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Date: December 17, 2019

TO: ILWU Longshore, Ship Clerks and Walking Boss/Foremen Locals

FROM: Mario Perez, Director of Benefit Plans

SUBJECT: Request for Medicare Part B Premium Information

Enclosed is a copy of the notice mailing to pensioners and beneficiaries requesting proof of their 2020 Medicare Part B premium amount. The request is to ensure the Plan is reimbursing the correct monthly premium amount.

Enclosure

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

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**Subject: ILWU-PMA Welfare Plan
Proof of 2020 Medicare Part B Premium-Medicare Eligibles**

For many Medicare-eligible participants, Medicare Part B premiums change January 1 of each year. To ensure you are reimbursed the correct premium, Medicare Eligibles (including pensioners, beneficiaries, and disabled adult children) must submit a copy of their 2020 Medicare Part B Social Security notice to the Benefit Plans Office no later than March 31, 2020. However, please note that more time may be allowed for those experiencing extenuating circumstances which might delay their ability to timely submit their 2020 Social Security notice (eg, hospitalization, out of the country for an extended period of time, etc).

Please note the Plan will only reimburse premiums being paid by members. If your premium is being paid by a third party, you are not eligible for reimbursement and should notify the Benefit Plans Office.

The Social Security Administration mails you a letter towards the end of November or the beginning of December with your upcoming premium rate for the following year. Please provide the Benefit Plans Office with a copy of the Social Security letter showing your 2020 Part B premium as soon as possible. Be sure to write your Registration Number next to the name to ensure efficient and accurate processing.

Please refer to the back page for samples of an acceptable Social Security Administration letter/notice. If you misplaced or do not have your letter/notice, contact the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213 to request another copy. You may also go online to www.ssa.gov and print out a copy of your 'Benefit Verification letter'.

Beginning January 1, 2020, the Benefit Plans Office will be reimbursing \$109 per month for each Medicare Part B enrolled member until your 2020 Social Security Administration letter/notice is received. Letters/notices received by March 31, 2020 will receive retroactive adjustment to January 2020. Letters/notices received after March 31, 2020 will be reimbursed based on the month of receipt and no retroactive adjustment will be made (unless otherwise allowed by the Benefit Plans Office as noted in the first paragraph). Because Medicare Part B reimbursement payments are tax exempt, any overpayments will be collected.

Please submit your letter/notice as soon as possible but no later than March 31, 2020. **If you have already submitted your notice for 2020, please disregard this request.** A postage-paid return envelope is enclosed for your convenience. You may also fax your letter/notice to 415-749-1400 to expedite delivery.

If you have any questions, please contact the Benefit Plans Office at 415-673-8500.

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Social Security Administration
Important Information

Date: November 27, 2019
 BNC#:

Your Social Security benefits will increase by 1.6 percent in 2020 because of a rise in the cost of living. The Social Security Act requires some people to pay higher premiums for their Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance) and Part D (Prescription Drug Plan) based on their income. We will increase your premiums because of your income. The information in this letter about your premiums is for one year only.

If you currently do not have Medicare Part B or Part D and enroll in 2020, those premiums will also be increased based on your income.

How Much Social Security Will I Get?

- Your new 2020 monthly benefit amount before deductions is: **\$2,568.40**
- Your 2020 monthly deduction for the Medicare Part B premium is: **\$292.40**
 - \$144.00 for the standard Medicare premium, plus
 - \$57.80 for the income-related monthly adjustment amount (IRMAA) based on your 2018 income tax return
- Your deduction for voluntary tax withholding is: **\$501.50**
- Your benefit amount after deductions that will be deposited into your bank account or sent in your check on January 15, 2020 is: **\$1,774.50**

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Your New Benefit Amount

BENEFICIARY'S NAME:

Your Social Security benefits will increase by 1.6% in 2020 because of a rise in the cost of living. You can use this letter as proof of your benefit amount if you need to apply for food, rent, or energy assistance. You can also use it to apply for bank loans or for other business. Keep this letter with your important financial records.

How Much Will I Get And What?

- Your monthly amount (before deductions) is **\$2,295.80**
- The amount we deduct for Medicare Medical Insurance is **\$144.00** (If you did not have Medicare as of November 22, 2019, or if someone else pays your premium, we show \$0.00.)
- The amount we deduct for your Medicare Prescription Drug Plan is **\$0.00** (We will notify you if the amount changes in 2020. If you did not elect withholding as of November 1, 2019, we show \$0.00.)
- The amount we deduct for voluntary Federal tax withholding is **\$0.00** (If you did not elect voluntary tax withholding as of November 22, 2019, we show \$0.00.)
- After we take any other deductions, you will receive **\$2,141.00** on or about January 15, 2020.

If you disagree with any of these amounts, you must write to us within 60 days from the date you receive this letter. Or visit www.ssa.gov/hom-medicalhelp to appeal online. We would be happy to review the amounts.

If you receive a paper check and want to switch to an electronic payment, please visit the Department of the Treasury's Go Direct website at www.govdirect.org online.

What If I Have Questions?

- Visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov
- Call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-328-0778)
- Contact your nearest Social Security office

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Other Help For Seniors

Call the Eldercare Locator service of the U.S. Administration on Aging at 1-800-677-1116 or visit www.eldercare.gov to learn about a wide variety of services that may be helpful to you.