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DOL Revises Form for Review of Denial of COBRA Premium Reduction

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) has posted an updated application on its website for those who believe they have been improperly denied a COBRA premium subsidy under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub. L. No. 111-5), as modified by the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010 (Pub. L. No. 111-118). The *Application for Review of Denial of COBRA Premium Reduction*, together with a “quick check” on eligibility, general information, and instructions, is accessible at www.dol.gov/ebsa/COBRA/main.html.

An applicant requesting review of a denial of premium assistance may be either a former employee or a member of the employee’s family who is eligible for COBRA continuation coverage or the COBRA premium assistance through an employment-based health plan. The applicant should include copies of any documents that will help the DOL in its review (examples are listed in the instructions). The DOL encourages applicants to complete and file the application online; the form may also be mailed or faxed, along with attachments.

Note: Individuals whose COBRA continuation coverage is provided through a federal, state, or local government plan, or pursuant to state insurance law, are advised to direct requests for review to the Department of Health and Human Services.