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**OBAMA SIGNS COBRA SUBSIDY EXTENSION**

On Thursday, April 15, President Obama signed into law legislation that provides an additional extension of the federal subsidies for COBRA health care premiums. Under H.R. 4851, the 65%, 15-month premium subsidy for laid-off workers is extended to those involuntarily terminated from April 1 through May 31. Without the extension, employees laid off after March 31 would have been ineligible for the subsidy.

The Senate has cleared a measure, H.R. 4213 that would extend the COBRA premium subsidy program through the end of 2010, but the House has not acted on the bill.

The full text of H.R. 4851 is available [here](#).

**CONCLUSION**

Trion is providing you with this update based on available information and interpretation of the premium assistance of COBRA benefits section of the Continuing Extension Act of 2010. Trion will continue to provide updates as additional information becomes available.

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