

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Week of June 19th

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

CMS Replacing Social Security Number with Random Number on Medicare ID Cards

Fraud and identity theft are two major issues that impact the insurance industry. In an effort to prevent these issues from occurring as well as to protect essential program funding and the private healthcare and financial information of Medicare beneficiaries, CMS will be removing Social Security numbers from all Medicare cards.

CMS will issue new Medicare cards with a new unique, randomly-assigned number called a Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI) to replace the existing Social Security-based Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN) both on the cards and in various CMS systems used today now. CMS will start mailing new cards to people with Medicare benefits in April 2018. All Medicare cards will be replaced by April 2019.

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TWEET OF THE WEEK

UPCOMING EVENTS

Webinar: Plan Year 2018 MLMS Enhancements Overview

June 21, 1:00-2:00 pm
[Click here to register](#)

Horizon Webinars: CMS Audit Training

Presentations will include an overview of the qualified health plan certification standards, the application and certification process, quality reporting and marketplace survey and qualified health plan oversight.

June 28, 11-12 pm
[Click here to register](#)

June 28, 1-2 pm
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June 29, 1-2 pm
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The New York Times @nytimes · 52m

The Senate is close to a health care bill, but do Republicans have the votes?
nyti.ms/2sHoUdQ

50 of the 52 Republicans must vote yes
for the Senate health care bill to pass.



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CARRIER UPDATES

CMS Began Sending Medicare Periodic Data Matching Notices

These notices are being sent to all consumers dually enrolled in an Exchange plan and Medicare, and for the first time, will be sent to all consumers eligible for Medicare, regardless of their age. Consumers will receive a paper notice requesting they return to the Exchange and follow the listed instructions regarding their dual enrollment status, to end their Exchange coverage.

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Cigna - 2017 Comparative Effectiveness Research Fee Due July 31

The fee is based on the average covered lives for the applicable 12-month policy or plan year. It is paid using IRS Form 720 by July 31 each year for the plan year that ended in the preceding calendar year.

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OCA - PCORI Report Reissued

On June 13th, OCA began processing PCORI reports and quickly realized that some of the reports issued were not displaying the correct rate of \$2.26. Instead the report identified the rate of \$2.17. This issue has been resolved.

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Oxford/UHC - Action Required for New York Small Groups

As a reminder, New York small groups currently offering only an Oxford Health Plans (NY), Inc. (OHP) HMO plan with a coverage end date of July 1, 2017 need to purchase a new Oxford Health Insurance, Inc. (OHI) policy before their current OHP plan ends. These groups did not receive a renewal package from the carrier and need to apply as a new group.

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Bankers Fidelity - Withdrawal of Whole Life Products

Effective June 30, 2017 Senior Security Life E-100 (B 20604) and Single Premium Whole Life (B 20801) products are being withdrawn from the marketplace.

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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.

[AmeriHealth August 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 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

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

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

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