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Dear Valued Medical Mutual of Ohio Group Official:

As you may know, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) was signed into law February 17, 2009. This law applies to the state continuation provisions that are applicable to employer groups that are not subject to federal COBRA laws. State continuation provisions in Ohio provide continuation coverage for employees who are terminated from an employer with fewer than 20 employees.

Effective immediately, to receive a subsidized premium for a qualified state continuant(s), a completed and signed *Premium Remittance Form* (enclosed) must be received with any reduced payment for an assistance-eligible state continuant. Medical Mutual will apply the 65 percent subsidy payment to your account and is responsible for claiming the reimbursement for the subsidy from the IRS.

If your former employee paid the full monthly premium for March and/or April, submit a completed copy of the *Premium Remittance Form*, and Medical Mutual will issue a credit that will reflect in the *previous balance* portion of the next invoice. **It is your responsibility to refund the credit of 65 percent of the premium to your former employees who were eligible for a subsidized premium in March and/or April.**

Please note: Do not hold up your invoice payment if you are waiting for a state continuant to pay. You must pay your invoice on time and then remit the state continuants' payments, along with the *Premium Remittance Form* when you receive payment from the former employee. If premium payments are not received on time, your group could be subject to a late fee and/or termination.

If you have any questions about ARRA or who qualifies as a state continuant, please check with the Ohio Department of Insurance (ohioinsurance.gov) or your legal counsel. If you have questions on how to provide the subsidy to your former employees, please contact your Medical Mutual Membership representative.

Sincerely,

Sue Miller
Membership Services