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SUBJECT: U. S. Labor Department Helps Hurricane Katrina Victims Preserve Health Benefits

PURPOSE

The U.S. Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA), in conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service, announced an extension of a number of deadlines related to health plan coverage, giving workers and employers affected by Hurricane Katrina additional time to make critical decisions regarding health coverage.

The relief provides additional time to comply with certain deadlines contained in the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA), the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and the rules for processing of health claims.

ACTION REQUIRED

Regional Workforce Boards are encouraged to provide this information to service providers, workforce partners, customers, and interested parties.

AUTHORITY

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LINK

http://www.workforceatm.org/articles/template.cfm?results_art_filename=healthcoverage.htm

cc: Regional Administrators