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What's New and Filing Instructions

Enclosed is the 2nd Qtr. 2021 Update Package for *Self-Insured Health Plans*—the authoritative guidebook for employers, administrators, and advisors.

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We have made numerous changes to the Outline and Appendix. Here are some highlights:

- **Eligibility**
 - In Section XIV, we have refreshed the discussion of eligibility considerations for retirees and beneficiaries (including spouses, domestic partners, and children) with additional considerations and new practical tips. And in the discussion of other rules affecting eligibility, the text box on the temporary FMLA expansion relating to COVID-19 has been updated for recent DOL FAQs.
- **Transparency**
 - Section XXIX, addressing reporting requirements, now covers the new pharmacy benefit and drug cost reporting requirements that take effect later this year. And we highlight the new rules limiting gag clauses on price and quality information in TPA and other provider agreements in our coverage of the transparency disclosure requirements in Section XXVIII, and the discussion of contracting with service providers in Section XXIII.
- **Sample Plan Document and Summary Plan Description**
 - We have revised the sample combined plan document/SPD to take into account the new rules on surprise medical billing and transparency, add a new sample provision setting forth a deadline (limitations period) for bringing legal actions for benefits, expand the non-assignability provision, and make other updates and clarifications throughout.

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