

<Date>

Group Benefit Administrator

<Group Name>

<Address>

<City>, <State> <ZIP>

Re: <maingroup number> – <subgroup number(s)>

Dear Group Benefit Administrator:

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts' health care reform law requires all adult residents to have a minimum level of creditable health insurance. Health plans are required to provide a 1099-HC form annually to covered Massachusetts residents for whom they have provided minimum creditable coverage for the prior calendar year.

You are receiving this letter because we have identified that your group has existing members who have Massachusetts residences enrolled under your group health plan.

Additional information about the rules and regulations that apply to Massachusetts' health care reform law can be found at www.mahealthconnector.org under the *Health Care Reform* tab. The Certification Application (self-assessment tool) that can be used to determine compliance with minimum standards can also be found at www.mahealthconnector.org.

If you determine that your health plan meets the minimum requirements for 2012, you may issue the 1099-HC forms directly to your members or complete the enclosed attestation form. If you choose to have Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey issue the 1099-HC forms, please fax your signed attestation form no later than **November 1, 2012** to Contract Administration at **1-973-466-5447**.

Horizon BCBSNJ will not issue the 1099-HC forms on your behalf for Massachusetts' residents without your completed attestation form acknowledging that your health plan meets the minimum requirements.

Please contact your account executive if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Al Bowles
Vice President
Commercial and Major Accounts Markets

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