

## **Important Information regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) COBRA Subsidy**

On April 15, 2010 President Obama signed into law another extension of the unemployment benefits and the COBRA premium assistance.

This extension also includes a new aspect to the COBRA Subsidy by including a new group of individuals who may be eligible for the ARRA Subsidy. This new group must meet both of the following requirements:

- 1) he or she must have had a reduction of hours at any time on or after September 1, 2008 resulting in a loss of dental coverage, AND
- 2) he or she must incur an involuntary termination of employment on or after March 2, 2010 and by May 31, 2010.

Delta Dental of South Dakota has no way of knowing if the second part of the above scenario has occurred. **We will need to rely on you, to contact us in the event that you have an employee that meets these requirements and should be offered the COBRA subsidy.**

Please note that if you have a third party administering your COBRA, you will NOT need to contact us with this information. However, you may want to contact your administrator to determine if they need any information from you.

Feel free to contact Sara or Kim with any questions at 1-800-627-3961.