



## ***ARRA Subsidy Extension Q&A***

### **Overview:**

#### **President Signs COBRA Subsidy Extension into Law**

On December 19<sup>th</sup>, as a part of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, President Obama signed into law changes to the ARRA subsidy of COBRA premiums effective immediately.

#### **What the Law Does:**

The law creates the following primary changes:

- **Extends ARRA for Qualifying Events through February 28th, 2010.**

This provision allows people who are involuntarily terminated through February 28<sup>th</sup> to be eligible for the 65% ARRA COBRA subsidy.

- **Expands the benefit period Under ARRA from 9 months to 15 months**

This provision allows the 65% subsidy to be continued for an additional 6 months from the start date of the subsidy, to a total of 15 months.

### **Q&A:**

**\*Updates to follow\***