

Hamilton Headlines

JANUARY 26TH, 2015



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Developments in Healthcare Reform

Wednesday, February 4th
2PM EST

*Impact of Health Care Reform on
HRAs and Cafeteria Plans

* Employer Mandates for 2015

* Employer Reporting
Requirements for 2015

* Other Developments

Employers Grapple with Key ACA Compliance Requirements

In a perfect world, by now employers would have all their Affordable Care Act compliance systems up and running smoothly following the January 1 effective date of the law's employer responsibility provision for employers with at least 100 employees.

In reality, a poll of more than 800 senior HR and benefits executives found that a majority both mid-sized and larger organizations are struggling with at least three key ACA compliance requirements: exchange notice management, annual health care reporting and penalty management. The study on the challenges in ACA deployment was conducted by the ADP Research Institute.

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Treasury and HHS Prepare for Tax Season ACA Questions

The Treasury Department and the Department of Health and Human Services are getting ready for the 2015 tax-filing season and the onslaught of questions they anticipate about the Affordable Care Act.

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Protect Your Residents with Pneumococcal Vaccines

Pneumococcal disease can be life threatening, especially for adults age 65 or older, people with chronic health conditions, and people who are immunocompromised.

Vaccination is the best way to prevent pneumococcal disease. The CDC recommends two pneumococcal vaccines for all adults 65 years or older: PCV13 and PPSV23. Due to [modifications](#) to Medicare Part B coverage of pneumococcal vaccinations, two vaccines are now covered. Should your facility elect to provide both vaccines, this [policy](#) will provide guidance. Also, this [immunization record](#) can be used to help you keep track of the vaccines your residents have received. Resolve to be compliant with [regulations](#) and offer pneumococcal vaccines to your residents.

5 HR Compliance Resolutions for 2015

The New Year is a great time to take stock of your company's compliance with important federal and state labor law requirements. Keep these resolutions in mind to help your company start the year

In the next few weeks, the Obama administration plans to offer resources to help taxpayers prepare for tax-filing season, including online tools to help individuals connect with local tax preparation services and determine if they're eligible for an exemption from the health insurance mandate. The administration said it intends to continue to work with "top tax preparers" to provide consumers with the information they need to prepare for tax season.

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Antiviral Drug Shortage Call Center for Long-Term Care Facilities

In response to reports that long term care facilities are experiencing difficulty accessing antiviral supplies, CDC will coordinate with commercial partners to facilitate the rapid resolution of large orders of antiviral drugs for these institutional outbreak settings.

Beginning on Monday, Jan. 12, the Division of Strategic National Stockpile (DSNS) is available from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., EST Monday through Friday, to assist public health officials and health care facilities by coordinating with supply chain partners to rapidly redirect supply to the identified location.

Contact DSNS at dsns-Request@cdc.gov for assistance with facility-specific unmet antiviral drug supply needs. For emergency needs overnight and on weekends, public health officials can contact the CDC Emergency Operations Center through established protocols

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