

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

## IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Week of April 18th

### MARTIN SPEAKS

#### Last Chance to Register for MIG's Upcoming CE Class!

Welcome in Spring and join us for Martin Insurance Group's Upcoming April CE class!

For our April class, Stephanie will cover 2016 updates, the current New Jersey and Federal landscape, as well as the emerging strategies and trends to help your clients design an employee benefits package.

The class will be held this Thursday, April 21st from 9 AM to 12 PM at the Crowne Plaza Inn in Fairfield, NJ.

Thank you to our sponsor, Health Republic Insurance of NJ!

Please [click here](#) to Register!

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

**Also, don't miss our recent blog post on the NAHU GA Council Meeting Details with Stephanie and Tracy!**

[Click here](#) for the link to the post.

### CARRIER UPDATES

#### Horizon BCBS "Let's Chat!"

Now your clients' employees have a new way to get answers to their health coverage questions. Horizon BCBS of NJ's secure online Chat tool easily connects the member to a Member Services Representative who can help answer questions about enrollment, benefits, claims and more. With Chat, your members can get answers to their health coverage questions immediately. [Read More.](#)

#### Aetna Medical Loss Ratio Requirement Update

### Upcoming Events

## Horizon BCBS Individual Lunch and Learn

We are pleased to invite you to our upcoming training with Horizon BCBS. The class will go over a broad range of individual material including special open enrollment, triggering events, and the IHC portal.

**April 25th 10 AM**

**4 Independence Way,  
Suite 110**

**Princeton, NJ 08540**

**[Register Here](#)**

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Aetna will begin mailing written assurance and customer validation letters to impacted plan sponsors on 4/13/16. Aetna will need a response from plan sponsors by 6/30/16. This is required for the Minimum Medical Loss Ratio (MLR) provision of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). [Read More.](#)

### **ACA Nondiscrimination Ruling Update**

On September 8th, the Department of Health and Human Services issued a proposed rule on Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The proposal primarily prohibits the exclusion from participation or the denial of the benefits based on race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability for programs that receive federal assistance. [Read More.](#)

### **CMS 2016 Qualified Health Plan (QHP) May Series Webinars**

The 2016 QHP May Series V Sessions provide issuers with program and operational guidance for operating Marketplace and Premium Stabilization programs. To register, please log onto [www.regtap.info](http://www.regtap.info). [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.

[2016 Horizon Individual Lunch and Learn Update](#)

[Horizon Healthy Smiles and Horizon Healthy Smiles Plus Rates](#)

### **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.](#)

### **2016 MARKETPLACE REGISTRATION LINKS**

2016 links are out so make sure you are registered for this year's Open Enrollment Season!

For more information, please contact Greg Nocera at [gnocera@martinins.com](mailto:gnocera@martinins.com).

[2016 Horizon BCBS of NJ Marketplace Registration Link](#)

[2016 AmeriHealth Marketplace Registration Link](#)

[2016 UHC/Broker Marketplace Link](#)

[Oscar 2016 Marketplace Link](#)

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9 AM- 12 PM  
8:30 AM  
Registration**

**Crowne Plaza  
690 US-46  
Fairfield, NJ 07004**

[Register Here](#)

**Upcoming CMS  
Webinar  
Consumer  
Protection and  
PII**

**Wednesday,  
May 11, 2016  
1 -2:30 PM**

**-the standards of  
conduct for agents and  
brokers**

**-the requirements for protecting and using consumer PII**

**-other best practices and guidance related to consumer PII**

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## **NJAHU Conference 2016**

**May 9th-May 11th**

**Please remember to sign up and experience:**

**Industry Networking Opportunities, Exciting Speakers, and CE Credits!**

**A total of 9 CE Credits will be available.**

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### **Any Questions or Feedback?**

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