

A look at the week's most recent employee benefits & announcements

## IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

## Upcoming Events

Week of October 10th

### 2017 Open Enrollment is Almost Here!

You must complete plan year 2017 Marketplace agent and broker registration on the CMS Enterprise Portal prior to assist consumers with enrolling through the Marketplace beginning November 1st.

REGTAP is offering several webinars for agents and brokers to get ready! Visit [www.REGTAP.info](http://www.REGTAP.info) today to register.

### Plan Year 2017 Open Enrollment- A Primer for Agents and Brokers Participating in the FFM

This 90-minute webinar will provide an overview of Plan Year 2017 Open Enrollment, including key topics such as FFM enrollment pathways, the Individual Marketplace online application, and tips from the Marketplace Call Center.

Please see below for dates and times being offered:

- **October 12, 2016** 1:00-2:30 pm
- **October 19, 2016** 1:00-2:30 pm
- **October 26, 2016** 1:00-2:30 pm

### Plan Year 2017 FFM Registration and Training for Agents and Brokers

This 90-minute webinar will walk agents and brokers through the registration and training steps for Plan Year 2017, highlight changes since Plan Year 2016, and describe the options for completing training either through the CMS Enterprise Portal via the MLMS or through one of the CMS-approved vendors. The webinar will also briefly review the SHOP Marketplace registration requirements.

- **October 28, 2016** 1:00-2:30 pm
- **November 9, 2016** 1:00-2:30pm
- **December 21, 2016** 1:00-2:30pm

### Health Insurance Marketplace 2017 Open Enrollment Operational Updates and Announcements for Agents and Brokers

This 60-minute webinar will provide agents and brokers with key updates and announcements related to assisting consumers during Plan Year 2017, including topics such as upcoming deadlines,

## CJAHU October Meeting: Employer Reporting Updates!

The first round of employer reporting deadlines have come and gone - did all of your clients get them done on time? How did the process go? Come join us on October 13th as Chris Vanderwolk of gente Employee Benefits and HR Solutions gives us an update on what happened, what's coming for this year's reporting, and how you can help your clients through the 1094/1095 process.

Thursday, October  
13th  
9 AM

Hilton Garden Inn  
Edison, NJ

operational updates, answers to common questions, and marketing opportunities.

- **November 16, 2016** 1:00-2:00pm
- **December 7, 2016** 1:00-2:00pm

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## MARTIN SPEAKS

## CARRIER UPDATES

### CIGNA Final 2016 Forms and Instructions

Last week, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) released final 2016 Forms 1094C and 1095C and their accompanying instructions. These forms and instructions will be used for Affordable Care Act (ACA) Applicable Large Employer reporting (for compliance with the employer mandate) and self-insured large group Minimum Essential Coverage (MEC) reporting for coverage offered in calendar year 2016.

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### AmeriHealth Medicare Part D Notifications

Each year, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) require that plans that offer prescription drug coverage to their Medicare eligible employees, retirees, and dependents notify them by October 15, as to whether that coverage is "creditable" or "non-creditable." In the coming days, AmeriHealth will send a letter to groups as a reminder of the requirement to contact Medicare eligible members regarding the creditability status of their prescription coverage.

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### Subscriber outreach to comply with required IRS reporting

To comply with required annual IRS reporting, AmeriHealth New Jersey must attempt to collect missing or incorrect Taxpayer Identification Numbers (TIN) from subscribers who purchased plans individually off-exchange, as well as from subscribers of fully insured employers. A TIN can be a Social Security Number (SSN) or an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN).

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### Horizon BCBSNJ Small Group Product Withdrawals Effective December 31, 2016

Following up on Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey's Brief Notes dated September 26, 2016, Horizon BCBSNJ is withdrawing the following health plans effective December 31, 2016:

- \* Horizon POS Platinum 100/70
- \* Horizon Patient-Centered Advantage EPO Silver 20/30/70
- \* Horizon Patient-Centered Advantage EPO Gold 5/20/40
- \* Horizon Adv. EPO HSA Silver 100 Compatible \$750 Contribution
- \* Horizon Adv. EPO MyWay HSA Silver 100 \$750 Contribution
- \* Horizon Adv. EPO HSA Silver 100 Comp. BC \$750 Contribution
- \* Horizon Adv. EPO MyWay HSA Silver 100 BC \$750 Contribution

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## Horizon BCBS Webex Series: Member/IHC Broker Portals

As we prepare for 2017 Open Enrollment to begin, it is important for Brokers and Subproducers who will be selling Horizon BCBSNJ business to be proficient in the navigation and updated functionality of the Member Portal and the IHC Broker Portal.

Date: October 19, 2016 Time:  
11:00AM 12:00PM EST  
Member and IHC Broker  
Portal Training  
Registration Link:  
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\* Horizon DA HSA Gold 100/80/60 Comp. BC \$750 Contribution  
\* Horizon DA MyWay HSA Gold 100/80/60 BC \$750 Contribution

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### **Horizon BCBS Discontinuing Horizon Advantage EPO Gold and OMNIA Platinum Plans in IHC**

Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield has elected to discontinue individual Horizon Advantage EPO Gold and OMNIA Platinum plans on December 31, 2016 in accordance with N.J.A.C. 11:20-18.6. Existing members enrolled in these plans can remain in these plans until December 31, 2016. New applicants can enroll in a Horizon Advantage EPO Gold or an OMNIA Platinum plan if they qualify for a special enrollment period, but they will only be able to maintain the coverage until December 31, 2016.

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### **Affiliated Physicians & Employers Health Plan Introduces Community Care Network Health Plans**

With the cost of healthcare spiraling out of control, small employers are continuously looking for that healthcare option that will fit the needs of their employees and their families. The Affiliated Physicians and Employers Health Plan (APEHP) now offers four new innovative Community Care Network plans to their already extensive plan portfolio.

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### **MARTIN UP-TO-THE-MINUTE**

We have summarized the top announcements from the carriers and Martin to keep you up-to-the minute with the news and happenings in the industry! Check out what's happening below.

[Aetna Revised Medicare Supplement Commission Schedules Effective October 1st](#)

[AmeriHealth December Renewals Posted to your Dashboard](#)

### **IMPORTANT DEADLINES AND REMINDERS**

#### **New Business and Conversion Deadlines**

Stay up-to-date and prepared with all the upcoming conversion and new business deadlines with the major SEH carriers in NJ.

[Click Here.](#)

### **2017 MARKETPLACE REGISTRATION LINKS**

2017 links are coming out soon so look out for our office to contact you soon!

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