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ILWU-PMA Supplemental Welfare Benefit Plan

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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 2006:

	2005	2006	Amount of Increase
Inpatient hospital deductible	\$912.00	<b>\$952.00</b>	\$40.00
Daily coinsurance amount in benefit period:			
61 <sup>st</sup> through 90 <sup>th</sup> days of hospitalization	\$228.00	<b>\$238.00</b>	\$10.00
21 <sup>st</sup> through 100 <sup>th</sup> days of extended care service in a skilled nursing facility	\$114.00	<b>\$119.00</b>	\$5.00
Daily coinsurance amount for lifetime reserve days	\$456.00	<b>\$476.00</b>	\$20.00

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, 2006, the Medicare Part B premium deducted from Medicare enrolled members' Social Security payments will increase to \$88.50 per month. Accordingly, the Plan's reimbursement of Medicare Part B premium included in the monthly pension payments will increase from \$78.20 to \$88.50.

cc: Area Welfare Directors

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