

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

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

October 13, 2014

MARTIN SPEAKS

Every Single Individual Policy Renews 1/1/2015

Let me say that again, every single individual policy will renew 1/1/2015; therefore, if you wrote a policy 11//14, it will come up for renewal 1/1/15 with 2015 product and prices. [Read More.](#)

We are hosting a webinar this Tuesday on this topic and are prepared to assist you during Open Enrollment. [Click here to register.](#)

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

Draft Employer Reporting Forms Released

Employers with 50 or more full-time equivalent employees are required to report detailed information about the coverage offered to each of their employees to both the IRS and each individual employee. Draft forms and instructions have been released. The first required reports are due in early 2016 and will reflect information from 2015. It is very important that your clients work now to update their systems to collect this required information.

Please note that this provision applies to all employers with 50 or more full-time equivalents, even if they also qualify for a transition relief with regard to penalties.

CIGNA's Informed on Reform has released a great, informational broker brief on the reporting requirements to assist brokers. [Read More.](#)

Please contact us for assistance in understanding and complying with this new requirement.

CARRIER UPDATES

Horizon BCBS of NJ Introduces Pharmacy Home Delivery Program

The Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey Pharmacy program recently began a home delivery pharmacy awareness

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14th 9AM

As we mentioned this week in our Stephanie Speaks feature, every single individual policy with a 2014 effective date renews on 1/1/2015. Let me say that again...EVERY SINGLE INDIVIDUAL POLICY!

So as a follow-up, we are hosting a webinar on the 2015 individual renewal process along with AmeriHealth's 2014 withdrawn individual plans.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15th 9 AM- 12 PM

ERISA Compliance is a hot topic - the DOL stepped up enforcement and medical providers are leveraging the law to extract money from employers!

Come to this class to learn

campaign. Members who are not already signed up for home delivery are receiving letters that describe the convenience and/or savings aspects of home delivery. [Read More.](#)

AmeriHealth NJ Medicare Part D Notices Requirements

AmeriHealth NJ released its annual reminder to brokers on Medicare Part D Requirements. As a reminder, plans which offer prescription drug coverage to their Medicare-eligible employees, retirees, and dependents must notify them by October 15, as to whether that coverage is "creditable" or "non-creditable". [Read More.](#)

AmeriHealth NJ Broker Briefs September 2014

AmeriHealth's Broker Briefs summarize all the AmeriHealth news, happenings, and events going on with during the month of September. [Read More.](#)

Health Republic Members Receive an Extra 20% Discount at CVS

Health Republic is proud to announce a partnership with CVS where members can now receive an extra 20% discount on CVS brand name health products. Members will soon receive an ExtraCare Health cards to utilize the savings! [Read More.](#)

OCA Benefits Announces 4th Quarter Updates

This week, OCA Benefits announced some 4th quarter updates including the introduction of an ERISA Compliance Service and their Healthier Employee Reimbursement Option (H.E.R.O.) Program, just to name a few! [Read More.](#)

Aetna No Longer Producing COCCs in Small Group Market Effective 1/1/2015

Effective January 1, 2015, Aetna will no longer produce COCC's for the small group market. This bulletin specifies what documentation Aetna will accept as proof of a qualifying event. [Read More.](#)

IMPORTANT DEADLINES AND REMINDERS

New Business and Conversion Deadlines

Stay up to date and prepared with all the upcoming conversion and deadlines with the major SEH carrier in NJ. [Click Here.](#)

2015 Marketplace Registration Links

Don't forget to get set up with the carriers and MIG to sell through the Marketplace for 2015. See below for more details!

[2015 AmeriHealth IHC Portal Registration Link](#)

[2015 Horizon BCBS of NJ Marketplace Registration Link](#)

[2015 UHC/Oxford Marketplace Registration](#)

how to identify and correct failures before the problems arise, protect your current block of business, and add a very strong tool to your prospecting toolkit.

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**TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 28th
2PM - 4PM**

Please join us for our upcoming broker seminar as we roll-out AmeriHealth's 2015 SEH and IHC Product Portfolio.

Topics will include:

S.E.H.

2015 S.E.H. Portfolio SHOP Update
Retention/Renewal Update and Mapping Strategy
Defined Contribution Update

I.H.C.

2015 I.H.C. Portfolio Renewal Update
Open Enrollment ROAM/AHNJ4U Enhancement
Sales Sentinel Overview

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