



IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Week of March 23rd

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

Families First Coronavirus Response Act Passed into Law

The federal and state governments are working quickly and collaboratively to get relief packages out to employers and employees in NJ. Below is from the NJ Department of Labor site:

The COVID-19 virus is impacting all of our daily routines, with many employers feeling especially vulnerable. To ease your financial burden, we want you - particularly our small business owners - to know that financial relief will be available in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Bipartisan federal legislation expected to be signed this week will provide small and mid-sized businesses with 100 percent compensation for providing two weeks of sick leave to employees, along with tax credits for providing up to three months of Paid Family Leave. New Jersey lawmakers are also working on providing robust relief to our valued business community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

UnitedHealthcare | COVID-19 Webinar

Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 11:00 AM

[Register here](#)

Horizon | Broker Education Series

Thursday, March 26, 2020, 11:00 AM

[Register here](#)

Horizon | Broker Education Series

Friday, March 27, 2020, 11:00 AM

[Register here](#)

Delta Dental | Why Sell Delta Dental?

Thursday, April 2, 2020, 10:00 AM

[Register here](#)

We urge you to continue to pay your workers whether or not they are able to work. All but the largest employers will be fully reimbursed under the legislation, and employees who are not well or are caring for someone who is ill will have the peace of mind and financial security to stay home. Employees who continue to be paid are not eligible for Unemployment Insurance or other benefits.

Please [click here](#) to read more

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CARRIER UPDATES

Horizon BCBS: COVID-19 Update: Telemedicine Cost Share Waiver

In an effort to promote social distancing and to support the public health effort to slow community transmission of COVID-19, effective immediately and through June 13, 2020, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey (Horizon BCBSNJ) is waiving member cost-sharing obligations for covered telemedicine services delivered by an in-network doctor or through Horizon BCBSNJ's telemedicine platforms.

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Horizon BCBS: April Small Group New Business Extension

In effort to be more flexible with consideration of what is going with regards to COVID-19, Horizon BCBS is extending the small group new business submission dates for April.

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UnitedHealthcare: COVID-19 briefing

Details related to the COVID-19 pandemic are ever-evolving, but UHC's commitment to those we serve is unwavering.

UnitedHealthcare and its broker and consultant partners share a common goal of helping our mutual employer customers and their beneficiaries navigate this difficult time.

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Oxford UnitedHealthcare: COVID-19 Webinar

UnitedHealthcare COVID-19 is holding a briefing for fully insured and All Savers customers. They know this is a difficult time, and they are committed to providing you with ongoing updates on COVID-19. In their latest webinar with leaders from UnitedHealthcare Employer & Individual (E&I), they will answer the most pressing questions we've received from employers to date.

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AmeriHealth NJ: Launches COVID-19 Resource Page

AmeriHealth NJ launches COVID-19 resource page and offers additional information on telemedicine. To encourage social distancing during the COVID-19 outbreak and increase access to care for their members, AmeriHealth New Jersey will begin offering telemedicine visits with providers beyond Primary Care. Additionally, they would like to provide clarity on the Behavioral Health telemedicine access for members.

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AmeriHealth NJ: Employee Eligibility Exception

As a result of the COVID-19 outbreak, AmeriHealth New Jersey will honor employer requests to continue coverage for employees furloughed or temporarily laid off as a result of impacts of COVID-19.

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Oscar: COVID-19 Support for your clients!

In response to the growing number of cases related to COVID-19, they want to let you know that Oscar is here to help keep your clients safe and informed as the situation progresses. They will be waiving cost-sharing for diagnostic testing, continuing to offer \$0 tele-medicine services, and an online COVID-19 resource center.

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MetLife: COVID-19 Resources

A new Federal legislation has now been signed into law. MetLife wants to share impacts of this legislation that was passed last night, since these changes may impact you directly.

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MetLife: COVID-19 Update

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, states are beginning to issue guidance on various paid and unpaid leave practices they are mandating. MetLife is writing to inform you of action NY has taken to expand their leave and benefit laws regarding COVID-19.

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OCA: COBRA Enhancements

OCA's team has been dedicated to finding solutions to help their operational workflow given all the challenges faced by COVID-19. They are happy to announce that they now have the ability to remit COBRA premium payments via ACH (Electronic Funds Transfer) back to their employers.

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OCA: COVID-19 Operational Update

As we look for answers amid this COVID-19 crisis, OCA is here to help their partners and clients navigate through this difficult time, but laws and regulations can often impede those desires. They know that you have many questions about the impact this has on your employees' flexible spending accounts and your COBRA obligations.

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MIG: Families First Coronavirus Response Act Passed into Law

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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](#)

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

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

[Members Health Plan 2nd Quarter 2020 Renewal
Posted to your Dashboard](#)

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

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

[Oxford May 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 2020 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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