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Streamlined Benefit Calculator for Use with SBCs Released

Webinar on June 7 at 5PM EST

In [Client Bulletin 2012-26](#), we reported on the updated Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC) forms and accompanying Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), Part IX. [FAQ 9](#) addressed a streamlined calculator that plans could use during the first year of applicability of the SBC rules and indicated the calculator would be released soon. That day has come. The SBC rules are applicable to both grandfathered and non-grandfathered plans. The FAQs and the SBC documents may be accessed at: <http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform/index.html>.

The coverage example calculator can be used by a group health plan as a safe harbor for the first year of applicability of the SBC rules to complete the coverage examples in a streamlined fashion. Plans will be required to provide comprehensive coverage examples, based on information specific to each benefit package, no later than January 1, 2014. The calculator will allow plans to input a discrete number of elements about the benefit package. Calculator inputs generally are expected to be taken from data fields used to populate the front portion of the SBC template. The output will be a coverage example that can be added to the corresponding SBC.

- [Checklist for Coverage Calculator](#)
- [Coverage Examples Calculator Instructions](#)
- [Coverage Examples Calculator Logic](#)
- [Coverage Examples Calculator](#)

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is offering a webinar on the coverage examples calculator on June 7, 2012 at 5:00 pm EST. To participate, join the meeting room through the link and dialing information below:

- Link: https://webinar.cms.hhs.gov/ce_calculator/
- Call: 1-877-267-1577, press 1 and enter meeting ID# 3511

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