

With the sudden issuing of the NJDOBI Bulletin No. 21-08, OCA continues to maintain a leadership role and support our New Jersey (NJ) Small Employer groups. OCA will be mailing the Extended Election Notice for our active New Jersey State Continuation clients. To that end, we have outlined our action plans below to help our NJ Small Employers comply with the requirements identified in Bulletin No. 21-08.

OCA's Bulletin No. 21-08 Operational Update

Step 1 - Identifying Impacted NJ Clients and Potential Assistance Eligible Individuals (AEIs)

Expected Completion Date: 7/24/21

As of Friday, July 23, 2021, OCA is finalizing its list of all <u>New Jersey State Continuation clients</u> and their potential list of individuals who now need to receive the Extended Election Notice. Given the 5-day time constraint outlined in Bulletin No. 21-08, OCA will not have enough time to confirm the termination of employment reason (involuntary vs. voluntary).

We do encourage NJ Small Employers who self-administer their State Continuation to mail the Model Alternative Notice of ARP. <u>Click here</u> to view the Model Alternative Notice of ARP Continuation Coverage Election Notice. (For use by insured coverage subject to State Continuation requirements between April 1, 2021 and September 30, 2021.)

Step 2 - Mailing the Extended Election Notice

Expected Completion Date: 7/26/21

To comply with the NJDOBI, OCA will be mailing the Extended Election Notice for our active New Jersey State Continuation clients. We anticipate the notices to be issued by July 26, 2021.

For MHPNJ State Continuation clients, OCA will be mailing the Extended Election Notice for <u>active</u> clients only. For employers who are now self-administering their State Continuation coverage, we encourage them to mail the <u>Model Notice</u> to potentially eligible AEIs no later than 7/28.

Next Steps

We thank our partners and clients for their support during this very challenging time in the world of COBRA/State Continuation administration. OCA remains committed to always being transparent and helping our clients and partners. We will be sending an updated email early next week with our next operational update. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact OCA directly at (855) 622-0777.

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