



## IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Week of December 24th

### 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

## UnitedHealthcare Oxford: Changes to the 2019 Oxford New Jersey Small Group Portfolio!

Upon further review of the 2019 Oxford New Jersey small group (1-50) portfolio, Oxford New Jersey health plan leadership has decided not to implement some of the changes that were previously communicated to the market. They have elected to allow a number of modifications that are favorable to the client to remain in their plan designs for 2019 and to forego some changes that were outlined initially.

The good news is your Oxford New Jersey small group (1-50) clients will retain the more favorable of the new benefits at the same premium rate originally provided. UnitedHealthcare will be sending notices to employers who already received a 2019 renewal package informing them of this decision.

Please [click here](#) to read more

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## CARRIER UPDATES

### **MetLife: Washington Review**

MetLife is pleased to deliver the latest issue of [Washington Review](#). This quarterly e-newsletter is available exclusively to MetLife brokers and provides details about the latest legislative, regulatory and policy updates.

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### **Horizon Brief Notes: Member ID Cards and Proof of Coverage Options Available Online and Through App!**

With 2019 just around the corner, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey would like to remind members who have not yet received or have misplaced their member ID card that they have options available to them from the convenience of both **HorizonBlue.com** and the new **Horizon Blue app**.

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### **UnitedHealthcare Oxford: New York Approval Letters to be Reissued!**

UnitedHealthcare is notifying their Oxford New York small group clients and members prior to their annual plan renewal dates of premium rate changes. Each month, as groups become eligible for renewal, we mail notices showing the rates for the group's new medical policy, as required by the New York State Department of Financial Services (DFS).

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### **Aetna Aloha: New Sales Contest Starts in January!**

Aetna's new sales contest will start on January 1st, 2019. The contest details are coming soon and the trip will be to Hawaii in Spring of 2020.

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## **HealthCare.gov: Week 7 of Open Enrollment Figures!**

In week seven of the plan year 2019 Open Enrollment period, 4,322,450 people selected plans using the HealthCare.gov platform or were automatically re-enrolled in a plan. As in past years, enrollment weeks are measured Sunday through Saturday.

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## **Oscar New Jersey Small Group Bonus Program for Q1!**

Oscar is excited to announce their New Jersey Small Group New Business Bonus Program. Oscar's bonus program rewards you for going big in Q1. This special bonus is for new groups enrolled in their New Jersey service area during Q1.

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

CMS made special enrollment periods (SEPs) available for qualified individuals who were affected by the Alaska earthquake and are seeking health plans offered through the Marketplace. All Marketplace help desks and call centers will be closed on Christmas Day (Tuesday December 25) and will reopen for normal business hours on Wednesday, December 26.

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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.

[Horizon BCBSNJ to Expand Its Laboratory Network](#)

[AHIC Medicare Supplement Rate Adjustment Effective January](#)

[Horizon BCBS February 2019 Renewals Posted to your 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](#)

[2019 Individual Open Enrollment is Ending](#)

[Martin Insurance Group Commission Pay Date Change](#)

## 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 [Events](#) 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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