



# COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA HEALTH BENEFITS

## COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

### Benefits Administrator Memo

### #21-05

**To:** Benefits Administrators  
**From:** State and Local Health Benefits Programs  
**CC:** All OHB  
**Date:** June 3, 2021  
**Re:** ARPA COBRA Premium Assistance Notices

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As part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, there are some provision updates as it applies to the Extended Coverage/COBRA Benefits. More specifically, the provisions offer Premium Assistance to eligible Qualified Extended Coverage/COBRA Beneficiaries. In accordance with the guidelines for communication to the Premium Assistance Eligible Individuals, the following notices have been mailed:

- [The ARPA Model Notice and Election Form](#)
- [Summary of COBRA Premium Assistance Provisions](#)

These materials were sent to our fulfillment vendor on May 24 for processing and distribution via First Class Mail to the members you identified that may be an Assistance Eligible Individual.

The packets should start arriving at their homes this week. As a reminder, Monday, May 31 was a federal holiday for the United States Postal Service so they may experience a delay. For members that had a valid email address on file, we also sent them an electronic copy via secure email.

A link to the above-mentioned two notices are below.

<https://www.dhrm.virginia.gov/employeebenefits/health-benefits/extended-coverage>

Moving forward, please be sure to use the updated ARPA model notice instead of the one you are currently using. The updated model notice should be used until September 30, 2021.

Please contact the Department of Human Resources Management, Office of Health Benefits at (888) 642-4414 or via email at <mailto:ohb@dhrm.virginia.gov> if you have any questions.