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Caregiver Tax Exemption Kit

Overview

This kit helps caregivers collect the information, documents, and questions commonly needed when exploring possible tax exemptions, exclusions, credits, deductions, or filing treatments. It is designed to make conversations with a tax professional faster, clearer, and more productive.

Important Notice

This material is educational only. The word “exemption” is often used broadly in everyday language, but actual tax treatment can involve deductions, exclusions, credits, filing status rules, dependent claims, or worker-classification decisions. Eligibility depends on current law and personal circumstances.

What This Kit Helps You Do

- Organize records before meeting with a tax professional.
- Identify the most common caregiver-related tax discussion points.
- Reduce confusion around employee versus independent contractor treatment.
- Prepare a clean packet for tax filing or tax planning.

Section 1: Caregiver Tax Review Intake Form

Complete the following summary before any tax appointment.

Taxpayer Snapshot

- Full legal name
- Mailing address
- Phone number
- Email address
- Filing status, if known
- State of residence
- Occupation or caregiving role description

Caregiving Activity Summary

- Who paid for the caregiving services?
- Was the payer a private individual, family member, agency, or government program?
- Was the work part-time, full-time, temporary, or ongoing?
- Were taxes withheld from the payments?
- Was there a written agreement or contract?
- Were any reimbursements provided?

Income Summary

- Total caregiving income received
- Other job income received
- Self-employment income, if any
- Retirement or benefit income, if any
- Investment or other side income, if any

Section 2: Possible Tax Topics to Review

Use this section as a discussion guide.

Worker Classification

- Was the caregiver treated correctly as an employee or contractor?
- Should household employee rules be reviewed?
- Were tax forms issued correctly?
- Is amended reporting needed?

Dependent and Household Issues

- Can anyone in the household be claimed as a dependent?
- Does head of household status apply?
- Are there dependent care expenses that qualify for review?
- Did the caregiver support another person financially?

Expense and Deduction Questions

- Were any unreimbursed business expenses incurred?
- Was mileage tracked accurately?
- Were supplies, certifications, or tools required for work?
- Is there separate business activity that may allow deductions?

Credit Review Questions

- Is the Earned Income Tax Credit worth reviewing?
- Is the Child Tax Credit or Credit for Other Dependents relevant?
- Are education credits available?
- Were retirement contributions made that could affect tax outcomes?

Section 3: Document Gathering Checklist

- Government-issued ID
- Social Security card or taxpayer ID documentation
- Prior year tax return
- W-2, 1099-NEC, 1099-K, 1099-MISC, or other income forms
- Payment statements or invoices
- Written care agreements or contracts
- Mileage log
- Receipts for supplies and training
- Bank statements related to caregiving income
- Estimated tax payment confirmations
- Health insurance forms
- Dependent information and related support documents

Section 4: Caregiver Expense Tracker Template

Copy this template into a spreadsheet or document.

Date	Expense Type	Business Purpose	Amount	Reimbursed?	Notes

Section 5: Mileage Log Template

Date	Starting Point	Destination	Purpose	Miles	Notes

Section 6: Questions for a Tax Professional

- Does this caregiving income qualify for any special tax treatment?
- Are there exemptions, exclusions, deductions, or credits that apply?
- Was the reporting method used by the payer correct?

- What records are missing or weak?
- Are there state-specific caregiver tax rules to review?
- Would estimated taxes help avoid penalties next year?
- Should bookkeeping practices change going forward?

Section 7: Red Flags to Address Early

- Cash income with no records
- Multiple payers and inconsistent forms
- Verbal agreements only
- Missing mileage documentation
- Reimbursements mixed into income totals
- Household and business expenses blended together
- Unclear dependent support records

Section 8: Caregiver Tax Planning Notes

Use this page to write down case-specific guidance from a professional.

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Action Items

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Packaging Instructions

For a polished client packet or lead magnet layout, use this structure:

1. Cover page with Sentinel Enterprises branding.
2. Overview and disclaimer.
3. Intake form.

4. Checklists.
5. Expense and mileage templates.
6. Questions for a tax professional.
7. Notes and action items page.

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