

COBRA Subsidy Eligibility Update-Elected Officials

On June 4, 2009, the IRS clarified the eligibility requirements for elected officials as defined in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for the COBRA premium subsidy.

The following information should be used to determine if an elected official would be considered terminated involuntarily, therefore considered an Assistance Eligible Individual (AEI), and eligible for the COBRA premium subsidy.

The following qualifying events would make an elected official eligible for the COBRA premium subsidy if they occurred in the period from August 31, 2008 through December 31, 2009.

1. An elected official involuntarily terminated at the completion of his or her term of office if the official ran for reelection and was not reelected.

2. An elected official is prohibited from running for reelection because of term limits. An elected official *would not* be eligible for the COBRA premium subsidy if they are eligible for reelection, but choose not to run for reelection for any reason.

What This Means For Counties

Counties that have questions about COBRA subsidy eligibility should contact their plan administrator immediately and also send the information for any elected official to your plan administrator.

For more information, contact CTSI at 303-861-0507.