

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

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

December 28th, 2015

This week, the IRS released notice 2016-4, announcing a delay in the deadlines for 1094 and 1095 reporting for the 2015 year. This also gives applicable large employers more time to prepare and file their forms for the 2015 year.

This should not mean that applicable large employers stop their efforts towards their reporting.

The IRS will accept forms 1094 B and C, and 1095 B and C in January if you wish to file them then. If not, the forms are due as follows:

1095 - C & 1095 - B

Delivered to Employee - 3/31/2016
Delivered to the IRS (Paper) - 5/31/2016
Delivered to the IRS (Electronically) - 6/30/2016

1094- C & 1094 - B

Delivered to Employee - N/A
Delivered to the IRS (Paper) - 5/31/2016
Delivered to the IRS (Electronically) - 6/30/2016

Please click here for [IRS Notice 2016-4](#)

CARRIER UPDATES

Virtua Health Systems Joins AmeriHealth NJ Local Value Network

AmeriHealth New Jersey is pleased to announce that Virtua Health System has joined their Local Value Network. Effective January 1, 2016, AmeriHealth New Jersey members utilizing the Local Value Network will be able to visit any Virtua hospital, facility, or provider on an in- network basis.

Along with joining AmeriHealth New Jersey's Local Value Network, Virtua will become a Tier 1 provider in AmeriHealth New Jersey's Tier 1 Advantage Plan, which will allow Tier 1 Advantage members

Upcoming Events

CJAHU January Meeting

Come learn about ERISA and how the DOL audits health plans with a special presentation by Valerie Tourso of the Employee Benefits Security Administration and Chris Vanderwolk of Benefit Tax Link

Cost is \$20 for members and \$60 for non-members.

Breakfast is included

[Register Here](#)

to utilize any Virtua hospital with an enhanced benefit. [Read More.](#)

Important Update on the Oxford NY Metro Network

Oxford would like to keep you informed of changes for in network access as they occur. It was previously communicated that Stony Brook University Hospital would participate with the new Oxford Metro Network. However, effective January 1, 2016, Stony Brook University Hospital will not be a participating (network) facility in the Oxford Metro Network. As a reminder, in the broker brief is a listing of major New York hospital systems that will participate with the Oxford Metro Network and those that will not. [Read More.](#)

Benefit Tax Link - Breaking News - ACA Reporting Deadlines Delayed

The IRS has just released notice 2016-4, announcing a delay in the deadlines for 1094 and 1095 reporting for 2015. Applicable Large Employers just received a bit more time to compile their data and get prepared. This does not mean that the efforts started to get this information compiled should stop or pause, as the amount of information needed to file the returns is significant and should not be left to the last minute. The IRS is prepared to accept the returns in January, and as they state in the notice "employers and other coverage providers are encouraged to furnish statements and file the information returns as soon as they are ready." [Read More.](#)

CMS News for FFM Agents and Brokers- December 2015

CMS released their December 2015 Edition of their News for FFM Agents and Brokers. Key highlights include Open Enrollment dates, Resources for Open Enrollment, webinar slides available, and spotlight on eligibility and enrollment. [Read More.](#)

Reminder: Horizon BCBS Change to Payment Mailing Address for Small Groups

All regular payments should be submitted to the address on the remittance stub:

Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of NJ
PO Box 10130
Newark, NJ 07101-3130

Overnight payments may be submitted to the following address:
Horizon Healthcare Lockbox 10130
JP Morgan Chase - Lockbox Processing,

4 Chase Metrotech Center
7th floor
Brooklyn, NY 11245

Payments submitted to the previous billing addresses will be returned to the groups by the postal service. Please advise all groups to update their automatic payment and billing systems to

reflect the changed addresses.

Payment may also be made online through the employer portal, through the automated system at 1-888-778-2005, or with a representative at 1-800-225-1955.

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.

[ACA Reporting Deadlines Extended](#)

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

[Virtua Health Systems Joins AmeriHealth NJ Local Value Network](#)

[MIG Holiday Hours](#)

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.

[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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