

## IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Week of May 30th

Dear Valued Broker,

Within this Instant Recall, you will find a summary of this week's most recent employee benefits changes, carrier announcements, and industry news. We hope you enjoy!

### HEADLINE

#### The New Jersey Substance Use Disorder Law

On February 15, 2017, New Jersey Governor Christie enacted P.L. 2017, Chapter 28, The New Jersey Substance Use Disorder Law, which sets certain coverage requirements for the treatment of substance use disorders and regulates prescriptions of opioid drugs.

\* Requires New Jersey insurers to cover inpatient and outpatient treatment of substance use disorders at in-network facilities

\* Puts certain restrictions on prior authorization or utilization management for the first 180 days per plan year of medically necessary inpatient and outpatient treatment of substance use disorders

\* Places certain restrictions on prescribed opioids, such as a five-day supply limit on initial prescriptions issued by a New Jersey prescriber for acute pain, which was effective March 1, 2017 pursuant to emergency rules.

This applies to all markets. Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey is implementing the requirements of the law into our current medical policies, appeals programs and prior authorization requirements, effective on new contracts and renewals on and after May 16, 2017.

Please [click here](#) for Horizon BCBS' Broker Brief

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### CJAHU June Meeting

HSA's, HRA's, &  
FSA's, - Pitfalls,  
Potholes and  
Loopholes Taught by  
Steve Honig of OCA

June 8th at 9 AM  
CE Credits Available!

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Details](#)

## TWEET OF THE WEEK



Following

### Congress's health care debate is getting a referee



#### This Senate staffer could change the course of the health-care debate

The low-profile Senate parliamentarian will decide if the GOP can follow through on its plans to roll back Obamacare.

[washingtonpost.com](http://washingtonpost.com)

### [Tweet of the Week](#)

## CARRIER UPDATES

### UHC/Oxford - July 1st PDL's for NY and NJ

The Prescription Drug Lists (PDLs) are effective on July 1, 2017 for Oxford plan members in New York and New Jersey with an Advantage or a Traditional prescription drug plan, as well as any new Oxford pharmacy benefit business in those states effective on or after July 1, 2017.

[Read More](#)

### CMS- SEP Webinars for the Month of June

This webinar series will provide an overview and review of how consumers will be notified of the new special enrollment period requirements, deadlines for choosing a plan, and more. The webinar is sponsored by REGTAP.

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### OCA - PCORI Fee Notice

OCA will be sending out a notice to employers in the next few days on the PCORI Fee, who's responsible to pay it, how much is the

fee, how is it paid, and how will OCA be assisting our clients in this process.

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## **UHC/Oxford - IRS Releases 2018 HSA Amounts**

The 2018 health savings account (HSA) guidelines were recently released by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). These guidelines outline the inflation-adjusted contribution, deductible, and out-of-pocket spending limits for HSAs and high-deductible health plans for calendar year 2018.

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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.

[Horizon August Renewals Posted to your Dashboard](#)

[Oxford July Renewals Posted to your Dashboard](#)

[MIG Memorial Day and Summer Hours](#)

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## **IMPORTANT DEADLINE AND REMINDERS**

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

[Click here](#) for 2017 Horizon BCBSNJ deadlines

[Click here](#) for 2017 AmeriHealth deadlines

Please visit our [Events](#) page for a complete list of all new and retention business deadlines.

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## **2017 INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION LINKS**

[2017 Gorman Sentinel Elite \(Horizon\)](#)

[2017 Litmos \(AmeriHealth\)](#)

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