



## Broker Briefing

### The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) Rocky Mountain Health Plans Administrative Assistance

Today, RMHP will be sending letters to all of our employer group clients, providing them with information on the administrative changes that will occur as a result of the recent passage of ARRA.

ARRA affects COBRA and Colorado Continuation of Coverage (CCOC) differently. As of today's date, Colorado is not providing a retroactive election right to persons (and their dependents who were covered under a group health plan) who experienced involuntary termination of employment between September 1, 2008 and February 17, 2009 and who did not elect CCOC coverage, or who elected CCOC coverage but who subsequently dropped it.

Due to the variances in health plan and employer obligations, RMHP has created two separate administrative processes. Two separate letters will be sent today; one to employers subject to COBRA law (20 employees and over) and one to employers subject to CCOC (fewer than 20 employees).

A link to access each of those letters is provided at the bottom of this Broker Briefing. RMHP has also updated our COBRA Fact Sheet to address the differences between COBRA and CCOC. You can find that on our website [www.rmhp.org](http://www.rmhp.org). The updated COBRA Fact Sheet supersedes and replaces the February 27, 2009 COBRA Fact Sheet previously posted.

In order to accommodate the new administrative process, the Disenrollment Form has been updated to allow for choices of "voluntary loss of employment" and "involuntary loss of employment." It also allows the employers who offer more than one RMHP health plan to tell us whether or not they will allow a plan change upon election of continuation of coverage. Effective immediately, please use the updated form available at [www.rmhp.org](http://www.rmhp.org) when assisting your clients.

Please review the correspondence going to your clients. **In some cases, employer groups will have lists of terminated employees that RMHP needs back, with information on whether their termination was voluntary or involuntary. Your help in assisting your clients in returning those lists to us by the deadlines is greatly appreciated.** If you have any questions regarding RMHP's administration, please contact your Account Manager or GMT.

[RMHP COBRA Administrative Processes 0309](#)

[RMHP CCOC Administrative Processes 0309](#)

[COBRA Fact Sheet 033109](#)

As always, if you have any questions, comments or need assistance, please call your Rocky Mountain Health Plans or CNIC Account Manager.

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