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COBRA Subsidy Eligibility Period Extended to May 31, 2010

Last night, President Obama signed the Continuing Extension Act of 2010 (Act). The Act once again extends the eligibility period during which an involuntarily terminated individual can qualify for the COBRA subsidy originally created through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The period during which an individual could qualify for the subsidy was originally set to expire on December 31, 2009, but was extended by the Defense Appropriations Act of 2010 until February 28, 2010, and extended again by the Temporary Extension Act of 2010 until March 31, 2010. The Act further extends the period during which an involuntarily terminated individual could qualify for the COBRA subsidy until May 31, 2010.

President Obama has urged Congress to pass legislation that would extend the COBRA subsidy eligibility period through the end of 2010. The Senate has cleared such a measure, but the House has yet to pass it.

If you have questions about the Continuing Extension Act of 2010 or the COBRA subsidy generally, please contact Dana Thrasher (205-226-5464), Bob Ellerbrock (205-226-5462), Jay Turner (205-226-5468), or Dave Pearson (813-222-1367).

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