

MARTIN INSURANCE GROUP INSTANT RECALL

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

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

December 21, 2015

Martin Insurance Group would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season.



In appreciation of your business, we want to say Thank You. In lieu of gifts this holiday season, Martin Insurance Group has donated to Embrace Kids and Hugs for Brady.

As a company, we are dedicated to making a difference not only during the holidays but through out the entire year.

Thank you for all you do throughout the year and we wish you and your families a health and happy holiday season!

CARRIER UPDATES

Horizon BCBS OMNIA Health Plans Go Live

Upcoming Events

CJAHU January Meeting

Come learn about ERISA and how the DOL audits health plans with a special presentation by Valerie Tourso of the Employee Benefits Security Administration and Chris Vanderwolk of Benefit Tax Link

Cost is \$20 for members and \$60 for non-members.

Breakfast is included

[Register Here](#)

Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey's new suite of OMNIA Health Plans will be effective on January 1, 2016. The OMNIA Health Plans are part of Horizon BCBSNJ's full portfolio of health plans that offer Horizon customers a wide choice of options for their health care needs. OMNIA Health Plans offer customers:

* A lower premium than the standard broad plans, the option to receive care from all hospitals in the Horizon Hospital Network, and doctors, and other health care professionals in the Horizon Managed Care Network.

* The option to receive care from designated hospitals, doctors, and other health care professionals to save even more on their out-of-pocket costs.

[Read More.](#)

Reminder: Horizon BCBS Change to Payment Mailing Address for Small Groups

All regular payments should be submitted to the address on the remittance stub:

Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of NJ
PO Box 10130
Newark, NJ 07101-3130

Overnight payments may be submitted to the following address:

Horizon Healthcare Lockbox 10130
JP Morgan Chase - Lockbox Processing,
4 Chase Metrotech Center
7th floor
Brooklyn, NY 11245

Payments submitted to the previous billing addresses will be returned to the groups by the postal service. Please advise all groups to update their automatic payment and billing systems to reflect the changed addresses.

Payment may also be made online through the employer portal, through the automated system at 1-888-778-2005, or with a representative at 1-800-225-1955.

AmeriHealth Individual Deadline Extended

The deadline for individual applications for new business effective January 1, 2016 was extended. AmeriHealth is also taking advantage of this time to go over their current renewal process. Current AmeriHealth New Jersey subscribers who do not actively enroll for 2016 coverage will be automatically renewed into the 2016 version of their current AmeriHealth New Jersey plan for a

January 1, 2016 effective date. [Read More.](#)

CIGNA Cadillac Tax Extended for Two Years

In CIGNA's Informed on Reform Bulletin, they are focusing on the recently passed Cadillac Tax Bill. This week, Congress passed a two-year delay of the 40 percent excise tax on high-cost employer-sponsored health plans, also known as the "Cadillac Tax." This delay was part of a year-end tax extender and government funding package, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, known as the "Omnibus." President Obama is expected to sign these changes into law. The Omnibus includes several key changes pertaining to the Affordable Care Act.

[Read More.](#)

Affordable Care Act (ACA) Legislation Delays and Suspends Key Taxes

AmeriHealth recently released a bulletin on the Cadillac Tax Bill. President Obama has signed a budget deal that will delay the Cadillac tax for two years. With this delay, a repeal could be in reach for congressional leaders and business groups who oppose the Cadillac tax. The legislation also suspends the medical device tax until December 31, 2017 and delays the health insurance tax one year. [Read More.](#)

UHC/Oxford Broker Bulletin: Budget and Tax Deal Delays Excise Tax to 2020

In this week's Broker Connection from Oxford, they have also focused on the recent Cadillac Tax Bill. The two-part agreement consists of a \$1.1 trillion budget to fund federal agencies through fiscal year 2016 and a \$650 billion tax package that would renew various tax breaks that have ended or are about to expire for the next 10 years. [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.

[2016 Marketplace Extension for January 1st](#)

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](#)

[2016 UHC/Broker Marketplace Link](#)

[Oscar 2016 Marketplace Link](#)



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