

# 2010 Allowable Tax Benefits

## Standard Deduction

### Under Age 65

|                          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Married, Filing Joint    | \$11,400 |
| Single                   | \$5,700  |
| Married, Filing Separate | \$5,700  |
| Head of Household        | \$8,400  |

### Additional—Age 65 or Older

|         |         |
|---------|---------|
| Married | \$1,100 |
| Single  | \$1,400 |

### Additional—Blind

|         |         |
|---------|---------|
| Married | \$1,100 |
| Single  | \$1,400 |

## Personal Exemption

\$3,650

## Maximum Child Tax Credit

\$1,000 per child under 17 years

## Standard Mileage Deductions

|                                    |    |
|------------------------------------|----|
| Business Standard Mileage Rate     | NA |
| Medical Standard Mileage Rate      | NA |
| Moving Standard Mileage Rate       | NA |
| Charitable Serv Standard Mile Rate | NA |

\*NA: Not available. These rates have not yet been released by the IRS.

## Deductible IRA Contribution

If taxpayer and spouse NOT covered by employer-sponsored plan:

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| If younger than 50 | \$5,000 |
| If 50 or older     | \$6,000 |

## Maximum 401(k) Employee Contribution

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| If younger than 50 | \$16,500 |
| If 50 or older     | \$22,000 |

## Self-Employed Medical Insurance Premium Deduction

100%

## Annual Gift Tax Exclusion (per person)

\$13,000

## Estate Tax Exemption

Tax repealed\*

\*Legislation may extend the 2009 rates, but no action has been taken as of this writing.

# 2010 Other Tax Items

## 2010 Social Security Tax Rates

|                 | Employers<br>& Employees | Self-<br>Employed | Wage<br>Limits |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Social Security | 6.20%                    | 12.40%            | \$106,800      |
| Medicare        | 1.45%                    | 2.90%             | no limit       |
| Total           | 7.65%                    | 15.30%            |                |

## 2010 Itemizable Deductions

Among other items they include:

- Interest and taxes on your home
- Uninsured medical expenses above 7.5% of AGI
- Miscellaneous itemized deductions above 2.0% of AGI
- Uninsured casualties or theft losses above 10.0% of AGI
- Contributions to qualified charities
- You can itemize state and local income taxes only; state sales taxes are no longer itemizable

## 2010 Safe Harbor for Underpayment Penalty

Avoid underpayment penalties by paying (through withholding or estimated tax payments):

AGI \$150,000 or less (\$75,000 married filing separate)

- 100% of prior tax liability or
- 90% of current year tax liability

AGI \$150,000 or greater (\$75,000 married filing separate)

- 110% of prior year tax or
- 90% of current year tax liability

## 2010 AMT Exemption Amount\*

|                          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Single                   | \$33,750 |
| Married, Filing Joint    | \$45,000 |
| Married, Filing Separate | \$22,500 |
| Head of Household        | \$33,750 |

\*Levels not yet set, so revert to earlier levels.