

Legislative Brief

ARRA COBRA Subsidy Update



Even though Congress will likely extend the COBRA subsidy under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), they did not pass legislation in time to avoid the subsidy's March 31, 2010 expiration date.

A short-term extension, which could have provided an additional month of eligibility, was not approved by the Senate last week. Without the extension, employees that are involuntarily let go after March 31, 2010, will not be eligible for the COBRA premium subsidy. Congress is to reconvene on April 12, 2010, to consider an extension of unemployment and COBRA benefits retroactive to April 1st.

RPG will continue to keep you updated of any changes that may be made to the ARRA COBRA subsidy.

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