

## IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

### Week of December 4th

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

#### Expanded Oxford Garden State Network Access

Oxford is pleased to announce that they will be expanding the Oxford Garden State Network to include access to physicians and hospitals that participate with the Oxford Metro Network in New York.

#### Here's what you need to know:

##### Timing

New and existing Garden State Network members will be able to receive in-network care from Metro Network physicians on Jan. 1, 2018.

##### More than double the provider access

You already know that the Garden State Network offers easy, no-tiered access to more than 22,000 doctors and 62 hospitals<sup>1</sup> throughout New Jersey. Enhancing the Garden State Network with the Metro Network allows your employees to receive care from an additional 28,000 physicians and 76 hospitals<sup>1</sup> in the Oxford New York service area.

##### How to find a participating provider

To help provide easier access to available New York doctors and hospitals, current or prospective

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Cigna Web Meeting: Financing High Drug Costs for Rare Diseases

Complimentary web meeting to learn more about optimal management and affordability strategies to help prepare for the high cost of the new treatments for rare diseases.

**December 12th at 1:00 PM**

[Register Here](#)

#### CJAHU December Meeting: QSEHRA/HRA/HSA/FSA

Steve Honig and Chris Vanderwolk will be presenting together on QSEHRA/HRA/HSA/FSA.

Steve Honig will also be doing a review of the NAHU website!

**December 14th at the Hilton Garden Inn, Edison, NJ**

[Register Here](#)

Garden State Network members can find a participating New York physician or hospital within the Garden State Network online search tool. The search steps are included below as a reminder.

1. Go to [oxfordhealth.com](http://oxfordhealth.com) and select "Members."
2. Under Links and Tools, select "Find a Physician or Facility."
3. On the next screen, select "Garden State."
4. Enter the search location.
5. Complete the search criteria on the next pag

Please [click here](#) for Oxford's formal release

For more information, please reach out to [brokersupport@martinins.com](mailto:brokersupport@martinins.com)

## TWEET OF THE WEEK



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This National Influenza Vaccination Week, we're highlighting the importance of flu vaccination and being a #FluFighter! [cdc.gov/flu/resource-c ...](http://cdc.gov/flu/resource-c...) #NIVW



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## CARRIER UPDATES

### Metlife - Bundle Up in 2018

Package up simple and powerful in one benefit bundle. Metlife's comprehensive, flexible range of traditional and voluntary products makes it easy to deliver bundles that address each client's goals and keep administration simple.

For groups with 10 - 99 employees, visit [MetLife.com/SimplySmartBundles](http://MetLife.com/SimplySmartBundles) to learn more about bundle options tailored for small businesses.

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### **CMS - Weekly Digest: November 27 - Dec 1**

Read the latest Weekly Digest - your weekly update on the Marketplace, including announcements and important dates and deadlines for agents and brokers.

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### **CIGNA - Tax Reform Bill Passes the U.S. Senate**

On Dec. 2, the U.S. Senate passed an amended version of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act by a vote of 51-49. Senate Republicans crafted the bill as their alternative to the U.S. House bill, which passed that chamber on Nov. 16. Congress is using the budget reconciliation process for tax reform, which requires a simple majority of 51 votes in the Senate. The Senate's bill is different than what passed in the House. Of interest for health care reform, the Senate bill includes a permanent repeal of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) individual mandate, requiring individuals to purchase and maintain insurance, by zeroing out the penalty beginning in 2019. The House bill did not have any provisions related to the individual mandate.

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### **Qualcare - New Contact Information Effective 12/1/2017**

New Information includes new office location, Plan mailing address, emails and easy to remember phone and fax numbers.

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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.

[MIG Holiday Office Hours](#)

[Horizon February 2018 Renewals Posted to Your Dashboard](#)

## 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 2018 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.

## 2018 INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION LINKS

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

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

[2018 Oscar Producer Onboarding](#)

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