



Buyers Take Fresh Look at Capital Strategy

With the cost of capital rising, acquisitive brokerages and those trying to fund earnouts from past mergers or acquisitions are looking for innovative funding alternatives.

The insurance distribution industry continued its reign as one of the greatest industries in the world. After a historic 2021, many expect the industry to slow down and return to trends as global and economic uncertainty emboldened the global economy. However, the hedgeage merger and acquisition engine in the United States changed along by bringing in more activity than any year other than 2021. We will continue to look with a watchful eye as how much stamina this train has left, but it won't be the first time the industry has overcome difficult capital financial issues. The insurance hedgeage industry is often underestimated, but because of its fundamentals it has remained an attractive industry to investors across the globe.



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Finding Major Client Savings in Inaccurate Workers Compensation Ratings

Many nonprofit organizations run on tight budgets. So when Insurance Office of America (IOA) experience modifier specialist Kelly Lopez and IOA vice president and managing partner Bob Black identified a no-figure error over a nonprofit client's workers compensation insurance rate component, it was a big deal. The error incorrectly classified the organization's employees over a three-year period, resulting in a \$250,000 overcharge.

Like most nonprofit organizations, IOA's budget is tight. Lopez and Black spent several weeks reviewing the client's policy and identifying the error. They then worked with the client to correct the error and secure a refund. Lopez and Black's investigation not only saved the client money but also helped them identify other areas where they could save. Lopez and Black's work is a testament to IOA's commitment to helping nonprofits save money and improve their financial health.

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