



IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Week of September 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

Horizon Brief Notes: Creditable Coverage Notice Reminder!

Health plan sponsors (employer groups) that offer prescription drug coverage to Medicare-eligible employees and their dependents are required to notify those employees and dependents whether their coverage is creditable or non-creditable. Notifications must be sent before 2020 Medicare Annual Election Period, which begins on October 15, 2019. This requirement is part of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act (MMA).

As defined by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), prescription drug coverage is creditable if the actuarial value of the coverage is equivalent to, or better than, the actuarial value of standard Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage. A non-creditable prescription drug plan has an actuarial value that is less than the standard Medicare Part D coverage.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MetLife The Evolving Workforce Webinar

Thursday, September 19, 2019 | 2:00 PM

[Register Here](#)

Horizon Broker Education Series: Stop Loss Training

Thursday, September 26, 2019 | 11:00 AM

[Register Here](#)

Horizon Broker Education Series: Stop Loss Training

Thursday, September 26, 2019 | 1:00 PM

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Horizon Broker Education Series: Stop Loss Training

View samples of the notices that will be sent to your clients informing them of their prescription drug plans' status and their obligations for this year:

- [Group Creditable Coverage Email](#)
- [Group Non-creditable Coverage Email](#)
- [Individual Creditable Coverage Letter](#)
- [Individual Non-creditable Coverage Letter](#)

Please [click here](#) to read more

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CARRIER UPDATES

MetLife: The Gig Economy!

With nearly one-fifth of the total American workforce now earning their primary income from gig or part-time work, the gig economy is here to stay. Read MetLife's latest report. "The Gig Economy: Opportunities, Challenges, and Employer Strategies".

[Read More](#)

Horizon BCBS: Health Care Transformation Challenge Launches to Colleges across New Jersey!

Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey's [3rd annual health care transformation challenge \(HCTC\)](#) hopes to help young adults invest in their health care while they're still young and healthy. They are asking college students throughout New Jersey to present unique solutions to raise peer understanding of behavioral health care issues, like advocacy, access, treatment and prevention.

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CJAHU October Meeting!

Friday, September 27, 2019 | 3:30 PM

[Register Here](#)

MetLife Global challenges and opportunities

Thursday, October 3, 2019 | 2:00 PM

[Register Here](#)

CJAHU October Meeting

Thursday, October 10, 2019 | 8:30 AM

[Register Here](#)

AmeriHealth Southern Broker Seminar

Thursday, October 16, 2019 | 8:30 AM

[Register Here](#)

AmeriHealth Northern Broker Seminar

Thursday, October 17, 2019 | 8:30 AM

[Register Here](#)

Please join CJAHU October meeting where Heather Reynolds of FNA Insurance Services will be teaching a 2 credit CE titled, "Thriving in a ACA Compliant World".

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OCA New Jersey Commuter Law!

Based on their feedback, OCA will be sending out periodical "what's in the news" email blasts to keep their partners and clients up to date on what's happening at OCA. With the new commuter law impacting New Jersey employers with 20 or more employees, OCA will be offering discounted fees for their commuter administrative services.

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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.

[Updated Link: 2020 Horizon Individual Broker Registration](#)

[UTM: 2020 Horizon Individual Broker Registration Site Currently Down](#)

[UTM Horizon Broker Education Series: Stop Loss Training](#)

[UTM Martin Insurance Group: NAIC Issues Alert about Fake Emails](#)

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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