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There are New Rules On Partnership Audits

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For many years, a partnership or a Limited Liability Company (LLC) that filed as a partnership had limited the consequences of an IRS audit. However, because of the growing number of LLCs, the IRS is becoming more aggressive in targeting partnership returns, and significant changes are scheduled to come about in just a few weeks.

As part of the 2015 Bipartisan Budget Agreement (BBA), Congress has created a "Centralized Partnership Audit" program that paves the way for simpler collection of taxes from certain partnerships for tax years beginning after 2017.

The good news is that many partnerships have the choice to elect out of this new program, thus, in practical terms, continuing their limited protection from an audit. But to have the option to elect out, your partnership must meet certain requirements by January 1, 2018, and you will subsequently need to make an annual election on your tax return.

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