to report amounts for calendar year 2026 with the first filings with the IRS beginning in January 2027.

We release these and other information return forms and their instructions up to a year in advance of when you, as an issuer, are required to file them with the IRS. We do this because the information return forms have multiple uses. We also provide a copy of the form for the form issuer to use to furnish a copy of the form to the recipient. We require filers of information returns, including Forms 1099-NEC and 1099-S, to furnish a copy of what is or will be filed with the IRS to the recipient. In many cases, issuers of 1099 forms prefer to furnish the information return to the recipient at the time they know what they will have to report to the IRS beginning the following January. For example, you cannot file the December 2026 revision of Form 1099-S with the IRS for a reportable home sale occurring in January 2026 until January 2027. However, you may want to furnish the recipient (the seller of the home) their copy of Form 1099-S at the closing of the sale, to avoid issues with mailing the Form 1099-S the following January, a year later, when the recipient may have a new mailing address. We therefore make the Form 1099-S for use in reporting 2026 sales available just before 2026, so issuers can use it to meet their responsibility to furnish a copy to the recipient for sales beginning in 2026, even though the form can't be filed with the IRS until January 2027. We also post drafts and final revisions of information returns well in advance so that issuers will know at the beginning of a year what information they need to collect during that year so they can report it to the IRS beginning in January of the following year.

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