

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

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

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MARTIN SPEAKS

Horizon BCBS of NJ recently held training webinars on their Individual and Small Group 2015 Portfolios.

The content of the webinar includes:

-Introduction of 4 new products in the IHC market and 1 new product in the SEH market.

-Changes to the pediatric dental product offering and administration in both the IHC & SEH markets.

We have provided links below to the [blog](#) along with a copy of the presentation and some broker briefs on these topics.

[Horizon BCBS Recorded Webinar](#)

[Horizon BCBS of NJ IHC/SEH Broker Presentation](#)

[Horizon BCBS of NJ SAPD Coverage](#)

[Horizon BCBS of NJ New PCMH Advantage EPO Plan Effective January 1, 2015](#)

For more information, please contact brokersupport@martinins.com

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

CMS Hosts "A Call with President Obama in Advance of Open Enrollment"

President Obama invited the broker community to join a live conference call with himself, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Sylvia M. Burwell, and Senior Advisor Valerie Jarrett to discuss the upcoming open enrollment period for the health insurance marketplaces under the Affordable Care Act.

Please [click here](#) to listen to a recording of this call.

Draft Employer Reporting Forms Released

Employers with 50 or more full-time equivalent employees are required to report detailed information about the coverage offered to each of their employees to both the IRS and each individual

Upcoming Events

January Broker's Choice CE Class

We love our brokers! We appreciate the support you give us all year and want to do something to give back to you.

You spoke and we listened! The class has been designed based on the question and topics you submitted.

When

Thursday, January 22nd
9 AM- 12 PM
8:30 AM Registration

Where

Horizon BCBS of NJ Wall Building
1427 Wyckoff Road
Wall Township, NJ 07727

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AmeriHealth 2015 IHC Portfolio Webinar

We are pleased to invite you to our upcoming webinar on the AmeriHealth

employee. Draft forms and instructions have been released. The first required reports are due in early 2016 and will reflect information from 2015. It is very important that your clients work now to update their systems to collect this required information. Please note that this provision applies to all employers with 50 or more full-time equivalents, even if they also qualify for a transitional relief with regard to penalties.

CIGNA's Informed on Reform has released a great informational broker brief on the reporting requirements to assist brokers. [Read More.](#)

Please contact us for assistance in understanding and complying with this new requirement.

CARRIER UPDATES

Horizon BCBS New PCMH Advantage EPO Plan Effective January 1, 2015

Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey will offer small group customers a new plan option, Horizon Patient-Centered Advantage EPO Gold 5/20/40, for a January 1, 2015 effective date and beyond. This new plan, available off-exchange, offers customers access to the state's largest network of patient-centered practices. [Read More.](#)

Horizon BCBS Updated 90 Day Waiting Period Additional Requirements

Horizon BCBS released an updated broker brief on the 90 day waiting period requirements that went into effect January 1, 2014. This 90-day waiting period limitation does not apply to HIPAA Excepted Benefits, which include certain health Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs) and stand-alone dental or vision plans. The waiting period limitation also does not apply to retiree-only plans. [Read More.](#)

UHC/Oxford 2015 Broker Bonus Program 51-200 Lives

UHC/Oxford is offering a bonus to agents who sell new medical groups with 51 to 200 employees in New Jersey with January 1, 2015 effective dates. Agents must sell at least two new eligible cases having a total of at least 100 enrolled employees during the bonus period in order to be eligible for the bonus. [Read More.](#)

Horizon BCBS IHC November and December Renewals Seamless Transition to ACA-compliant Plans

Horizon BCBS of NJ November and December IHC plans will remain in effect until December 31, 2014. Federal law now requires individual coverage to renew on 1/1/2015. Horizon is issuing a rider which amends your contract with them through the end of this year. [Read More.](#)

AmeriHealth Member In-Network, Out of Pocket Accumulation Required Under Health Care Reform

For plan years that begin on or after January 1, 2015, AmeriHealth is required by the Affordable Care Act to calculate members' in-network out-of-pocket cost-sharing expenses. [Read More.](#)

CIGNA Deadline Extended to December 5 for 2014 Reinsurance Fee

CIGNA announced last week that on November 16, 2014, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced that the deadline for contributing entities to submit their 2014 enrollment counts for the transitional Reinsurance Fee has been extended. [Read More.](#)

Aetna Health Reform Weekly for Week of November 17th

NJ 2015 IHC products, rates and processes.

Tyler Jackson, Broker Executive for AmeriHealth NJ, is going to take us through a quick, 20 minute webinar highlighting the renewal process, new products, pediatric dental offerings and a demo of capabilities available to brokers in ROAM

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Federal officials said last week their working assumption is that 9.1 million Americans would have coverage purchased through exchanges by the end of next year, which is 2 million more than this year but well below the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimate of 13 million for 2015. [Read More](#)

UHC/Oxford Important Network Information Regarding Meadowlands Hospital Medical Center

Oxford previously sent out a notice in October on the participation with Meadowlands Hospital Medical Center. As of November 1, 2014, Meadowlands Hospital Medical Center, located in Secaucus, New Jersey, no longer participates in the UnitedHealthcare and Oxford networks. [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

[Health Republic Insurance of NJ 2015 IHC Enrollment Kit](#)

[AmeriHealth NJ 2015 Individual Rates](#)

[Horizon BCBS of NJ 2015 Individual Plan Decision Guide](#)

[Don't Miss out on the SEH Employer Open Enrollment Period](#)

[Aetna CLI Bonus Program](#)

[MIG Holiday Office Hours](#)

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.](#)

2015 Marketplace Registration Links

Don't forget to get set up with the carriers and MIG to sell through the Marketplace for 2015. See below for more details!

[2015 AmeriHealth IHC Portal Registration Link](#)

[2015 Horizon BCBS of NJ Marketplace Registration Link](#)

[2015 UHC/Oxford Marketplace Registration](#)

[Health Republic of NJ Licensing](#)



Any Questions or Feedback?

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