

Sales tax will be short-paid going forward for Ascension health systems

What's happening?

You are receiving this communication as a supplier who may be charging sales tax in error on invoices for tax exempt ship-to locations for Ascension facilities. Effective March 01, 2019, Ascension will turn on short-pay functionality for the Ascension health systems listed below. The remittance notification will state 'short-paid sales tax' and provide the dollar amount withheld.

The following Ascension health systems are impacted by this change:

Columbia St. Mary's

Milwaukee, WI

As a reminder, the following Ascension health systems are already operating under this process:

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| AMITA Health | Chicago, IL |
| Ascension Crittenton Hospital | Rochester Hills, MI |
| Borgess Health | Kalamazoo, MI |
| Genesys Health System | Grand Blanc, MI |
| Ministry Health Care | Appleton, WI |
| Our Lady of Lourdes Memorial Hospital | Binghamton, NY |
| Providence Healthcare Network | Waco, TX |
| Providence Hospital | Washington, DC |
| Sacred Heart Health System | Pensacola, FL |
| Seton Healthcare Family | Austin, TX |
| St. Agnes Hospital | Baltimore, MD |
| St. John Providence Health System | Detroit, MI |
| St. Joseph Health System | Tawas City, MI |
| St. Mary's Health System | Evansville, IN |
| St. Mary's Healthcare | Amsterdam, NY |
| St. Mary's of Michigan | Saginaw, MI |
| St. Thomas Health | Nashville, TN |
| St. Vincent Health | Indianapolis, IN |
| St. Vincent's Health Services | Bridgeport, CT |
| St. Vincent's Healthcare | Jacksonville, FL |

What you need to know?

The BUYER of products/services is the actual facility to which you are shipping; it is considered the financially responsible entity. The Ascension Ministry Service Center (MSC) is a paying agent and has no bearing on the taxability of products/services ordered by these Ascension facilities.

[Click here](#) to view:

- A crosswalk spreadsheet linking facility ship-to locations to the corresponding tax exempt certificate numbers
- Copies of the tax exempt certificates
- A pay agent letter that explains the role of the Ministry Service Center in this process

Ascension will continue to turn on sales tax short-pay functionality in a phased approach for our other health systems in the weeks to come. Please be aware that you will receive future communications regarding these additional health systems that will require your attention. You may also be contacted regarding the recovery of any sales tax paid in error.

What do you need to do?

To avoid future incorrect sales tax charges for these Ascension health systems, please immediately remove sales tax in your system for the impacted tax exempt locations. Also, to ensure this new enhancement performs correctly, please review the 'Legal Entity Description' (column M) within the crosswalk spreadsheet provided in the link above and match that to the correct sales tax exempt certificate(s) you have on file.

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