Schedule 2 Department of the Treasury-Internal Revenue Service

| Name(s) shown on Form 1040A | Your social security number |
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Before you begin, you need to understand the following terms. See Definitions on page 57. - Dependent Care Benefits - Qualifying Person(s) - Qualified Expenses • Earned Income


Caution: If the care was provided in your home, you may owe employment taxes. If you do, you must use Form 1040. See Schedule H and its instructions for details.

## Part II

2 Information about your qualifying person(s). If you have more than two qualifying persons, see page 58.


## Part III

Dependent care benefits

10 Enter the total amount of dependent care benefits you received for 1998. This amount should be shown in box 10 of your W-2 form(s). DO NOT include amounts that were reported to you as wages in box 1 of Form(s) W-2.

11 Enter the amount forfeited, if any. See page 59.
12 Subtract line 11 from line 10.
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13 Enter the total amount of qualified expenses incurred in 1998 for the care of the qualifying person(s).

14 Enter the smaller of line 12 or 13.
15 Enter YOUR earned income.
16 If married filing a joint return, enter YOUR SPOUSE'S earned income (if your spouse was a student or was disabled, see the instructions for line 5); if married filing a separate return, see the instructions for the amount to enter; all others, enter the amount from line 15.

17 Enter the smallest of line 14,15 , or 16 . 17

18 Excluded benefits. Enter here the smaller of the following:

- The amount from line 17 , or
- $\$ 5,000$ ( $\$ 2,500$ if married filing a separate return and you were required to enter your spouse's earned income on line 16).
19 Taxable benefits. Subtract line 18 from line 12. Also, include this amount on Form 1040A, line 7. In the space to the left of line 7, enter "DCB."

To claim the child and dependent care credit, complete lines 20-24 below.

| $\mathbf{2 0}$ | Enter $\$ 2,400$ ( $\$ 4,800$ if two or more qualifying persons). | 20 |  |
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| $\mathbf{2 1}$ | Enter the amount from line 18. | 21 |  |
| $\mathbf{2 2}$ | Subtract line 21 from line 20. If zero or less, STOP. You cannot take <br> the credit. Exception. If you paid 1997 expenses in 1998, see the <br> instructions for line 9. | 22 |  |
| $\mathbf{2 3}$Complete line 2 on the front of this schedule. DO NOT include in <br> column (c) any excluded benefits shown on line 18 above. Then, <br> add the amounts in column (c) and enter the total here. | 23 |  |  |
| $\mathbf{2 4}$Enter the smaller of line 22 or 23 here. Also, enter this amount on <br> line 3 on the front of this schedule and complete lines 4-9. | 24 |  |  |

