



A look at the week's most recent employee benefits & announcements

## IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Week of February 29th

### MARTIN SPEAKS

#### Health Care Leaders in NJ Support Horizon BCBS Efforts to Transform Health Care

Dr. Jeffrey Le Benger, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Summit Medical Group and Summit Health Management, wrote a letter in support of Horizon BCBS' OMNIA that appeared in the Daily Record on February 24, 2016.

Here is just a sneak peek inside!

"If there is one thing that the Summit Medical Group has learned from the millions of patients our physicians have treated over the last 85 years, it's that they want the kind of care that helps them live well and stay well. I believe most New Jerseyans feel the same way, which makes it all the more difficult to understand the puzzling health care debate surrounding Horizon BCBSNJ's well-care focused initiative, OMNIA. There is really no debate; OMNIA is a transformative approach to health care and is well overdue in New Jersey." [Read More.](#)

Also in support of OMNIA, noted business leader Steve Forbes, Chairman and Editor in Chief of Forbes Media and New Jersey resident, released an opinion article in the Star Ledger in support of Horizon BCBS OMNIA. Here is a little of what Forbes had to say:

"In the absence of the Affordable Care Act making any positive impact on affordability, it has become increasingly important that health care providers be innovative and do what government has not: lower health care costs while increasing availability. In my home state, the largest health insurer is Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, which is creating an alliance with physicians, hospitals and health systems to bring costs under control through value-based, patient-centered care. The OMNIA Health Alliance unveiled by Horizon BCBSNJ produces a collaborative effort in the health care industry to provide tools to improve the quality of care while reducing costs." [Read More.](#)

### Upcoming Events

## AmeriHealth NJ 2016 2nd Quarter Webinar

**Open Enrollment is over and we have a chance to breathe!**

**We would like to invite you to our upcoming webinar with AmeriHealth, hosted by Myrna Mirville, Broker Executive.**

**Please join us for a review of the following:**

- **New Product and Network Review**
- **Results for Open Enrollment for 2016**
- **Top Selling plans in the Consumer and Small Group markets**
- **What to expect the remainder of the year!**

**Monday, March 14th 9 AM**

**[Register Here](#)**

## CJAHU's March Madness Event

For more information, please contact  
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## CARRIER UPDATES

### AmeriHealth Member Portal Log On Issue

Some members were experiencing issues when attempting to log on amerihealthexpress.com. Members experiencing this issue may receive a message saying the system is temporary unavailable, preventing the member from logging in. [Read More.](#)

### CIGNA Proposed New Summary Benefits and Coverage Template Available for Final Comment and Review

On February 26, the Department of Labor (DOL) issued a formal notice along with the proposed new Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC) template, instructions and related documents for final comment and review. Comments are due by March 28, 2016. In this latest development, these revisions are based on input from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) and other stakeholders. [Read More.](#)

### UHC/Oxford New Broker Bonus Program Announced

When you sell or renew group term life, supp life, dental, short term disability, vision, critical illness and accidental insurance from UHC/Oxford's specialty's portfolio with 2 to more eligible employees during 2016, you may be eligible for a broker bonus. [Read More.](#)

### CMS REGTAP Webinar: Special Enrollment Periods in the FFM for the Plan Year 2016

REGTAP is holding a webinar focusing on Special Enrollment Periods in the Federally Facilitated Marketplaces for the Plan Year 2016. It will be held Wednesday, March 23 at 1 PM. It will focus on the specifics of the special enrollment periods, review tops for account maintenance and highlight changes to the SEPs from 2015. [Register Here.](#)

### CMS Agents/Brokers Ready for Tax Season: 101 Webinar

CMS will be hosting a "Tax Season Readiness 101" webinar for agents and brokers on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM Eastern Time (ET). The webinar will highlight information on how to assist consumers during the 2015 tax season and explain why consumers must reconcile advance payments of the premium tax credit. [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.

## Full Day Agenda:

**9-11AM: 2 CE - Compliance Corner Live - 2 Hour CE with Joan Fusco, Steve Honig, Chris Vanderwolk & Stephanie Colonna-Romano**

**11:30 AM - 12:30 PM: Lunch**

**1-4 PM: Self-Funding Certification Course taught by RuthAnn Laswick**

[Read More for Registration Details](#)

## CMS 2016 Qualified Health Plans

**The 2016 QHP January Series I sessions provide issuers with program and operational guidance for operating Marketplace and Premium Stabilization programs.**

**Various CMS Subject Matter Experts will be available to present information and answer questions during the following sessions:**

**Log onto**

<https://www.REGTAP.info/> to register.

## **IMPORTANT DEADLINES AND REMINDERS**

### **New Business and Conversion Deadlines**

Stay up-to-date and prepared with all the upcoming conversion and new business deadlines with the major SEH carriers in NJ.

[Click Here.](#)

## **2016 MARKETPLACE REGISTRATION LINKS**

2016 links are out so make sure you are registered for this year's Open Enrollment Season!

For more information, please contact Greg Nocera at [gnocera@martinins.com](mailto:gnocera@martinins.com).

[2016 Horizon BCBS of NJ Marketplace Registration Link](#)

[2016 AmeriHealth Marketplace Registration Link](#)

[2016 UHC/Broker Marketplace Link](#)

[Oscar 2016 Marketplace Link](#)



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### **Any Questions or Feedback?**

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