



A message from Michelle Wertz & Bob Reiff



In this week's touch base, we're sharing a few critical updates:

First, we'd like to share a valuable new resource – an overview of COVID-19 regulatory activity by state. As a leader in leave and disability, we take our responsibility to constantly monitor the legislative and regulatory landscape seriously, and keeping you informed of this activity is fundamental to our partnership. Federal and state activity has escalated due to this crisis, and this [overview of state Department of Insurance actions](#) will help you see the full picture of what's happening.

Secondly, we're pleased to announce we're covering teledentistry services at 100% of the allowable charge for our dental customers effective immediately. This will apply through May 31, 2020. COVID-19 has caused most dental practices across the country to close, leaving few options for employees needing emergency dental care. As a result, the use of teledentistry has been on the rise in our current environment. This is just another way we're offering support and flexibility during this time.

Finally, yesterday, the state of New York issued clarification to insurance carriers that care for a minor child under quarantine does not qualify an employee for paid sick leave under New York's COVID-19 legislation. These employees may qualify for Paid Family Leave benefits regardless of the size of their employer. To help provide clarity, we've updated our [New York legislation summary](#) and our overview of [Lincoln's Position on Legislation](#).

We've captured these updates and more in our recently updated [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document.

More Support on the Hub

We continue to share new resources every day to help you lead your employees. Check out some highlights of this week's new content on the [COVID-19 Guidance Hub](#):

- [Caring for older adults](#) in the midst of COVID flier
- Podcast – [Paid Leave with the Families First Coronavirus Response Act](#) – featuring Lincoln leaders
- Podcast – [Quick Chat: City Ordinances and New Jersey Legislation](#) – featuring Lincoln leaders

Thank you,



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