

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

## IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

**Week of October 31st**

### Happy Open Enrollment!

We are now in the thick of Open Enrollment and there are a few resources available to help you through it.

### Horizon BCBS Portal

Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey is committed to making it easier for their agents and brokers to do business within the Individual Marketplace. They have made several significant enhancements to the Horizon Broker Portal improving the accuracy and timeliness of applications processed through their system. The additional enhancements on the Consumer Broker Portal are available now!

Some highlights include:

- Improved flow and functionality reducing the amount of time it takes to input information into the system.
- A unique link for agents to send to prospective consumers to complete their application after reviewing proposed health plans available.
- Email confirmation to the consumer and the agent acknowledging receipt followed by approval of the application.
- A direct pathway to the FFM providing On Exchange enrollment of consumers qualifying for Advance Premium Tax Credits or Cost Sharing Subsidies system.
- The option for consumers to setup monthly recurring debit/credit card and ACH withdrawals for future premium payments.
- An easier renewal and conversion process, where agents can enter a current member identification number to have previous policy holder information auto populate into the system to convert the member to a new product.

Please [click here](#) for more information and contact Jenn Mellen at [jmellen@martinins.com](mailto:jmellen@martinins.com) for any questions

### Enrollment ToolKit

Horizon BCBS and AmeriHealth have released their 2017 rates, brochures, and enrollment forms for you to have in your back pockets. Please take a look below:

### Horizon BCBS

## Upcoming Events

# CJAHU November Meeting: Carrier Speed Dating

You have coffee, breakfast and a seat while the carriers rotate to each table to discuss their 2017 products, guidelines, and other news and notes to help you crush it to end the year! You will have more direct access and the opportunity for more personalized interaction with each representative.

Stephanie Colonna-Romano will also provide a 1 hour Continuing Education course covering 2017 SEH rules, payment parameters, and more!

The meeting will be November 10th from 9 AM until 11 AM.

**Thursday, November  
10th  
9 AM- 11 AM**

[Horizon 2017 Products and Rates](#)

[2017 Non-Group Enrollment/Change Request Form](#)

[2017 Dental and Vision Non-Group Enrollment/Change Request](#)

[2017 Horizon HMO Gold Non-Group Enrollment/Change Request](#)

## **AmeriHealth**

[AmeriHealth IHC Application](#)

[AmeriHealth 2017 IHC Rates](#)

[AmeriHealth 2017 Plan Guide](#)

For more information, please contact [brokersupport@martinins.com](mailto:brokersupport@martinins.com)

## **CARRIER UPDATES**

### **Horizon BCBS Small Group Cost Sharing Changes for 2017**

Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey has refreshed its small employer health plan portfolio for 2017. Please use the charts in the Broker Brief to learn about the cost-sharing changes for 2017. These changes will become effective when a small employer customer renews into one of the following Horizon BCBS health plans in the broker brief below.

[Read More.](#)

### **2017 F.S.A Limit Change**

The I.R.S. announced that beginning 1/1/17, the new dollar limit for Health FSAs will be raised to \$2,600. The monthly limit for qualified transportation and parking benefits will remain the same at \$255 per month.

[Read More.](#)

### **Horizon BCBS Wellness Solutions**

Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey knows that when employees are healthy, they're more likely to be happy, motivated and engaged in their work. It's with that idea that we are introducing our redesigned Horizon Wellness program. Our new offering takes our existing wellness programs and puts them in an easy-to-understand, three-tier framework.

[Read More.](#)

### **2017 Open Enrollment Begins**

The 2017 Open Enrollment period is here, AmeriHealth New Jersey is excited for upcoming 2017 plan year and would like to take this opportunity to show that they are dedicated to the New Jersey market and providing residents with quality health care coverage.

[Read More.](#)

Hilton Garden Inn  
Edison, NJ

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## **REGTAP November 2016 Webinars**

Plan Year 2017 FFM  
Registration and Training  
for Agents and Brokers

**Wednesday, November  
9th  
1PM - 2PM**

Health Insurance  
Marketplace 2017 OE  
Operational Updates and  
Announcements

**Wednesday, November  
16th 1 PM - 2 PM**

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## **IRS MEC reporting requirements update**

Under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), Cigna must report to the IRS all individuals covered under your insured medical plan during the prior calendar year, i.e., "minimum essential coverage" (MEC) reporting. Cigna gathers the data necessary to report whether individuals had coverage in the prior calendar year from a variety of sources, mainly through the enrollment process and our clients' eligibility reports.

[Read More.](#)

## **Reinsurance Fee Broker Quiz and Broker Connection**

The 2016 reinsurance fee is \$27 per covered life. What is the date self-funded employers are responsible for submitting their enrollment count and selecting payment date(s) on the government website?

[Click here](#) to take the quiz!

## **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.

[AmeriHealth 2017 Registration Link](#)

[AmeriHealth January 2017 Renewals Posted to your Dashboard](#)

[Horizon IHC Portal Rollout](#)

[NJ Small Group Changes for 2017](#)

## **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**

[Horizon BCBS 2017 Sentinel Elite](#)

[AmeriHealth 2017 Registration Link](#)

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## **Any Questions or Feedback?**

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