



## **COBRA Subsidy Extension Alert!**

In an effort to help people maintain coverage after a layoff, the stimulus bill officially known as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) provided a 65% subsidy to some of the unemployed to help them temporarily afford to keep their previous employer-sponsored health plan coverage through the Consolidated Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA). Under the original law, only workers that lost their jobs from September 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009 qualified for the subsidy.

Recently the Government extended both the eligibility period and the duration of the COBRA subsidy to allow people who lost their jobs as late as February 28, 2010 to qualify for the subsidy. Additionally, the subsidy will last for 15 months. The original legislation only provided for a 9 month subsidy.

If you had coverage under an employer-sponsored group health plan and lost your job between September 1, 2008 and February 28, 2010, you may qualify for the COBRA subsidy. Please contact Boulder Administration at 1-877-406-3699 for more information.