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| Comment:                       | Draft 2019 W-4- Legally, employers are advised not to assist<br>employees with how to complete any items in the W-4 that<br>directly impacts the amount of taxes to be withheld for<br>liability issues. The section that has all of the personal<br>information being requested on all income and deductions is<br>not only information that is sensitive to the individual but<br>is not information that an employers should necessarily have<br>access for a host of reasons nor do I see a large number of<br>employees feeling that this is information they necessarily<br>want to divulge outside of their personal accountant let alone<br>their employer. The worksheet in prior years was for employee<br>only and as a payroll practitioner can only abide by what the<br>employee physically entered into the appropriate boxes and<br>worksheet was basically ignored. We can't legally assume the<br>intent of the employee, only what is completed in those boxes<br>that clearly define their selected intent for withholding.<br>Believe that the form needs to be made a simplistic as<br>possible as to what is the basic requirements from employees<br>with aids provided to individuals to assist them on completion<br>of the form via IRS tools such as the calculator. With many<br>self-service portals with employers for employees to be able<br>to update their withholding elections electronically, the form<br>needs to be able to accommodate accordingly. *© |
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