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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 Welfare Plan – July 1, 2022 Annual Review**

The attached notices were mailed this week to members either losing or regaining coverage July 1, 2022. The loss of eligibility letter has in incorrect deadline of May 31. The Plan Office will continue to accept reinstatement requests as they are received.

Attachment

cc: Area Welfare Directors

A copy of this memo can be downloaded at [www.benefitplans.org](http://www.benefitplans.org)

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payroll year

## **RE: Loss Of Welfare Plan Eligibility Effective 7/01/2022**

In accordance with provisions of the ILWU-PMA Welfare Plan, eligibility for all registered longshoremen is reviewed each year by the Plan Office. Payroll records reflect that you do **not** have the required hours for Welfare Plan benefits to continue beyond 7/01/2022. Accordingly, if no Welfare eligibility claim is submitted on your behalf, and you do not otherwise request a review of this decision, **your eligibility for Welfare Plan benefits will terminate effective 7/01/2022.** Welfare Plan benefits include hospital, medical, surgical, vision, prescription drugs, dental, hearing aid, death and dismemberment, non-industrial disability and alcoholism/drug recovery benefits.

Below is information regarding the hours requirement, credit provided for additional hours to re-establish Welfare Plan eligibility, and how to initiate and submit eligibility claims.

Hours requirement for Welfare Plan year beginning 7/01/2022:

800 credited hours in 2021 payroll year, or

400 credited hours in second half of 2021 payroll year.

Credited payroll hours include hours worked, PGP weekly credits and third shift hours credits. Your credited hours in the 2021 payroll year appear at the top of this notice.

The Welfare Plan also provides credit for additional hours to re-establish eligibility for the reasons listed below:

1. Absences due to any on or off-the-job disability during the 2021 payroll year.
2. Absences under 90 days for reasons other than illness or injury during the 2021 payroll year.
3. Amputation due to an on-the-job injury.

4. Social Security Retirement, without an ILWU-PMA Pension.
5. Intraport Travel Hours Credits.

**Eligibility claims for any of the above-listed reasons must be submitted by your Joint Port Labor Relations Committee (JLRC) to the Benefit Plans.**

**To initiate a claim, provide your local with the information as follows:**

Non - industrial disability - submit a doctor's letter stating the period(s) of time you were disabled from work in 2021

Industrial disability - submit a doctor's letter and verification of industrial compensation received for period(s) of disability in 2021

Other credited absence - submit verification of absence in 2021, i.e. JLRC approval of leave of absence of less than 90 days.

**Your local will not automatically submit a claim;** it is your responsibility to provide your local with the necessary information and request that a claim be processed.

**To ensure that you do not lose coverage on July 1, the Plan Office must receive your completed claim no later than May 31.** This means you should provide your local with the information now, to give them time to prepare and submit your claim through the JLRC.

**NOTE:** The Plan Office will notify you of your eligibility status after your claim has been processed.

A review of eligibility is also conducted each year on January 1. You may regain eligibility on that date for the next six months if you are credited with 400 hours (hours worked, sick credit hours and PGP weekly credit) during the first half of the current payroll year.

Further information about eligibility for Plan benefits, loss of eligibility and re-establishing eligibility is in the ILWU-PMA Welfare Plan Summary Plan Description. Copies of the SPD are available upon request.

Please contact the Plan Office if you have any questions regarding this review.

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539.00 Hours in 2021 payroll year  
439.50 Hours in second half of  
2021 payroll year

**RE: Welfare Plan Eligibility Effective 7/01/2022**

The ILWU-PMA Welfare Plan has determined that you are eligible for Welfare Plan benefits effective 7/01/2022. Your eligibility on this date is based on the **Annual Review** - 800 or more credited hours in the payroll year, or 400 or more hours in the last half of the payroll year. Your credited hours in the payroll year are shown above.

You will be notified if your eligibility is terminated for any reason.

Welfare Plan benefits include hospital, medical, surgical, vision, prescription drugs, dental, hearing aid, death and dismemberment, non-industrial disability and alcoholism/drug recovery benefits. Plan description booklets are enclosed.

Dental Plan Choice for Washington Locals

You may choose Delta Dental (Washington Dental Service) or Dental Health Services. **IF YOU DO NOT RETURN YOUR DENTAL CHOICE, COVERAGE WILL BE ASSIGNED UNDER DELTA DENTAL OF WASHINGTON.**

**SEE OTHER SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO SIGN UP FOR BENEFITS**

HOW TO SIGN UP:

To process your Welfare Plan enrollment, please complete and return:

1. Coastwise Indemnity Plan Enrollment Form for medical coverage.
2. Dental Choice Form, if applicable.
3. Record Change Form and Important Notice Regarding Taxation to list your dependents (spouse, children) you wish to enroll in the ILWU-PMA Welfare Plan. Note: Taxation form is only required for eligible incapacitated children over age 26 and eligible children who are not a natural child, step-child, foster child or legally adopted child. Please carefully follow the instructions on the Record Change Form and Important Notice Regarding Taxation and attach required documents (e.g., birth certificate for dependent children, marriage certificate).
4. Welfare Plan Beneficiary Designation Form.

If you have any questions or need assistance regarding your Welfare Plan benefits, please contact this office or your Area Welfare Director.

Enclosures

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