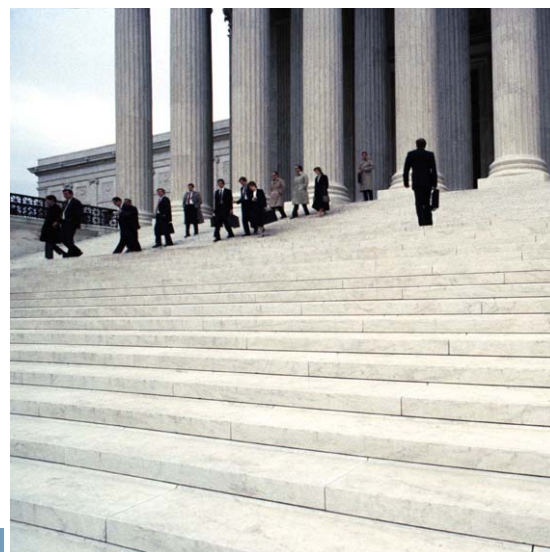


Legislative Brief

Health Care Reform: Applications for Early Retiree Reinsurance Program Now Being Accepted



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) provides for the establishment of an Early Retiree Reinsurance Program (ERRP) to provide reimbursement to participating employer-based plans that provide coverage to early retirees. These plans may be reimbursed for a portion of the cost of health benefits for early retirees and their spouses, surviving spouses and dependents.

The ERRP was officially implemented on June 1, 2010. On **June 29, 2010**, the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (OCIIO) announced that it will begin accepting applications for the program.

This FAS-EBA, Inc. Legislative Brief provides information about applying for the ERRP and links to application information.

APPLYING FOR THE EARLY RETIREE REINSURANCE PROGRAM

Background of the ERRP

The ERRP is designed to encourage employers to maintain coverage for early retirees and their families. Early retirees are retirees age 55 and older who are not eligible for Medicare. Employers that provide health coverage for early retirees, including state and local governments and unions, are eligible to apply.

Reimbursements will be available for 80 percent of medical claims costs for health benefits between \$15,000 and \$90,000. Program participants will be able to submit claims for medical care going back to June 1, 2010.

Applications will be accepted for the first time on **June 29, 2010**. The ERRP is a temporary program that has been granted \$5 billion in funding and is set to expire no later than January 1, 2014. Reimbursements will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis, so eligible employers are encouraged to apply in a timely manner. Applications must also be complete, or they will be denied.

Application Resources

The following resources are available for employers that wish to apply for reimbursement through the ERRP:

Official ERRP Application Form: www.hhs.gov/ociio/Documents/application.pdf

Official ERRP Application Instructions: www.hhs.gov/ociio/Documents/application_instructions.pdf

Frequently Asked Questions: www.hhs.gov/ociio/Documents/application_faq.html

Application Submission Dos and Don'ts: www.hhs.gov/ociio/Documents/errp_dos_donts.pdf

Fact Sheet: www.healthreform.gov/newsroom/early_retiree_reinsurance_program.html

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