

Special Notice

For Tri-State Producers



Oxford Update on New York COBRA and State Continuation Coverage Extension

We recently notified you that we would be communicating to certain members and their associated employer groups regarding the new law that amended New York COBRA/State Continuation coverage. They were informed that members who were on Federal COBRA or State Continuation between July 1, 2009 and November 1, 2009 and exhausted their benefits may be entitled to an extension of up to 18 additional months. They were also provided instructions on how to request extended coverage.

As follow up, we will be sending the attached member and employer letters. The letters provide clarification on how the extension of coverage will apply for eligible members. The employer letter also provides updated instructions for notifying us of member requests for extended coverage. Instead of sending a letter, employers will need to submit a Member Enrollment Form with "NY COBRA/SC Ext Special Enrolment" written on the top.

If you have any questions regarding this law, please visit the New York State Insurance Department Web site at http://www.ins.state.ny.us/cobra/cobra_prem.htm, or contact your Oxford representative.

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