

Points to consider in reviewing insurance policies for premium relief during the epidemic

Personal Lines to review with your agent

Automobile, motorcycle, personal article floater and boat.

1. Several insurance companies are offering returns of premium from 10% to 25% because of the reduction in driving exposure.
2. If you are using only one car consider canceling liability coverage for the second or third car until you use them again.
3. If not using your motorcycle or boat cancel liability coverage until you use either again.
4. If you use your car or truck in business (Class 3) or driving to and from work (1B) and have been laid off, reduce them to stay at home (1A) until you are back to work.
5. If you have a jewelry or other valuable articles floater consider moving items to safety deposit box and cancel coverage until you bring them back home.
6. If you are financing premiums monthly, many insurance companies are waiving the finance charges.
7. On all the above be careful not to cancel collision or comprehensive as lenders will require you maintain them.
8. Some or all of these reductions can be back dated to when the reductions impacted you and your job.
9. Remember these reductions will reduce income to your agent who has worked hard to get the best for you.

Commercial lines to review with your agent

Automobile, General Liability, Workers Compensation, Equipment Floater, Umbrella.

1. With the commercial automobile policy look for return premiums.
2. If commercial vehicles are idle, remove liability from policy until active again. Lenders will require physical damage coverage.
3. Look for a refund of monthly finance charges on all policies.
4. If your policies are priced on a variable basis (sales, payroll, mileage) seek a voluntary audit midterm to reduce premium until final audit to determine the actual premium.
5. On idle construction equipment remove liability from policy until active again.
6. With payroll levels down and some operations ceased, seek adjustment of workers compensation premium.
7. With an umbrella policy premiums are generally based on the premiums of basic automobile and general liability. Many are not subject to audit if underlying policy premiums are reduced. Work with your agent to negotiate reductions in umbrella premiums due to reduced underlying exposure.
8. Some or all of these reductions can be back dated to when your operations were impacted by the virus.
9. Remember these reductions will reduce income to your agent who has worked hard to get you the best.