

THE INDEPENDENT VOICE

August 5, 2025

URGENT - Call to Action

Earlier this morning Big I NJ President & CEO, Michael Razze, emailed members with a Call to Action regarding the DOL's proposed changes to the ABC test. Currently this legislation does not include language carving out independent agents, which can have negative implications on how agencies operate if passed. Included in this morning's communication was a letter (one for principals and one for staff) to copy and paste and send to David Fish TODAY requesting a carve out for agents. **Please help us with this urgent call to action.**

If you need assistance, or did not receive your letter, you can download that from our community site [here](#) or email [Michael Razze](#).

Sponsorship Applications Due Next Friday

Applicants for the James F. Anthony Scholarship are required to turn in their information by next Friday, August 15. This scholarship is awarded to a dependent of a Big I New Jersey members who is a high school junior or senior seeking to further their education at the college, university or technical school level. [Application >>](#)

Bruce W. Hill Memorial YAC Golf Outing - Deadline Approaching

There's still time to register for the Annual YAC Golf Outing, but not much! This must-attend summer event will kick off in just under two weeks at the Pine Barrens Country Club in Jackson. Golfers will be treated to a round of golf, lunch, hors d'oeuvres and an open bar. [Join the Fun >>](#)

Reminder: New Updates to Underlying Auto Limit Requirements

As of September 1, 2025, the minimum underlying auto liability limit requirements for new business will be Limit A (500/500/50 or 500 CSL). Please also note that Auto Limit C (100/300/50) will no longer be available. [Details >>](#)

Some Large Accounts Start Seeing Chubb's Back as it Focuses on Middle, Small

Chubb CEO, Evan Greenberg sees middle market and small commercial accounts as being much more disciplined and orderly, noting that Chubb is 'leaning in and sees more opportunity' in this area. He also shares his opinion on the government's goal of phasing out FEMA and the NFIP versus private flood insurance. [More >>](#)

Have You Checked the Big I NJ Community Lately?

Big I NJ agent members have the opportunity to hop onto the online community 24/7 to talk about issues, ask questions, and get support from other agents. Plus, we're sharing photos from events and important documents. Haven't visited lately? This is your sign to [jump back in!](#)

FEMA Role in Disaster Response Examined in Congressional Hearing

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure's Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing titled "Fixed Emergency Management: Examining Improvements to FEMA's Disaster Response." During the hearing, the "FEMA Act of 2025" (H.R. 4699) was introduced as a measure to reform FEMA. [More >>](#)

The Next Generation of Insurance

The Next Generation of Insurance is unlocked with data and artificial intelligence (AI) infused throughout the [Digital Roundtrip of Insurance](#). The agencies that implement next-gen tech will propel growth and become more valuable to their staff, customers and partners. [More >>](#)

\$23,500 Raised for Make-A-Wish New Jersey

We would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all the members and companies who supported last week's Trusted Choice Charity Golf Outing & Gift Auction. Your participation, sponsorship, and donations allowed us to raise \$23,500 for Make-A-Wish New Jersey! This is incredible. We hope to add even more contributions to this outstanding number at the upcoming NJ Agents Conference.

Big I New Jersey Membership Renewals Are Due!

All invoices have been mailed and need to be returned no later than August 31 to prevent benefit and service interruption.



Upcoming Events

August 5 - Legislative Lunch

August 11 - IIA of Monmouth/Ocean Insurance Networking Event

August 18 - YAC Golf Outing

August 31 - Industry Award Nomination Deadline

September 2 - Legislative Lunch

October 7 - Legislative Lunch

October 26-28 - NJ Agents Conference

November 11 - Legislative Lunch

December 2 - Legislative Lunch

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