

# NACO E-Line



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## COBRA Rights and The American Rescue Plan Act

The Department of Labor released information on April 7, 2021 that provides guidance on how the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) impacts COBRA rights for group health care plans.

ARPA provides for a COBRA premium subsidy for those eligible. The subsidy can be provided from April 1, 2021 through September 31, 2021.

There is a simple eligibility test to see if COBRA members may qualify for the premium subsidy. This only applies to those who lost group health insurance coverage due to involuntary termination or from a reduction in hours.

The Department of Labor has done a good job answering questions through its FAQ's page. Please take a look at the link below for more information. As always, please contact us at the NACO office if you have specific questions about how the act impacts COBRA coverage.

[Click Here for More Information](#)

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## American Rescue Plan Act National Resource

[Review The NACo COVID-19 Recovery Clearinghouse](#)

NACO staff continues to working closely with the National Association of County Officials and the Nebraska State Auditor's Office to bring Nebraska counties current information and best practices related to the American Rescue Plan Act. There will be more information available as soon as we receive further guidance and clarification from the U.S Treasury.

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**Your County, Through the Lens**

Every E-Line will feature a photograph submitted by one of our readers of their county.

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Banner County, submitted by Bob Post

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### Upcoming Events

**Budge Workshop:** May 13, 2021, North Platte  
**Budget Workshop:** May 14, 2021, Columbus  
**Board of Equalization Workshop:** June 9, 2021, Kearney  
**County Board Workshop:** June 10-11, 2021, Kearney

[Click Here to Register for an Event](#)

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# 2021 NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

## COUNTIES MATTER

April is National County Government Month. Celebrate the month by promoting the services and programs offered by your county! The National Association of Counties has several resources available to help you raise public awareness.

[Click Here for More](#)

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### 2022 Census of Government



The Census Bureau conducts a Census of Governments for all state and local government organization units every five years (years ending in two and seven) as required by law under Title 13, U.S. Code, Section 161.

The collection of these data will be part of a three-phase effort to document the size, structure, and finances of all state and local governments.

[Click Here for More Information](#)

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### 2021 Outstanding County Board Member of the Year

Let us know who you think deserves to be recognized for the work they're doing for their community. The Outstanding County Board Member Award is open to county board members who have been in office for at least four terms. Applications are due April 30, 2021.

[Click Here to Submit a Nomination](#)

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## Save the Date: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska Webinar

BCBSNE is hosting a webinar on two dates for NACO subgroup leaders. The discussion will include important information for the upcoming plan year for your BCBSNE health/dental plan.

May 4, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

May 6, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

More details coming soon

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