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Federal Tax Watch: The Rules of Foreign Reporting

Offshore reporting brings with it some of the largest civil penalties found anywhere, making even the smallest mistake costly for taxpayers. Many taxpayers falsely believe that the offshore reporting requirements affect only foreign bank accounts. The truth is that the Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR) is one of the most common offshore reporting forms, but it's often overlooked.

Simply hoping that you won't need to disclose offshore accounts or even to understand what the IRS considers reportable is a recipe for disaster for

taxpayers. Click here to find out more on the rules of foreign reporting that could impact you.

As always, Gray, Gray & Gray is here to offer assistance. Please contact our Tax Department at (781) 407-0300 with any offshore reporting questions.

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Flexible spending accounts (FSAs) can provide a real boost to health care consumers. And using them is even easier when combined with debit cards that accountholders use to make health care purchases. But absent a significant control system, it's also easier to subvert the purpose of an FSA. That's why certain retailers are required to use an inventory system that limits purchases to FSA-eligible goods only. Keep reading to learn more.

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