





# IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Week of December 10th

**UPCOMING EVENTS** 

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**

# 2019 Individual Open Enrollment is Ending!

As a reminder, the 2019 Individual Open Enrollment window, which started **11/1/2018** will be ending **12/15/18**.

All individual applications must be submitted to Martin Insurance Group's office by this **Friday**, **12/14/18**, **prior to 5 pm**. After such time, all applications will be considered submitted during a special election period, and must have valid documentation in order to be enrolled.

For more information, contact brokersupport@martinins.com

# **CARRIER UPDATES**

MetLife: How Expertise Drives Opportunities!

The latest report in MetLife's U.S. Employee Benefit Trends series highlights how brokers can increase their value by providing expertise on workplace trends.

#### **Read More**

# Horizon Brief Notes: Changes to Age Requirement for Standalone Horizon Vision Plans!

All **Individual plans** effective **January 1**, **2019**, will have the minimum age restriction removed. Previously only individuals age 19 and older were eligible to enroll in an Individual standalone vision plan.

### **Read More**

## HealthCare.gov: Week 5 Open Enrollment Figures

During the fifth week of Open Enrollment, **773,250** people selected plans using the HealthCare.gov platform, totaling **3,198,163** plan selections so far. CMS plans to release these enrollment snapshots weekly during the Open Enrollment Period.

#### **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.

Horizon BCBSNJ to Expand Its Laboratory Network

AHIC Medicare Supplement Rate Adjustment Effective January

<u>Horizon BCBS February 2019 Renewals Posted to your</u> Dashboard

Extension of Deadline for 2018 1095 Forms

Horizon BCBS 2019 Small Group Submission Dates

Oxford February 2019 Renewals Posted to your Dashboard

AmeriHealth NJ February 2019 Renewals Posted to your Dashboard

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#### 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 2018 Oscar deadlines

Click here for 2018 UHC/Oxford deadlines

Please visit our <u>Events</u> page for a complete list of all new and retention business deadlines.

#### INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION LINKS

2019 Gorman Sentinel Elite Horizon

2018 Oscar Producer Onboarding

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