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TO: ILWU-Longshore, Ship Clerk, and Walking Boss/Foremen Locals and
Watchmen Locals 26 and 75

FROM: Gail Lorentz
Manager, Welfare Plans

RE: **Medicare Changes in Hospital Deductible and Coinsurance Amounts**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has announced the following changes in inpatient hospital deductible and daily coinsurance amounts for 2008:

	2007	2008	Amount of Increase
Inpatient hospital deductible	\$992.00	\$1,024.00	\$32.00
Daily coinsurance amount in benefit period:			
61 st through 90 th day of hospitalization	\$248.00	\$256.00	\$8.00
21 st through 100 th day of extended care service in a skilled nursing facility	\$124.00	\$128.00	\$4.00
Daily coinsurance amount for lifetime reserve days	\$496.00	\$512.00	\$16.00

Medicare eligibles with coverage under the Coastwise Indemnity Plan will experience no increase in their out of pocket costs since the Welfare Plan pays for Medicare deductibles and coinsurance.

Effective January 1, 2008 the standard monthly Medicare Part B premium rate deducted from Medicare enrolled members' Social Security payments will increase to \$96.40 per month. Accordingly, the Plan's reimbursement of Medicare Part B premium included in the monthly pension payments will increase from \$93.50 to \$96.40. Individuals whose modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) exceeds \$82,000 (\$164,000 for couples) are subject to higher premium amounts. This change is mandated by Congress as part of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003. **Pensioners and Beneficiaries whose monthly Medicare Part B premium is higher than the standard monthly premium of \$96.40 must submit documentation to the Plan office verifying the amount of their monthly premium.**

cc: Area Welfare Directors

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