

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

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

October 12, 2015

Upcoming November CE Class

"What is the definition of a small group for 2016?"
Let me get back to you on that!

"Can I see rate and products for January 1?"
Sorry, not yet!

There are a ton of great questions that need answering to provide our client with the good recommendations and compliance guidance - most of which are still unanswered as of today.

We are eagerly anticipating rates and guidance for the eligibility and rules of the 2016 small group markets both on and off exchange.

Please join us for our class in November to help you digest the new information and make sure you take advantages of every nuance that will benefit your employer groups.

Thursday, November 19th

9 AM- 12 PM

8:30 AM Registration

Where

Minebrook Golf Club
500 Schooleys Mountain Road
Hackettstown, NJ 07840

Please [click here](#) to register

CARRIER UPDATES

CIGNA Webinar Series: Conquer the Challenges of 2016 Requirements

Upcoming Events

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Join CIGNA for their upcoming webinar on October 22nd as they touch on many of the topics including updates on key new regulations, outline various impacts and basic compliance considerations on the requirements, walk through the process and forms needed to complete the reporting, and explain what employers should be doing! [Read More](#)

UHC/Oxford Legislative Alert: Bill Impacts Definition of Small Groups

On Oct. 1, 2015, the Protecting Affordable Coverage for Employees (PACE) Act was passed by both the House and the Senate and sent to the president to sign. This bill would amend the Affordable Care Act (ACA) to include employers with 51 to 100 employees as large employers for purposes of health insurance markets. States have the option to treat these employers as small employers. [Read More](#)

Aetna Health Reform Weekly for Week of October 12th

In this week's Health Reform Weekly, the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate have passed a bill that would allow states to treat businesses with 51-100 employees as large employers while retaining the option to classify these groups as small employers [Read More](#)

IRS: The Time is Here: Reporting Requirements for Applicable Large Employers

The IRS has released a bulletin in their IRS Tax Tips focusing on the reporting requirements for applicable large employers. Under the health care law, applicable large employers - those with 50 or more full-time employees, including full-time equivalent employees, in the preceding year are required to report some information regarding health coverage by filing information returns with the IRS and furnishing statements to full-time employees. [Read More](#)

NAHU Agents and Brokers: Have you Completed Plan Year 2016 FFM Registration and Training

NJAHU is sending out a reminder to all agents and brokers to complete their FFM training for the 2016 year. Plan year 2016 registration is now live, and training is available through the CMS Marketplace Learning Management System (MLMS), as well as other CMS-approved vendors. [Read More](#)

Get Ready Now for Open Enrollment

The Marketplace has a nice one pager with a few tips to get ready for Open Enrollment so take some with a few easy steps now to get ready for November 1st! [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.

[AmeriHealth 2016 Sales Sentinel Link](#)

[President Obama Signs PACE Act](#)

[Oxford Renewals Posted to your Dashboard](#)

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 just now being released and as they come out, we will get them out to you! Stay tuned...

For more information, please contact Greg Nocera at gnocera@martinins.com.

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

[2016 AmeriHealth Marketplace Registration Link](#)



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