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## **NOTICE OF PREMIUM ASSISTANCE FOR CHIP OR MEDICAID REQUIRED**

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The US Department of Labor has published a model notice that should be provided to all employees that are covered under a group health plan in any of the forty states that currently provide premium assistance for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP.)

The model notice is available at <http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/chipmodelnotice.doc> and includes a list of the forty states, along with state contact information for applying for premium assistance. The notice can be given along with other information, such as annual open enrollment materials. The deadline for giving the notice is the later of either first day of a plan year beginning after February 4, 2010, or May 1, 2010. In other words, for plan years beginning February 4, 2010 through April 30, 2010, the notice must be provided by May 1, 2010. For employers whose next plan year begins on or after May 1, 2010, the notice must be provided by the first day of the next plan year (e.g. January 1, 2011, for calendar-year plans).

The DOL will revise the form as new states are added or contact information changes.

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