

## **ABSTRACT**

### **Opportunities in Using the Office-in-Home Deduction of Section 280A**

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Although a taxpayer generally may not deduct expenses of his home except for mortgage interest and taxes, home-related expenses are deductible if incurred in the taxpayer's trade or business and if the home is exclusively used on a regular basis as the taxpayer's principal place of business, as a place of business to meet patients, clients or customers, or in the case of a separate structure used for trade or business purposes. A home office used for management or administrative activities may qualify as a taxpayer's principal place of business. In the case of employees, these uses must be for the convenience of the employer. In addition, home-related deductions are available for space regularly used by certain day-care providers. Finally, home-related deductions are limited so as to neither create or increase a loss in the taxpayer's trade or business with any disallowed deductions carried forward to later years.