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NCCI Insights has published, "[COVID-19 and Workers Compensation: What You Need to Know - Frequently Asked Questions - UPDATE](#)," dated April 13, 2020. This article is the second in a series of articles addressing questions received by NCCI relating to workers' compensation and the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19).

NCCI Insights first introduced the COVID-19 FAQs publication in, "COVID-19 and Workers Compensation: What You Need to Know - Frequently Asked Questions," dated March 26, 2020. *For more information, refer to PAAS Board and Bureau Bulletin, "Countrywide - Workers Compensation - Frequently Asked Questions Relating to Coronavirus (COVID-19)" (BB 04-20.30).*

Notable changes to COVID-19 FAQs include:

- **Wages Paid to Employees Not Working While Business Operations Are Suspended During COVID-19**

The response to this topic has been updated. Due to the extraordinary nature of COVID-19, NCCI has provided that a future rule change will be submitted to address wages paid to employees who are not working. The potential new rule will exclude such payroll from being included in the calculation of premium and will be reported to statistical code 0012. If approved, the new rule will be separate from current NCCI Basic Manual Rule 2-F-1, "Idle Time."

Four additional subjects are addressed by the updated COVID-19 FAQs, notable topics include:

- **COVID-19 Impact on Ratemaking**

NCCI does not anticipate revising the previously approved loss cost/rate filings at this time but will continue to evaluate the impact COVID-19 may have on future workers compensation system costs.

- **Estimated Premium Audits During COVID-19**

NCCI will provide a future FAQ update to address carriers reporting estimated audits when an audit cannot be performed during COVID-19. The impact of final premium and audited payroll reported by carriers' is being evaluated by NCCI.