



## IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Week of January 13th

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

## The Stop Loss Bill Passed both Houses!

On January 13, 2020, an amended version of the stop loss bill passed both houses of the NJ legislature. The bill now goes to the governor for signature. We will keep an eye on this and push out more information as the process finalizes. We will also include updates on this topic in our upcoming webinar on 1/21.

For more information on the vote and the language in the amended bill, please click on the link below.

Please [click here](#) to read more.

As a reminder, we will be hosting a webinar on January 21st at 11 AM on Important Changes for 2020 and we will include an update on the stop loss bill.

[Register here](#)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### MIG Webinar | Important Changes for 2020

Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 11:00 AM

[Register here](#)

#### NJAHU | 6th Annual Monmouth Ocean Meeting

Thursday, January 23, 2020, 8:30 AM

[Register here](#)

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## CARRIER UPDATES

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### **Senior Products Aetna: New requirement for applications!**

As you're completing applications with your clients, be sure to include the correct Medicare ID number, which is now **Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI)**. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) have removed the Social Security Number (SSN)-based Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN) from Medicare ID cards to help prevent fraud and fight identity theft. As a result, **Aetna can no longer accept HICN numbers on applications.**

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### **Medicare.gov: Create your official Medicare account!**

There's an easy way for your Medicare clients to manage their Medicare coverage and claims online. If they already have an account, that's great! If they don't, tell them to visit [MyMedicare.gov](https://www.mymedicare.gov).

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### **Medicare.gov: A healthy start to the new year!**

Get a healthy start to the new year by reminding your clients to see their doctor for their Medicare [yearly wellness visit](#). It's covered if they had Medicare Part B for longer than 12 months.

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### **UnitedHealthcare NJ: January Broker Blast!**

United Healthcare has released their January Broker Blast. It includes a broker survey along with some updates and enhancements, both to their medical and specialty products. Please click below to read more.

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## **Harrison Highlights: PCORI Fees are back!**

On December 10, 2019 President Trump signed into law a reinstatement of the Patient Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR) fee through September 29, 2029 for insured and self-funded health plans.

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## **NJAHU: News Alert Stop Loss Bill Passed in both the Senate and Assembly!**

The Stop Loss Bill passed in both the Senate and Assembly on January 13, 2020. The Bill will now advance to the desk of Governor Murphy where he can approve, veto, or conditionally veto.

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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.

[Delta Dental: New for 2020 Voluntary Plan with no Waiting Periods](#)

[Oxford February 2020 Renewals Posted to your Dashboard](#)

[Horizon BCBSNJ to Provide \\$40.5M Worth of 2018 Premium Rebates](#)

[Martin Insurance Group Holiday Hours](#)

[Horizon BCBS March 2020 Renewals Posted to your Dashboard](#)

[AmeriHealth NJ March 2020 Renewals Posted to your Dashboard](#)

### 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 2019 Horizon BCBSNJ deadlines

Please visit our [Events](#) page for a complete list of all new and retention business deadlines.

### INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION LINKS

[2020 Gorman Sentinel Elite Horizon](#)

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