The American Benefits Council will hold a one-hour Benefits Briefing webinar on Thursday, March 19 at 4 p.m. Eastern Time, in which Council member companies can ask staff and assembled legal experts questions about employee benefit plan operations and related labor/human resource matters with respect to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

We strongly urge you to submit your questions in advance so our experts can provide as thorough a response as possible. We will also take questions during the webinar. NOTE: As always, neither the Council nor the participating experts are providing legal advice. However, the perspectives may be very helpful to you in navigating the current situation and determining whether you require further guidance.

We will begin the webinar by addressing a number of questions we are hearing such as:

- What are the new potential federal paid leave requirements related to COVID-19 and when would they first apply?
- Can we provide COVID-19 screening to our employees who are not benefit-eligible?
- Are there Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or other issues to be aware of if we take employees’ temperatures when they arrive at work?
- Can we expand telehealth services provided in our health plans without cost sharing, including in our high-deductible health plans?
- Is there a possibility of any pension funding relief in response to current market volatility?
- Is there a possibility of disaster relief for retirement plans in response similar to relief provided in response to past natural disasters?

As a reminder, the Council has established a dedicated COVID-19 page on our website to provide
continually updated analysis and resources — including both operational and legislative and regulatory developments.

A recording of this session will be sent to all registrants. Even if you will not be able to attend in person, please register to receive a digital recording of the webinar automatically.

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Registration Information:

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Your user ID is your e-mail address. Upon successful completion of your reservation, you will receive an e-mail with detailed instructions for accessing the webinar. A reminder notice on the day of the call will be sent to everyone who registers.

For questions related to registration – If you have colleagues at your organization who would like to participate in this session, but do not regularly receive Council materials, please contact Deanna Johnson, senior director, membership, Sondra Williams, manager, member and staff engagement, or Mary Lindsay, executive assistant, at (202) 289-6700.

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