



BROKER Connection

News to help you grow your business

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Renewal Option Advantages Available for Transitional Relief Groups



See how your 1-50 client groups may find that their most cost-effective renewal option is to move their plan to a Jan. 1, 2017 plan year and take advantage of the benefits of transitional relief through the end of 2017.



Broker Support

- **Commission Update:** As previously announced, UnitedHealthcare will no longer include commissions in premium for groups in the "large group" size segment in select states. [Learn more](#)

Health Care Reform

- **IRS Group Survey Update:** Friday, Aug. 26 marks the end of the Small Business IRS Aggregate Group survey. To collect and validate 1095-B information for the 2016 tax year, a letter was sent to your small business fully insured clients requesting them to confirm if they are a controlled group, association or with the Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangement. [Learn more](#)

Compliance Notice

- **Medicare Creditable Coverage Reminder:** The Medicare Modernization Act mandates that certain entities offering prescription drug coverage, including employer and union group health plan sponsors, disclose to all Medicare-eligible individuals with prescription drug coverage under the plan whether such coverage is "creditable." [Learn more](#)

Plans & Services

- **Vision Plan Update:** Effective Oct. 1, UnitedHealthcare vision will offer two new contact lens benefits and updates to the lens options price protection list. [Learn more](#)



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Client Health Resources

- **Zika Virus Update:** Share the [Zika Virus flier](#) with your clients' members. The flier contains helpful information about the virus including symptoms, preventive steps, how it's spread and additional contacts.
- The following monthly observance can be directly copied and placed in your clients' employee communications. For additional wellness information visit the [Communication Resource Center](#).
- **September is Cholesterol Awareness Month:** Check out the [September newsletter](#) for ways to lower cholesterol.

