

# MARTIN INSTANT

#### IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Week of November 12th

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

# Horizon BCBS of NJ to Expand Its Laboratory Network!

Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey is expanding its laboratory network to help increase members' access to quality care. Beginning January 1, 2019, Horizon BCBSNJ members will have a greater choice of in-network laboratories for laboratory services performed in New Jersey (based on their plan benefits).

Effective **January 1, 2019**, Horizon's laboratory network will be as follows:

#### Horizon PPO Network

- BioReference Laboratories
- Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings (LabCorp)
- Quest Diagnostics

#### Horizon Managed Care Network

LabCorp

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Horizon BCBS NJ WebEx | 2019 IHC Dental/Vision Product Updates

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

#### Register Here

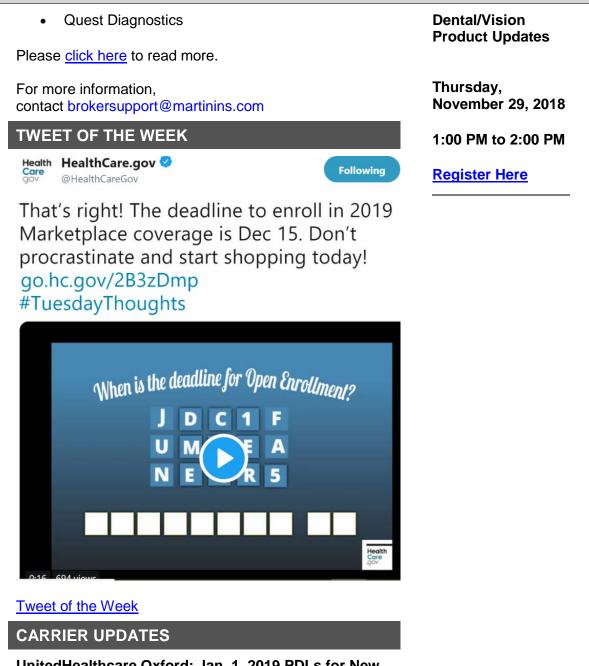
Horizon BCBS NJ WebEx | 2019 IHC Dental/Vision Product Updates

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

#### **Register Here**

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UnitedHealthcare Oxford: Jan. 1, 2019 PDLs for New York, New Jersey and Connecticut Clients!

Attached below are Prescription Drug Lists (PDLs) effective **Jan. 1, 2019** for Oxford plan members in New York and New Jersey, and PDLs effective **Jan. 1, 2019** for Oxford plan members in Connecticut. Members taking select medications impacted by an update will get a letter noting their options and/or lower-cost alternatives before **Jan. 1, 2019**.

#### Read More

#### HealthCare.gov: Your Marketplace Weekly Recap!

Assist both new and existing clients now by viewing 2019 Individual Marketplace and Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) plans and prices.

Remind your clients who are currently enrolled in a Marketplace plan that they must select from their plan options by December 15 or they may be automatically enrolled in a 2019 plan.

#### Read More

### MetLife: Untie dental and medical. Deliver Satisfaction and Savings!

Collaborate with MetLife and combine their dental expertise, strong network, and plan design options with your experience and local market knowledge. This is a smart move for your dental clients.

#### Read More

#### **CIGNA: Self-Funding Benefits**

Self-Funding can often benefit smaller to mid-sized businesses. Look deeper to get a better understanding of how to guide your clients to a solution that can affect their success and yours.

#### Read More

## HealthCare.gov: Marketplace News for Agents and Brokers!

Help On Demand harnesses the speed of today's mobile technology to quickly connect consumers with Marketplace registered agents and brokers. If you want to participate in <u>Help On Demand</u> for plan year 2019, you are generally required to complete plan year 2019 <u>Help On Demand training</u>.

#### 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 BCBS New Horizon Blue App

Horizon BCBS: 2019 Small Employer Portfolio Changes

Horizon BCBS 2019 IHC Products and Rates

Horizon BCBS January 2019 Renewals Posted to your Dashboard

AmeriHealth NJ January 2019 Renewals Posted to your Dashboard

Qualcare 2019 Upcoming Reminders and Changes

Horizon Broker Education Series: 2019 IHC Dental/Vision Product Updates

Oxford January 2019 Renewals Posted to your Dashboard

Horizon BCBSNJ to Expand Its Laboratory Network

#### **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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