

A look at the week's most recent employee benefits & announcements

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Upcoming Events

February 9, 2015

Martin Speaks

Large employers are exposed to penalties under the ACA Employer Shared Responsibility provision for the first time in 2015. Whether an employer offers no coverage, minimum essential coverage, or minimum value coverage makes a tremendous impact on their penalty liability.

Newly designed Minimum Essential Coverage (MEC) products can be great business generators for brokers. Whatever your opinion of the ACA, one thing is clear: it is good for business if there is a legal requirement to buy what you are selling!

[Click here](#) or call our team for more details on how you can use this product to generate new business opportunities.

Introducing the New Aetna AHLIC Medicare Supplement!

To introduce the rollout of this product, we will be holding a series of webinars, hosted by Greg Etchison, Regional Vice President of Aetna Senior Supplemental Insurance.

The webinar will be held

[Thursday February 12th at 2:00 pm.](#)

For more information, please contact Matthew Pang at mpang@martinins.com

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

Draft Employer Reporting Forms Released

Employers with 50 or more full-time equivalent employees are required to report detailed information about the coverage offered to each of their employees to both the IRS and each individual employee. Draft forms and instructions have been released. The first required reports are due in early 2016 and will reflect information from 2015. It is very important that your clients work now to update their systems to collect this required information. Please note that this provision applies to all employers with 50 or more full-time equivalents, even if they also qualify for a transitional relief with regard to penalties.

CIGNA's Informed on Reform has released a great informational broker brief on the reporting requirements to assist brokers. [Read More.](#)

Please contact us for assistance in understanding and complying with this new requirement.

Save the Date! CJAHU March Madness Event.

Special Guest Speakers include Joan Fusco, Director & Education at Savoy Associates, John

CARRIER UPDATES

AmeriHealth Notification Regarding 2014 Pediatric Dental

AmeriHealth has determined that numerous groups who either purchased the Smile for Health Family dental plan or purchased Pediatric Dental coverage from another carrier in 2014 did not submit the required paperwork. They will be sending letters out to groups and will require additional paperwork. [Read More.](#)

Aetna Health Reform Weekly: House Takes Up Full ACA Bill

This week's Aetna Health Reform Weekly focuses on the House of Representatives voting to repeal of the ACA, despite a veto from the President. [Read More](#)

Horizon BCBS of NJ Christ Hospital Termination

Horizon BCBS released that CarePoint Health - Christ Hospital (Christ Hospital) terminated its hospital contract with its network effective January 30, 2015. [Read More.](#)

UHC/Oxford Network Participation for Catholic Health East of NJ Extended

UHC/Oxford is further extending Catholic Health East of New Jersey's participation in Oxford's network to April 15, 2015. Your clients, their covered employees and other covered members may continue to use the hospital on an in network basis until this date. [Read More.](#)

Horizon BCBS of NJ Anthem Inc. Announces it was Victim of Cyber Attack

Anthem, Inc. has announced it was the victim of a cyber attack. Anthem, Inc. and Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey are separate and distinct companies. According to Anthem, which owns several Blue Cross Blue Shield plans, the attackers gained unauthorized access to Anthem's IT system and have obtained personal information from their current and former members. [Read More.](#)

NAHU Capitol Conference 2015 - Register Today!

Register Today for NAHU's Annual Capitol Conference. The event is held in Washington D.C on February 23rd to the 25th at the Capitol Hyatt Regency Hotel. [Read More.](#)

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 Employer Reporting Webinar](#)

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

[Oxford Small Group Rate Reductions Effective 4/1/15](#)

[Introducing the New Aetna AHLIC Medicare Supplement!](#)

IMPORTANT DEADLINES AND REMINDERS

New Business and Conversion Deadlines

Stay up to date and prepared with all the upcoming conversion and new business deadlines with the major SEH carriers in NJ. [Click Here.](#)

2015 Marketplace Registration Links

Samo, Executive Director of the Employer's Association of NJ, and Scott Wham, In-house council for Kistler Tiffany.

CE Credits and Prize giveaways will be included!

**March 12,
2015**

9:30 AM- 3 PM

[Register HERE](#)

Cost is \$20 for members and \$60 for non-members

**Hilton Garden Inn, 50
Raritan Center
Drive, Edison, NJ 08837**

Don't forget to get set up with the carriers and MIG to sell through the Marketplace for 2015. See below for more details!

[2015 AmeriHealth IHC Portal Registration Link](#)

[2015 Horizon BCBS of NJ Marketplace Registration Link](#)

[2015 UHC/Oxford Marketplace Registration](#)

[Health Republic of NJ Licensing](#)



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