

Early Retiree Reinsurance Program - Application now available online

As reported earlier, employment-based plans that provide medical coverage to early retirees may be eligible for reimbursement from the federal government under the Early Retiree Reinsurance Program (the "Program"). Because reimbursement will be distributed on a "first come, first served" basis, it is imperative that interested employers/plan sponsors be prepared to submit an application for certification to participate in the Program as soon as HHS begins accepting such applications.

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has issued the final version of the application and instructions for the Program. The following links will access the Application and the Application Instructions:

HHS Application
HHS Application Instructions

Although, HHS has not yet stated when applications are to be submitted, compiling the necessary information now is important, as it is expected that HHS will begin accepting applications no later than June 30, 2010.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact <u>Teresa Culver</u> (<u>tculver@millermartin.com</u>), <u>Rebecca Rojas</u> (<u>rrojas@millermartin.com</u>), or any other member of Miller & Martin's Health Care Practice Group.

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