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To: ILWU Longshore, Ship Clerk, and Walking Boss/Foreman Locals
and ILWU Watchmen Locals 26 and 75

From: Mario Perez, Director of Benefit Plans

**Subject: ILWU-PMA Coastwise Indemnity Plan (CIP) – Updated Specialty Infusion
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.

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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 – UPDATED Specialty Infusion Drug Coverage Changes

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

You will be able to obtain specialty infusion drugs through either the CIP or through the Optum Infusion Pharmacy. Through Optum, infusion medications can be delivered to one of Optum's infusion suites, directly to your provider, or administered in the convenience of your home through Optum Home Infusion Therapy Services.

Please note that you will continue to receive the same infusion specialty drug(s) you have taken in the past. The only change will be the pharmacy that provides them to you.

If you are currently receiving a specialty infusion through an existing provider and would like to continue receiving the infusion through this provider, ICM will facilitate your pre-authorization through the CIP. Otherwise, ICM will direct the approval to the OptumRx Infusion Pharmacy.

New prescriptions for specialty infusion medications obtained through OptumRx 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.

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You can use the following search tool to determine if your infusion drug is on OptumRx's specialty drug list: <https://specialty.optumrx.com/drug-list>. If you are unable to access the search tool online, you may call the Coast Claims Office at **1-800-955-7376** for assistance accessing the tool and determining if your infusion drug is on OptumRx's specialty drug list.

To start filling your prescription(s) at Optum Infusion Pharmacy, please call **1-877-342-9352** to talk to a patient care coordinator.

Once Optum Infusion Pharmacy receives your request, they will work with you and your doctor's office to fill your prescription. You will receive additional education from Optum Infusion Pharmacy during the referral process period and at the time of scheduling your first infusion.

Specialty infusion drugs will continue to be eligible for voluntary pre-authorization by ICM and pre-authorization is strongly recommended to facilitate prompt claim processing. ICM will work with your provider and OptumRx to determine if OptumRx Infusion Pharmacy can provide your specialty infusion drug. Questions regarding pre-authorization can be addressed to ICM at the following phone number: 1-866-275-1014.

If the OptumRx Infusion 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).

If your infusion is filled through OptumRx Infusion Pharmacy, your claim will be processed by OptumRx, **otherwise** your claim will be processed by the Coastwide Claims Office through the CIP. Questions regarding specialty infusion claims:

If your infusion is filled through OptumRx Infusion Pharmacy, your claim can be addressed to Optum Infusions at the following phone number: **1-877-342-9352**; or

If your infusion claim is processed by the Coastwide Claims Office through the CIP, your claim can be addressed to the CCO at the following phone number: **1-800-955-7376**.