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To: ILWU Longshore, Ship Clerk, Walking Boss/Foreman, and Watchmen Locals

From: Mario Perez, Director of Benefit Plans

Subject: **ILWU-PMA Coastwise Indemnity Plan (CIP) – Specialty Drug Coverage Changes**

Please see the attached notice regarding specialty drugs.

Attachment.

cc: Area Welfare Directors

A copy of this memo can be downloaded at www.benefitplans.org.

March 21, 2024

SUMMARY OF MATERIAL MODIFICATIONS

Important Notice Regarding Your ILWU-PMA Welfare Plan Coverage

To: Participants Enrolled in the ILWU-PMA Coastwise Indemnity Plan (CIP)

Subject: ILWU-PMA Welfare Plan – Specialty Drug Coverage Changes

Effective April 1, 2024, the following will apply to specialty drug coverage for participants enrolled in the **Coastwise Indemnity Plan (CIP) and the prescription drug program administered by OptumRx.**

Effective May 1, 2024, the following will also apply to infusion specialty drug coverage for participants enrolled in the **Coastwise Indemnity Plan (CIP) and the prescription drug program administered by OptumRx.**

Specialty drugs that are listed on the OptumRx exclusive specialty drug list will be covered only if obtained through the OptumRx Specialty Pharmacy. The list of drugs on the exclusive specialty drug list will be updated by OptumRx on January 1 and July 1 of each year. This list can be found online at <https://specialty.optumrx.com/drug-list>.

It is important to note that your benefits will not be changing. You will be able to continue to receive the same specialty drug(s) that you have taken in the past for the same member cost share (\$0.00 - \$1.00), but they must be obtained through the OptumRx Specialty Pharmacy. Effective April 1, 2024, specialty drugs will be fulfilled by the OptumRx Specialty Pharmacy via home delivery. Effective May 1, 2024, infusion specialty prescriptions will be transitioned to OptumRx exclusive Specialty Pharmacy. Please note:

- If you are currently obtaining specialty drugs via home delivery through OptumRx's Specialty Pharmacy, **you will not** be affected by this transition.
- If you are not being prescribed specialty drugs on OptumRx's exclusive specialty drug list, **you will not** be affected by this transition.

Effective April 1, 2024, if you fill a specialty prescription for a drug that is listed on the OptumRx exclusive specialty drug list at a non-OptumRx pharmacy, it will no longer be covered.

Please note that this transition does include select injectable drugs that are currently being covered through the Coastwise Claims Office. These select injectable drugs will be fulfilled by the OptumRx Specialty Pharmacy and delivered to you by mail.

You will be receiving a letter from OptumRx in the mail advising you if you are affected by this transition and providing guidance on which specific drugs will be transitioning to the OptumRx Specialty Pharmacy.

ACTION REQUIRED: If you receive a letter from Optum, you must complete the new

patient enrollment form and transfer your specialty prescription to Optum Specialty Pharmacy.

Pick the best option that works for you:



- Visit **specialty.optumrx.com/new-fill**
- Scan the QR code with your phone's camera
- Text **NEW** to **55455**

You can also call **1-855-427-4682**, TTY **711** toll-free to talk to an OptumRx patient care coordinator.

Once OptumRx Specialty Pharmacy receives your request, they will work with you and your doctor's office to fill your prescription.

New prescriptions for specialty medications will be limited to a 30-day supply for the initial prescription fill. Existing prescriptions and subsequent fills may continue to be a 30-day supply or may be increased to up to 90-day supply based on the prescriber's direction.

In order to ease the transition process, you will be allowed one 'grace fill' per specialty drug prescription at a non-OptumRx Specialty Pharmacy. This will allow you to fill each of your specialty drug prescriptions one time at your current pharmacy or pharmacy of choice in order to give you time to transition the prescription to OptumRx Specialty Pharmacy.

Specialty injectable drugs will continue to require pre-authorization by Innovative Care Management, Inc. (ICM). OptumRx Specialty Pharmacy will work directly with ICM to obtain pre-authorization for your medications. Questions regarding pre-authorization can be addressed to ICM at the following phone number: 1-866-275-1014.

If the OptumRx Specialty Pharmacy cannot timely deliver your specialty drug or cannot provide the specific specialty drug, OptumRx will transfer the prescription to a pharmacy local to you, and you will still be able to obtain the drug through the Plan, for the same member cost share (\$0.00 - \$1.00).

Your claim for these specialty drugs will be processed by OptumRx. Questions regarding these claims can be addressed to Optum at the following phone number: 1-855-427-4682.