

Journal of Insurance Regulation:

Special call for articles related to COVID-19.

As COVID-19 continues to spread in the U.S., it is impacting every aspect of our lives, personal and business. The *Journal of Insurance Regulation* is issuing a **special call** for articles related to how it is and will continue to impact the insurance industry and its regulation from an operational, business, and investment perspective. Numerous impacts and state regulatory actions have already transpired in the health, P&C, and life industries affecting worker's compensation, health care and employee benefits, cyber security (with employees working from home), travel insurance, and business interruption program lines of business. Further changes have transpired in the day-to-day licensing, ratemaking, underwriting, claims handling, and premium collection operational activities. Although the industry remains well-capitalized, economic and financial market impacts are being watched closely for potential solvency concerns. If you are working on a project in any of these areas and are interested in having it considered for publication in the *Journal*, let us know. Though still subject to double blind review, due to the timeliness of the subject matter, articles on this subject will be provided with an expedited review process.

Given the timeliness of this issue, in addition to seeking research articles for consideration for the *Journal*, we are seeking 2 to 3 page **policy position briefs** that answer the following question related to the potential development of a federal program to provide pandemic related business interruption coverage:

Are there any existing federal programs that could be utilized to model a new federal program for prospective pandemic business interruption coverage? For example, the: Terrorism Risk Insurance Program; National Flood Insurance Program; Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's deposit insurance program; Federal Crop Insurance Program; Federal Aviation Administration's Aviation War Risk Insurance Program; or other? The position brief should provide sufficient detail/response to the question posed and include some objective research on which you base your position. In particular, discussion should address: i) is pandemic risk insurable; ii) how could this existing structure (i.e., any of its particular components) be leveraged to model a new federal pandemic risk insurance program related to business interruption coverage; iii) what would be the advantages and disadvantages of its implementation; iv) what would "business interruption" be required to cover or not cover to qualify for federal support; and v) what might coverage cost?

Briefs will be reviewed by a committee. Accepted briefs will be posted on the *Journal of Insurance Regulation* and/or Center for Insurance Policy and Research website(s). Additionally, position briefs expanded to full articles will be considered for expedited review and publication in the *Journal*.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best,

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