Deadline Extension for Certain Services

Based on guidance dated May 4 from the Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) and the IRS, deadlines for certain benefit-related services have been extended, including:

- COBRA election and payment
- HIPAA Special Enrollment, such as requests for election changes due to marriage, divorce, birth of a child, changes in other coverage, and eligibility for Medicaid and/or CHIP coverage; *The deadline extension does not include open enrollment or initial enrollment for new employees.*
- Claim filing
- Claim appeals

The period beginning March 1 through the lifting of the COVID-19 National Emergency plus an additional 60 days will not be counted when determining your deadline for taking action.

The deadlines for Open Enrollment elections have not been extended. In order to make changes during open enrollment, you must enroll online no later than June 5, 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact the Trust Administrative Office by phone at 1-866-553-8206 or by secure email at <u>Contact Us</u>.