Year-End Tax Planning Implementation Checklist

General Business Income Tax Deductions

- Prepay up to 12 months of qualifying expenses (e.g., rent, insurance) by December 31, 2024.
- Defer December 2024 invoices to January 2025 to shift taxable income.
- Purchase and place **office equipment** in service for Section 179 or bonus depreciation.
- Charge business expenses to **credit cards** for immediate deductions; reimburse before yearend.
- Document all deductions, even those creating an **NOL**, for future tax savings.
- Complete Qualified Improvement Property (QIP) upgrades to claim deductions.

Section 199A Deduction Strategies

- Keep taxable income below \$191,950 (single) or \$383,900 (joint) thresholds.
- Manage expenses (e.g., Section 179) to avoid excessive QBI reductions.
- Ensure sufficient W-2 wages or bonuses are paid to meet wage/property limits.
- Invest in **depreciable property** to maximize deductions under the **2.5% rule**.

Vehicle Tax Strategies

- Buy and place in service heavy SUVs, crossovers, or vans (GVWR > 6,000 lbs) for deductions.
- Replace old business vehicles with a buy-and-sell strategy to optimize taxes.
- Convert personal vehicles to business use and claim depreciation (incl. 60% bonus).
- Check for deductible losses on old vehicles and sell pre-2018 trade-ins if needed.
- Consider electric or plug-in hybrid vehicles to qualify for the \$7,500 tax credit.

Medical Plan Strategies

- Amend 2021 tax returns for missed sick/family leave tax credits (up to \$32,220).
- Reimburse **Section 105 HRA expenses** by December 31.
- Establish and reimburse a QSEHRA if applicable.
- Process reimbursements for ICHRAs by year-end.

- Ensure S corporations pay/reimburse health insurance premiums and report on W-2s.
- Claim the **Small Business Health Insurance Tax Credit** if eligible.

Key Administrative Tasks

- Review tax-deductible expenses and confirm documentation (receipts, proof of payment).
- Use software like Doorloop, Stessa, or Apolio to organize expenses.
- Process payroll bonuses and reimbursements before December 31.
- Work with a tax professional for tailored strategies.
- Create a checklist for future planning to avoid oversights.

Tip: Implementing these steps before year-end helps maximize tax savings and prepares you for a smooth tax season ahead!