

Federal Itemized Deduction but Idaho Standard Deduction

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If the taxpayer itemized deductions on both the Federal and State returns and had large:

Health insurance premiums, and/or
Long term care premiums

and you suspect that the Idaho standard deduction is better, try this in TaxSlayer:

1. Record the state refund or tax due.
2. Create a PDF & note health insurance and Long Term care premiums on lines 18 and 19.
3. Subtract line 18 from total health insurance premiums paid in 2018.
4. Subtract line 19 from total long term care premiums paid in 2018.
5. Go to the state menu in TaxSlayer => Subtractions and click on "Force State Standard Deduction"
6. Go to State Health Insurance premiums and add the additional health insurance calculated in step 3.
7. Go to State Long Term Care premiums and add the additional Long Term Care premiums calculated in step 4.
8. If the Idaho refund increased or tax due decreased, verify that the proper credit on Form 39R Line 18, health insurance, and line19, long term care are equal to those entered into the TaxSlayer as itemized deductions.
9. If the Idaho refund decreased, reverse steps 5, 6, and 7.