

## From the Editor's Desk

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This issue includes two articles: one by Berlach et al, titled "Patients' Right to Mental Health Care: Legal Regulation of Access to Health Services and Insurance Programs," and another by Khorvatova et al, titled "Legal Regulation of Medical Experience and Prospects for Development in Ukraine." Readers may find these articles puzzling, as they focus more on medical insurance rather than life and disability insurance. Both articles come from Ukraine, and both deal with the difficulty of establishing an effective medical system in the middle of their existential war for their country's existence. We are choosing to publish these articles as our journal is unique among Open Access journals in requiring no fees (often as high as \$4000–\$6000) for peer review and publication. It is our opinion that helping these earnest researchers get their ideas in print and into the PUBMED directory may ultimately help them establish much-needed

changes in their health care system. We trust our readers will agree.

As you may have noticed, this second issue of the *Journal of Insurance Medicine* (Volume 52, Issue 2) is late in publishing. We continue to have a precipitous decline in the submission of manuscripts for publication. While we realize that the reason is multifactorial, with many of our medical director readers busier than ever, as well as the overall decline in our number in the industry, we would like to remind our readers that the *Journal of Insurance Medicine (JIM)* is only possible with contributions from all of us. We believe, and hopefully you do too, that *JIM* is a valuable addition to ongoing education in this unique specialty and urge you to consider submitting an article for publication. This could be an interesting case you have recently seen, some research you may have undertaken for a challenging case, or just your thoughts you would like to share with colleagues. *JIM* not only exists for us, but because of us.