

5  .

6. Taxable railroad retirement benefits

6  .

7. Active military service deduction

7  .

8. Private school/homeschool deduction: \$1,000 per qualifying child (see instructions)

8  .

9. Indiana net operating loss deduction

9  .

10. Nontaxable portion of unemployment compensation (from line 7 of Unemployment Comp. Worksheet)

10  .

11. Other Deductions: See instructions (attach additional sheets if necessary)

a. Enter deduction name **Health Care Sharing Ministry Deduction** code no. **643** 11a  .

b. Enter deduction name  code no.  11b  .

c. Enter deduction name  code no.  11c  .

12. Add lines 1 through 11. Enter total here and on line 4 of Form IT-40. **Total Deductions**  12  .

