

### What's New in Benefits? Everything!



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# **Communication Changes**

- All member administrative documents are now through <u>www.cisoregon.org</u>
  - Monthly invoice
  - Lifeworks Admin Portal
  - Wellness grants and resources
- All employee documents are through <u>www.cisbenefits.org</u>



# **CIS Benefits Rules Changes**

#### Rule EB5

- Added CIS Affidavit of Domestic Partnership criteria to the rules
- Added requirement to charge an imputed value amount for same-sex and opposite-sex domestic partners



Resource Guide



Understanding Oregon's Family Fairness Act By Janine Robben



# CIS Benefits Rules Changes (cont'd)

#### Rule EB6(A)

- Added the following definitions:
  - Group Medical Coverage: Employer sponsored. Excludes individual policies, including those purchased through any state or federal exchange, Medicaid, or Medicare.
  - □ Opt Out. Choose not to enroll because enrolled in other Group Medical coverage.
  - Waive. Choose not to enroll, but not enrolled in other Group Medical coverage. Must waive medical and dental.



# CIS Benefits Rules Changes (cont'd)

### Rule EB6(D)

- If the Member offers dental, the following options are available for employees:
  - Waive dental coverage
  - Enroll for employee only



 Enroll for employee & dependents. Dependents enrolled must be the same as those enrolled on the medical plan (if medical coverage is also offered through CIS).



# CIS Benefits Rules Changes (cont'd)

### Rule EB6(F)



- All Members have Opt Out, but it is the Member's choice whether or not to offer cash in lieu of benefits.
  - If offering cash in lieu of benefits, the allowed amount has increased to up to \$100 for an employee, and \$200 for employee and spouse who both work for the same employer.



### Continuation Provisions for Life/LTD

- Member continuation allowances do not override Hartford contract provisions
- Life
  - Paid Leave of Absence 90 days
  - Unpaid Leave of Absence 30 days
  - Military Leave 12 weeks
  - FMLA 12 weeks
  - Family Military Leave 26 weeks





# Continuation Provisions (cont'd)

- Long Term Disability
  - Paid Leave of Absence 90 days
  - Unpaid Leave of Absence 30 days
  - Military Leave of Absence 12 weeks
  - Family Medical Leave 12 weeks
  - Family Military Leave 26 weeks





### **Employers - Lifeworks Admin Portal**

- Employers enter employment-related data for new hires, terminations, salary changes, etc., directly into Lifeworks Admin Portal
  - Workaround process on the CIS website (<u>www.cisoregon.org</u>) will remain functional through April





# Lifeworks Admin Portal (cont'd)

- Employers cannot process enrollment on behalf of employees since employees create their own password
  - Addresses previous complaints of default passwords used by ADP
- Employers are notified weekly by e-mail if any employee accesses Lifeworks to change elections that affect payroll
  - Employers run change report



# Lifeworks Admin Portal (cont'd)

#### Pending

- Employers will process bills through Lifeworks instead of the CIS website
- Other changes recommended by CIS staff during implementation

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Effective Date	Benefit Group	Group Begin Date	Benefit Plan	Plan Begin Date	Employee Monthly Cost
1/3/2009	Medical Vision And Rx	1/1/2010	HMO Medical Employee	1/1/2010	60.0
1/3/2009	Dental	1/1/2010	PPO Dental Employee	1/1/2010	8.0
1/1/2010	Group Term Life	1/1/2010	Group Term Life-Full Time	1/1/2010	0.0
1/3/2009	403B	4/28/2009	403B	4/28/2009	6.0
11/12/2008	403b 1% Mandatory	1/1/2009	403b 1% Mandatory	1/1/2009	1.0



# **Employees - Lifeworks**

- Employees enter enrollment elections, address changes, births, etc. directly into Lifeworks
- Employees get reminder e-mails of required next steps (e.g., documentation required) if e-mail is entered in Lifeworks
- Employees access wellness info through Lifeworks





#### Lifeworks & Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA)

- Challenge with effective dates when automating FSA enrollments
  - Final process will be based on Benefits
    Advisory Committee (BAC) discussion





# State of Oregon COB Changes

- As required by the ACA, Coordination of Benefits (COB) provisions will be revised to:
  - Provide coordination with individual plans
  - Provide coordination for overaged children (up to age 26)





# 2014 ACA Provisions

- All medical copays for in-network providers must be applied to the out-of-pocket maximum – \$6,350 single/\$12,700 family
- Medical waiting periods are limited so coverage is effective within 90 days of date of hire
  - CIS changed all waiting periods to first after 60 days to ensure compliance



# 2014 ACA Provisions (cont'd)

### Pending

- DOL Guidance on auto-enrollment for employers with 200 or more employees
- Employer reporting guidelines for Play or Pay
  - Based on employer feedback, Treasury and the IRS will issue final regulations that aim to substantially simplify and streamline reporting requirements





## 2015 ACA Provisions

 Rx copays must also apply to the out-ofpocket maximum





# Play or Pay Regulations

- Play or Pay provisions apply to large employers (over 50 full-time or full-time equivalents)
  - Effective 1/1/14; delayed until 1/1/15
  - Full-time employees must be offered insurance
  - Full-time employees defined as those working an average of 30 or more hours per week
     Proposed rules to change to 35 or 40 hours/week



