

CEUI UPDATE

HEALTH INSURANCE UPDATE

- The HEP (Health Enhancement Plan) is already having a positive impact on the health of our members and the costs that we share with the state.
- No health or dental insurance premium increase for 7/1/12 – 6/30/13.
- Cost estimates of what it will cost the State to pay for retiree health insurance in the future have been reduced by more than \$10 billion .
- Members are using their primary care doctor for non-critical care. On average a doctors office costs the plan \$89 and an emergency room visit costs over \$700.

To date, over 98% of CEUI members enrolled in the HEP program are compliant!

If you are not HEP compliant or do not know your status, contact the Office of the State Comptroller at 860-702-3560 to determine your status and what you may need to do for compliance. If you have any problem reaching the Comptroller or with the HEP program, call the Union office.

HEP CO-PAY ISSUES.

Members enrolled in the HEP program who paid a co-pay for a routine dental exam/cleaning after 10/01/11 will have the billing re-processed by the insurance carrier and should receive a refund from the service provider. Anyone who has United Healthcare Enhanced Dental and went to an out-of-network dentist between 10/01/11 and 6/30/12 will get a free routine exam/cleaning, however going forward anyone in the UHC Enhanced Dental Plan must go to a network dentist to avoid additional charges.

Members enrolled in the HEP program who paid a co-pay for a routine vision exam after 10/01/12 will have the billing re-processed by the insurance carrier and should receive a refund from the service provider. Please give the process another 30 days to be completed. You will get a free routine vision exam every 2 years in the future.

Where to get information on the HEP program, Health insurance, pension , or other benefits:
State Comptroller 860-702-3300 www.osc.ct.gov
CEUI Staff Rep George Spurlock 860-343-8722
CEUI main line 860-343-8700 www.ceui.org

GENERAL INFORMATION

Safety Shoe Payment: Safety Shoe Payments of \$135 should be included in the last paycheck of July for those that are required to wear safety shoes.

Longevity Payment: Longevity Payments should be included in the October 19th paycheck.

Membership Meetings: The September membership meetings are tentatively scheduled for the ***week of September 10th***. Reminder: in order to be considered to be a delegate to the October convention, you must attend one of the membership meetings.

DOT GENERAL SUPERVISORS AIDES & MANAGERS AIDES FINAL AGREEMENT

Since March 2010, we have been in a dispute with DOT about their decision to utilize the NP-3 Office Assistant and the NP-3 Secretary 1 positions for all future hires for what we know as the DOT 2 General Supervisor's Aide and DOT 3 Manager's Aide respectively. This decision by DOT was related to their interpretation of a section of the CDL Medical Card Arbitration Award that we did not agree with. The Union filed charges at the State Labor Board related to this matter and have been working on a settlement for close to two years as a result of the charges. On June 22nd a final agreement was reached resolving this matter. All red-circled General Supervisors Aides and Managers Aides were mailed a full copy of the agreement along with an addendum listing all of the red-circled positions shortly thereafter. DOT has begun implementing the terms of the agreement.

If you have any questions regarding the final agreement, please contact President Ron McLellan at (860) 343-8718 or General Counsel/Staff Director Cara Wachsman at (860) 343-8719.

ON STRIKE

Our Brothers and Sisters at SEIU Local 1199 (New England Healthcare) need our help in a fight with the HealthBridge Corporation (nursing home management) who is trying to bust the union and the backs of our members & their families! New Jersey-based HealthBridge/Care One corporation illegally and unilaterally imposed deep concessions on union caregivers employed at HealthBridge facilities in Danbury, Milford, Newington, Stamford and Westport. This is a continuation of the full assault on workers. Their fight is our fight! Go to our website (www.ceui.org) to read the press release and find out how you can support our fellow members.

REGISTER NOW FOR CEUI/NP-2 TECHNICAL IN-SERVICE COURSES!

The registration deadline is August 29, 2012 to apply for courses. **Agencies may have earlier dates for final registration. A variety of courses are offered in the following areas:

Business Skills, Leadership Skills, Technology Advancement and Trade Skills. The catalogue is available online at www.comnet.edu/in-service and on the CEUI website www.ceui.org. Agencies also receive copies and provide them to members. Contact CEUI Education Director Loyola Welsh for more information. She can be reached at the Union office at 860-343-8721 or 1-800-622-3359 x721, or by email at lwelsh@ceui.org.

Also available to CEUI members: vouchers to take trade courses at the State Technical High Schools

this fall. Call Loyola for information at the numbers above as to which schools are offering Adult Education evening courses. Courses typically offered are HVAC, Electrical, Plumbing, and Welding, among others. The voucher allows you to register for the course for free; you pay only the \$25 registration fee.

THREE CALIFORNIA CITIES FILE FOR BANKRUPTCY.

SCRANTON PA CUTS WORKERS PAY

San Bernardino (population 209,000) is poised to become the 3rd city in California to file for bankruptcy protection in less than a month. Stockton, a central valley agricultural hub and the high sierra town of Mammoth Lakes have already filed. This disturbing trend puts public services and public sector workers in great peril.

Faced with a crippling cash flow problem and divided political leadership, one of PA's largest cities distributed paychecks last week to city workers that cut wages to the legal minimum. Scranton's 398 city workers-including firefighters, police officers and the mayor himself-were paid a reduced rate of \$7.25 an hour.

The pay cut, which Mayor Chris Doherty has threatened since late June, was carried out even though a coalition of unions had been granted a court injunction that prohibited the mayor from slashing wage rates.

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