

# Stephens Insurance

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## HEALTH CARE REFORM UPDATE

### Stephens Insurance Responds to Health Care Reform

Employee Benefits  
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The recent passage of health care reform, titled as the “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA),” has created an immediate need for all employers to be educated on this very complex legislation. Stephens Insurance is taking numerous steps to keep you up-to-date on the many provisions of this new law through our Legislative Updates, sponsored Webinars, and scheduled seminars. We understand you have a lot of questions and that your list of questions will likely grow as each provision of this law gets nearer. Stephens Insurance will continue to bring you the latest on health care reform and how this new law will impact your company’s medical program and budget. We will continue to communicate with you in a variety of ways as regulations are issued and new information becomes available.

#### **Here’s what we have done to date:**

Creation of Stephens Insurance Health Care Reform Task Force. We assembled a task force comprised of Employee Benefit team leaders, legal and accounting professionals, and a member of the Arkansas Insurance Department. The Task Force is charged with keeping up-to-date with health care reform and getting critical information out to you as quickly as possible.

March 30, 2010: We hosted the Webinar: “Setting the Course for Responsible Health Care Reform,” presented by Janet Trautwein, executive vice president and CEO of the National Association of Health Underwriters (NAHU). A podcast and presentation materials are available by request.

April 15-16, 2010: Released Legislative Update. We published and distributed a new Employer Compliance Alert, “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and Reconciliation Act.”

#### **Here’s what’s coming next:**

June 15-18, 2010: Seminars

We are hosting seminars in the following locations and times. Invitations for these events were released on May 27. We hope that you will be able to attend one of these important meetings.

June 15 – Little Rock, Capital Hotel, 2:00-3:30

June 16 – Jonesboro, ASU Student Center, 1:30-3:00

June 17 – Ft. Smith, Ft. Smith Convention Center, 2:00-3:30

June 18 – NW Arkansas, Springdale Convention Center, 9:30-11:00

Coming Soon: White paper – Grandfathering Dilemma.

Ongoing Education – Through a variety of resources, including our membership with United Benefit Advisors (UBA) and our relationship with the National Association of Health Underwriters (HAHU), we will continue to offer learning opportunities and materials as more information becomes available.