

**IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK**

**Week of May 8th**

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**

**AHCA Passed - What's Next?**

On Thursday May 4th, the House passed AHCA by a close margin. The bill now heads to the Senate. It is likely that there will be significant changes to the bill in order for it to pass the Senate. If that is the case, the newly revised bill will head back to the House for another vote before going to the President for signature. Thursday's vote was an important first step in a long process. As of today, no changes have been made in the regulations that shape the health insurance market nationally or in NJ. We are watching this closely and will keep you up to date as changes unfold.

If you are interested, here are some articles on the current state of repeal and replace.

House Ways and Means Committee Statement: [Brady Takes Historic Vote to Repeal and Replace Obamacare](#)

Kaiser Family foundation: A Squeaker In The House Becomes Headache For The Senate: [5 Things To Watch](#)

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## TWEET OF THE WEEK



**Bill Cassidy** ✓  
@BillCassidy

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Senate must fulfill #KimmelTest. Cover for pre-existing conditions, adequate coverage. But in a fiscally conservative way that lowers cost.

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## CARRIER UPDATES

### AmeriHealth - Plan Year Benefit Period Available for New SEH Customers

AmeriHealth New Jersey is excited to begin offering the option of a Plan Year or Calendar Year benefit period for new small employer health (SEH) customers, effective July 1, 2017. With a Plan Year benefit period, new SEH customers have the option to begin their 12-month period of benefits on the 1st of the month upon enrollment, and will keep the same benefits for 12 consecutive months.

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### CIGNA - American Health Care Act (AHCA) Passes the U.S. House

The U.S. House of Representatives passed an amended version of the American Health Care Act (AHCA) by a vote of 217-213. House Republicans crafted the AHCA as a budget reconciliation bill to repeal parts of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The bill was previously debated on the House floor, but pulled before a full vote on March 24. Since that time, several amendments were added to the bill, paving the way for Republican leadership to reintroduce the bill for a successful vote.

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### CMS - Statement from Centers for Medicare & Medicaid - Seema Verma

"Today is the first of what I am confident will be many historic days ahead as we move toward patient-centered healthcare instead of government-centered healthcare. I have worked in the field of Medicaid for 20 years and have heard from many mothers like myself who have shared their struggles and their hopes for a more affordable, more sustainable healthcare system. It is important that our most vulnerable citizens, the aged, the infirm, the blind and the disabled have more choices, greater access and peace of mind when it comes to their healthcare. The bill that was passed today is a great first step achieving this goal."

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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.

## 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

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

## 2017 INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION LINKS

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

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