

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

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Week of August 15th

MARTIN SPEAKS

Group-size survey for MLR reporting

In 2016, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey is resuming its survey efforts to collect group-size information for 2015 from insured groups with between 35 and 75 enrollees. The group-size information is used to classify groups appropriately under the medical loss ratio (MLR) rules established by the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA).

To determine the clients' market classifications for MLR purposes for 2016, Horizon BCBSNJ must know the average number of people employed by each of your clients, including any of their affiliated companies, in 2015. Each year, we need group customers to tell us if their company is a small or large group under federal law.

[Click Here](#) to view Horizon's Broker Brief

For more information, please contact brokersupport@martinins.com

CARRIER UPDATES

Client 90 Days Appeal Notice Guidance

Employers may receive notices from the Marketplaces indicating that they may be subject to the shared responsibility payment because an employee requested and received a subsidy. View the guidance you and your clients need to know if they want to appeal the notice within 90 days.

[Read More.](#)

Important Information Regarding Substantiation Services

Choice Strategies will discontinue their Substantiation Service effective September 1, 2016. Thereafter, participants who have enrolled in this service will now submit supporting documentation directly to Choice Strategies to verify the eligibility of certain claims and card transactions under their plans.

Upcoming Events

Horizon BCBS Webex: 2017 FFM Certification

Registration and WebEx
Information

Date: August 31, 2016
Time: 11:00AM - 12:00PM
EST
2017 FFM Broker Certification
Requirements
Presented by: Horizon
BCBSNJ
Registration Link: [2017 FFM
Certification, August 31, 2016
11am](#)

Date: August 31, 2016
Time: 1:00PM - 2:00PM EST
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Aetna New Small Group ACA Termination Policy Eff. 10/1

As an important small group partner, Aetna would like to keep you informed of upcoming policy changes. Starting 10/1, Aetna must receive written confirmation of customer renewal acceptance in advance of the customer renewal date for all Aetna small groups.

[Read More.](#)

Registration is Open! Eighth Annual State of the State in Healthcare

Registration is now open for NJAHU's Annual State of the State conference. Keynote speakers includes George Norcross from Cooper University Hospital, Dr. Jeffrey LeBenger from Summit Medical Group, and Dale Florio.

[Read More.](#)

CMS Agents and Brokers Avoid Frustration in Accessing the MLMS

As noted in Tip 3 of the [Plan Year 2017 Computer Configuration Requirements Quick Reference Guide](#), if you are having difficulty accessing the plan year 2017 registration training modules on the Marketplace Learning Management System (MLMS), you may be able to resolve the issue by enabling pop-up windows. See the quick reference guide for step-by-step instructions on how to configure your computer for accessing the MLMS.

[Read More.](#)

AmeriHealth MDLive and Claim Update

It has recently come to our attention that AmeriHealth New Jersey members may have received an erroneous explanation of benefits (EOB) for services obtained through MDLIVE, their telemedicine vendor. MDLIVE is working to update their system, and will communicate directly with all AmeriHealth New Jersey members impacted by this error.

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Why Not Plan D?

Aetna is very excited to share that they are adding Plan D to their portfolio of Medicare Supplement products in NJ starting August 31. To help you get ready, they will soon be offering training webinars, updated sales materials, and a new sales incentive.

[Read More.](#)

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.

[Voluntary Benefits: What You Need to Know](#)

Presented by: Horizon-BCBSNJ
Registration Link: [2017 FFM Certification, September 1, 2016 1pm](#)

For more information, please contact
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Voluntary Benefits: What You Need to Know

This course addresses the increasing need for voluntary benefits and how to prepare for the changing benefits marketplace.

**September 20th
9 AM- 11 AM**

[Register Here](#)

For more information, please contact
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MIG Self-Funded Carrier Panel

Self-funded products have been gaining greater market share in the 2-100 market over the last few years.

To help you sort out the differences and identify the opportunities, please join us for a panel discussion with carriers participating in this market. Our

[Broker Education Webex Series: 2017 FFM Certification](#)

[MIG Self- Funded Carrier Panel](#)

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.](#)

2016 MARKETPLACE REGISTRATION LINKS

2016 links are out so make sure you are registered for this year's Open Enrollment Season!

For more information, please contact Greg Nocera at gnocera@martinins.com.

[2016 Horizon BCBS of NJ Marketplace Registration Link](#)

[2016 AmeriHealth Marketplace Registration Link](#)

[Oscar 2016 Marketplace Link](#)

panel, consisting of CIGNA, Nippon Life Benefits, Magnacare, UHC All Savers, and National General, will address a variety of topics including products, benefits, mandates, contract provisions, and more!

September 1st - 10 AM
[Register Here](#)

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