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SPECIAL BULLETIN –TEAMSTERS LOCAL 710 HEALTH & WELFARE FUND

Dear Participants/Members,

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Board of Trustees has unanimously approved a plan amendment granting up to four weeks of extended coverage under the Health & Welfare Fund at no cost to you. The amendment provides that employees who were laid off on or after March 29, 2020 will be granted up to four weeks of coverage from the Fund even though contributions are not received from your employer during this COVID-19 pandemic emergency. The Trustees-directed amendment permits the participant to use the four weeks for continuous coverage if he/she is laid off or to use it to fill missing weeks so that the participant will have continuous coverage.

The Trustees acknowledge this is only a stop-gap to help participants in need during the COVID-19 Pandemic crisis. While we had hoped this wouldn't be necessary in these uncertain times, the Trustees want to be proactive to the participants in their time of need.

As you may be aware the Governor of Illinois, J.B. Pritzker, extended the Shelter at Home Order for an additional thirty days until April 30, 2020. This order has a direct effect on our office. The Funds' employees have been working at home during this crisis with minimal disruption. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office from 8:00 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at (773) 254-2500. We will get back to you as quickly as possible but please be patient due to the high volume of calls.

The Trustees of your Health & Welfare Fund are constantly reviewing the Fund's options while keeping in mind the financial integrity of your Health & Welfare Fund.

We wish you and your families the Best.

Stay Safe,

The Board of Trustees