

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Week of November 6th

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

Individual Resources for Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment started November 1st and will go to December 15th.

To try to make things a little easier for you and your clients during this shortened Open Enrollment Period, below is a chart with links to the carrier resources.

	Horizon	AmeriHealth	Oscar
Product Brochure	Click Here	Click Here	Click Here
SBCs	Click Here	Click Here	Click Here
Rates	Click Here	Click Here	Click Here
Paper Application	Click Here	Click Here	Click Here

UPCOMING EVENTS

MIG - Intro to Easecentral Webinars

We are pleased to announce that we are adding EaseCentral to our technology platform. This enhancement will allow our broker partners to provide a Benefit Administration System to their groups that will be branded specifically to each employer client.

Join us in one of two Webinars to go through the technology and the benefits it can provide you and your clients - as we approach 4th quarter and 1/1 renewals.

November 13th at 1:00 PM
[Register Here](#)

For more information, please reach out to brokersupport@martinins.com

November 17th at
11:00 AM
[Register Here](#)

TWEET OF THE WEEK



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CARRIER UPDATES

Horizon BCBS - Reporting Member's Coverage Still Required by the ACA

Under the Affordable Care Act's (ACA) Insurance Coverage Reporting requirement, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey must provide information to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) about its fully-insured members' health insurance coverage using each member's Social Security Number (SSN) and the SSNs of any individuals covered under their policy. For the third consecutive year, Horizon BCBSNJ will collect and submit this information to the IRS on behalf of its fully-insured members as proof that they had minimum essential health insurance coverage in 2017. Additionally, Horizon BCBSNJ is required to send the 1095-B Form to fully-insured members by January 31, 2018 and electronically to the IRS by March 31, 2018 as proof of the coverage.

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AmeriHealth - College Tuition Benefit

AmeriHealth New Jersey is giving all new and renewing fully insured customers the option to offer their employees

access to the SAGE Scholars Tuition Rewards® program through the College Tuition Benefit®, an independent company. This value-added benefit* can help customers attract and retain employees.

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CMS - Announces New Medicaid Policy to Combat Opioid Crisis

Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced a new policy to allow states to design demonstration projects that increase access to treatment for opioid use disorder (OUD) and other substance use disorders (SUD). CMS's new demonstration policy responds to the President's directive and provides states with greater flexibility to design programs that improve access to high quality, clinically appropriate treatment. In addition, CMS is announcing the immediate approval of both New Jersey and Utah's demonstration waivers under the new policy.

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CIGNA - Wellness Compliance Reminder

Under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA), employers need to comply with several rules regarding wellness programs and incentives. These rules focus on the value of incentives, reasonable alternatives, required notices, and frequency of incentive opportunities. The Department of Labor (DOL) has increased enforcement and regulatory scrutiny around these rules, particularly related to tobacco cessation programs.

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UHC/Oxford - Waterbury's Hospital Network Participation

As part of Oxford's commitment to provide your clients and their plan participants with access to comprehensive and affordable health care services, they are currently negotiating a new agreement with Waterbury Hospital in Waterbury, Connecticut.

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Qualcare - APEHP New Contact Information

Effective 12/1, APEHP will have new contact information. New information includes new office location, plan mailing address, emails and easy to remember phone and fax numbers. Please be sure to update your records with the new information below.

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Horizon BCBS - Dental Brochures

Horizon BCBS of NJ has released dental brochures for individual and small group. These are effective for 2018.

[Read More for Small Group](#)

[Read More for Individual](#)

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.

[OSCAR Small Group and Individual Rates](#)

[AmeriHealth January 2018 Renewals Posted to your Dashboard](#)

[Oxford January 2018 Renewals Posted to your Dashboard](#)

[Qualcare January 2018 Renewals Posted to your Dashboard](#)

[Horizon BCBS OMNIA Sales Presentations](#)

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.

2017 INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION LINKS

[2018 Gorman Sentinel Elite \(Horizon\)](#)

[2018 Litmos \(AmeriHealth\)](#)

[2018 Oscar Producer Onboarding](#)

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