# Final Play or Pay Regulations

- Delayed Play or Pay until 1/1/16 for employers with between 50-99 employees
  - Employer must provide an appropriate certification
- Employees who terminate and are rehired must be gone for 13 weeks or more in order to be considered a new employee (was previously 26 weeks) for Play or Pay provisions





### Final Play or Pay Regulations (cont'd)

- Full-time employees who move to parttime mid-year
  - Must be offered insurance for three additional calendar months
  - At the end of three months, coverage can be terminated
  - Now treat like all other variable employees and the measurement period begins



### Final Play or Pay Regulations (cont'd)

- Individuals no longer counted as full-time employees:
  - Volunteer firefighters
  - Seasonal employees whose annual employment is generally six months or less
  - Student work-study programs: services performed by students under federal or statesponsored work-study programs



### Final Regulations - Transition Relief

- Only have to offer insurance to 70% of fulltime employees for 2015
   – 95% for 2016 and after
- Measurement period to determine whether large employer (over 100) can be six consecutive months, rather than a year





### Final Regulations - Transition Relief (cont'd)

 Measurement/stability periods: On a one-time basis, in 2014 preparing for 2015, employers using look-back measurement may use six months instead of 12 months





# Final Regulations - Unknowns

Still under review by our attorney:

- Employees hired from a temp agency
- Waiting periods for union employees
  Probably not a CIS issue
- Others??





# Play or Pay Analysis

- CIS, in partnership with The Partners Group (CIS' consultant) offered 22 free ACA analyses for large employers
  - What will ACA requirements cost
  - What are the penalties for non-compliance
  - Good education tool for decision-makers
- Service is still available for those with CIS medical insurance – contact Carolyn Van Dyke



# **Healthy Benefits**

- Continuing current programs
  - Weight Management
  - Tobacco Cessation
  - Wellness Grants



- Matching Screening & Health Fair Grants
- New Weight Management Program through Alere – Weight Talk
  - Focused on those with a BMI of 28 or more



# Plan Design Changes - Regence

- Require specialty medications to be filled at Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy
  - Program is totally separate from Walgreens mail order
- Member choice of RegenceRx-referred networks for infusion services, in return for lower out-ofpocket costs





### Plan Design Changes – Regence (cont'd)

- Mandatory enrollment/coordination with Medicare Part B for End Stage Renal Dialysis
- Preventive care benefits will be standardized among all plans.
  - Benefits will not be paid at 100% for nonparticipating providers





#### Plan Design Changes – Regence (cont'd)

- Moving to standard alternative care benefit – benefits based on preferred vs. participating vs. nonparticipating provider choice
- Provide coverage for Telehealth visits







#### Plan Design Changes – Regence (cont'd)

The following benefits are being considered:

- Additional cost-sharing tiers for specialty drugs
- Deductibles/out-of-pocket maximums individually for participating vs. nonparticipating providers
- Site of Care options for infusion services



### Plan Design Changes - VSP (Regence)

- Added progressive lenses with a \$50 copay effective 1/1/14
- Moved to self-insurance effective 2/1/14
- No changes for 1/1/15





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# Plan Design Changes - Kaiser

#### No changes on medical or dental



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# Plan Design Changes – ODS/Moda

- Terminate Plan IV effective 1/1/16
- Considering the addition of PPO plan options for Plan II and Plan III
  - Will only be available to Members around the I-5 corridor





#### Plan Design Changes – Willamette Dental

No changes





# Plan Design Changes – Hartford

- Effective 1/1/15, terminating employerpaid \$1,000, \$2,000 and \$5,000 dependent life policies
  - If covered by current collective bargaining agreement, will terminate upon expiration of the current agreement, but no later than 1/1/17





#### Plan Design Changes – Hartford (cont'd)

- Adding a \$10,000 dependent life policy option or replacing the current \$5,000 policy with a \$10,000 policy
  - Final policy offered will be based on BAC discussion





# Supplemental Life Approvals

 Open enrollment elections made and approved prior to December 1 will be effective January 1



 Open enrollment approvals dated after
 December 1 and mid-year elections will be effective the first of the month following 30 days after the approval date



# Healthcare FSA – Rollover Issues

 For anyone not enrolled for the 2014 plan year, ASIFlex will refund admin fees paid through March if account is cleared by 3/31/14.

- Fees will be reimbursed in lump sum during April

 If account is not cleared by 3/31/2014, admin fees will be paid through the end of the month in which it is cleared.





# Healthcare FSAs (cont'd)

- For terminated employees with rollover amounts, CIS will work with ASIFlex on a monthly basis to identify terminated employees.
  - Admin fees for terminated employees will then be discontinued





#### FSA Rollover / Health Savings Accounts (HSAs)

- Not addressed by IRS and needs to be
- CIS will be administering those that transitioned to a HDHP w/ HSA as follows (based on legal advice):



- ASIFlex will provide CIS with list of employees who carried over dollars
- CIS will match against those that transitioned to HDHP w/ HSA
- Dollars will be forfeited so employee can qualify for HSA contribution





# THANK YOU!

