

***The Tax Review* Clients With Children**

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Chapter

1 Dependent Exemptions and Filing Requirements

- 1-A** Distinguish between a qualifying child and a qualifying relative for dependency exemption purposes.
- 1-B** Determine eligibility for a taxpayer to claim Head of Household filing status or Qualifying Widow(er) filing status.
- 1-C** Determine if a dependent is required to file a tax return when he or she has earned income.
- 1-D** Apply the tie-breaker rules for a dependent claimed by more than one taxpayer.
- 1-E** Identify dependency exemptions available to legal guardians, including foster parents.

2 Credits Based on Children

- 2-A** Identify qualifying children for purposes of claiming the Earned Income Credit (EIC).
- 2-B** Determine a taxpayer's eligibility for claiming a credit or exclusion for child and dependent care expenses.
- 2-C** Recognize children who are qualifying children for purposes of the Child Tax Credit.
- 2-D** Determine eligibility for claiming a credit or exclusion for the adoption of a child.
- 2-E** Recognize education credits available for children in college.

3 Child Tax Issues

- 3-A** Recognize when Kiddie Tax applies to the income of a taxpayer's child.
- 3-B** Identify requirements for making the election to report a child's income on the parents' return.
- 3-C** Determine who is responsible for filing a tax return and paying tax owed for a child.
- 3-D** Assess when a child may be subject to the alternative minimum tax (AMT).
- 3-E** Identify rules for providing healthcare coverage to adult children.

4 Divorce or Separation

- 4-A** Identify dependents of parents who are divorced, separated, or were never married.
- 4-B** Determine whether payments made by a former spouse are child support payments.
- 4-C** Identify the custodial parent when a child lives with both parents during the year.
- 4-D** Identify the tax effects on filing status and dependency when a custodial parent releases the claim for exemption for a child.
- 4-E** Recognize the rules for claiming medical expenses for a child of divorced or separated parents.