

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

## IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

### Upcoming Events

Week of November 28th

### Deadline Extended to Submit Early Renewal Paperwork for Oxford Transitional Relief Coverage (2-50)

Due to continued interest in this option, UHC/Oxford is extending the deadline for submitting the required documentation to **December 16, 2016**. Paperwork must be submitted by this date regardless of the group's current renewal date. The Transitional Relief rates have been posted to you dashboard under the Letters Section.

If they wish to move their renewal date to January 1, 2017:

- They must complete and submit a New Jersey Renewal Date Change and Plan Year Verification Form (for New Jersey Transitional Relief 2-50), which was included with the quote information, and a signed copy of the rate information by December 16, 2016. This form is also available on [oxfordhealth.com](http://oxfordhealth.com).
- Contract year benefit accumulation periods (deductibles and out-of-pocket-maximums) will reset on January 1, 2017. Calendar year benefit accumulation periods will reset on January 1, 2017.
- The group will be responsible for notifying employees of plan changes 30 days in advance of the new policy effective date and for distributing a new Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC).
- The group's 2018 renewal date will be January 1, 2018.
- If a group has multiple Transitional Relief policies, the renewal date must be moved to January 1, 2017 for all policies. Otherwise, the group will need to move to an Affordable Care Act (ACA) compliant plan design for all policies.
- Groups will only be permitted to move to different plans within the same product, and cannot renew to a different product. A move from an Oxford PPO to EPO or an HMO product, for example, is not allowed. Any other change after this renewal date would require a new ACA compliant plan design. In addition, you must be the Broker of Record to make changes for your customers.
  - Groups that make changes within the same product will need to submit a letter of request, signed plan designs and rates, and the New Jersey Certificate of Understanding. Please note that our New Jersey

## CJAHU December Meeting: Why Transparency in the Market?

Presented by Chris Vanderwolk of Gente and Steve Honig of O.C.A. Benefit Solutions

CE Credits will be available!

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

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Certificate of Understanding has been updated to include information on the new definition of a small group employer in New Jersey.

If they do not move their renewal date to January 1, 2017:

Any client that is scheduled to renew on or after February 1, 2017 and prefers to keep their current renewal date will no longer have the option to renew their Transitional Relief coverage. These clients will need to enroll in an ACA compliant plan design.

Please click [here](#) for Oxford's official Broker Brief

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## CARRIER UPDATES

### A New Look and Feel for HorizonBlue.com

To support Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey's goals of improving quality, lowering cost, and enhancing the member experience, they are making major enhancements to their website and digital tools to ensure:

- Better tools to allow members to manage their health care quality and cost
- Clearer communications to help members' understanding
- Simpler websites and easy mobile access to improve the member experience

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### Commit2Wellness program update for 2017

The new Commit2Wellness Rewards program The refreshed C2W Rewards program will go into effect for all AmeriHealth New Jersey commercial members January 1, 2017. The new C2W Rewards will focus on our most popular programs: fitness, weight loss, and tobacco cessation. Members will be able to redeem up to 300 Wellness Dollars annually for completing approved activities, and reporting them on the enhanced C2W Rewards site.

- **Fitness Program** - members complete three 30-minute sessions each week, every month, and they'll be rewarded 100 Wellness Dollars annually.
- **Healthy Weight, Healthy You** - members complete an approved weight loss program and they'll be rewarded 100 Wellness Dollars annually for program fees.
- **Tobacco Cessation** - to help members quit smoking, they'll be rewarded 100 Wellness Dollars for completing a tobacco cessation program.

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### Make HRAs Easier With OCA's ClaimsExpress

Once the accounts are linked, ClaimsExpress™ will automatically retrieve any new EOBs issued by the insurance company. This can significantly reduce or even eliminate the need to file paperwork or substantiate claims under the HRA program! ClaimsExpress™ can:

- Link your HRA to you insurance carrier(s) portal
- Automatically reimburse employees for eligible HRA claims
- Save employees and employers time and money!

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## **Qualcare - Another Option For Your HRINJ Small Group Clients**

As you may or may not have heard by now, Health Republic of New Jersey (HRINJ) will no longer be an option for New Jersey business in 2017 while they work with the state on future plans. For those HRINJ small group (non-individual) clients who will need to seek coverage elsewhere for the fourth quarter of 2016 and 2017, Qualcare has an option that will provide your clients with the least disruption to their provider network and overall service.

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## **AmeriHealth Customer Service Holiday Hours**

To ensure continuous service to AmeriHealth members, AmeriHealth is providing you with their holiday hours for their Customer Service departments. Please remember, members are also able to utilize self service features on [amerihealthexpress.com](http://amerihealthexpress.com) at any time!

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## **The Opioid Epidemic: Cigna's Response**

Cigna has committed to reducing the overall consumption of opioids by 25% in the next 3 years\*.

The opioid epidemic has drawn nationwide attention and has engaged leaders in the public and private sectors to address prevention and treatment. Cigna is fully engaged in this cause and has committed to reducing the overall consumption of opioids by 25% in the next 3 years.

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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.

[2017 Open Enrollment Toolkit](#)

[Oxford January Renewals Posted to Your Dashboard](#)

[Horizon Broker Education Series: ID Card Improvement Project](#)

[GeoBlue Webinar](#)

## **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.

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## **2017 MARKETPLACE REGISTRATION LINKS**

[Horizon BCBS 2017 Sentinel Elite](#)

## [AmeriHealth 2017 Registration Link](#)

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

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