



ILWU-PMA Pension Plan
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Medicare Premium Rate

For Pensioners and Beneficiaries Receiving Medicare Part B Reimbursement under the ILWU-PMA Welfare Plan

The monthly Medicare (Part B) premium rate **commencing January 1, 2006** has been changed from **\$78.20** to **\$88.50** for each eligible Medicare enrollee. The January benefit payment for Medicare eligibles will include the new Medicare reimbursement rate:

Medicare - 1 Person Rate

\$88.50

Medicare - 2 Person Rate

\$177.00

If you receive a Medicare reimbursement amount which you believe is incorrect, please contact the Benefit Plans office immediately.

DISABLED PERSONS UNDER AGE 65

A disabled person under age 65 is entitled to Medicare coverage after the 24th month of his or her social security benefit entitlement. Under provisions of the Welfare Plan, eligible pensioners and their dependents and survivors under age 65 must notify the Benefit Plans office when they become eligible for Medicare. Therefore, if you have not reported your own or your dependent's entitlement to Medicare -- **do so now**, as this will allow us to reimburse your Medicare premium.

ALL PERSONS

The Benefit Plans office must be notified about any of the events listed below:

- 1. A CHANGE OF MARITAL STATUS** – Divorce, Marriage, Death of Spouse
(Record Change Forms are available at the ILWU locals to report this change.)
- 2. A CHANGE OF ADDRESS**
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- 3. A CHANGE OF MEDICARE STATUS**
(Contact the Benefit Plans office to report this change.)
 - . Loss of Part B coverage
 - . Medicare entitlement before age 65
 - . Part B premium paid by State Agency such as Medicaid or Medi-Cal