



IBEW LOCAL 551

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Sisters and Brothers,

I hope you are well and doing your part to keep yourselves, your families, and everyone around you safe. Please continue to do so and remember to be patient in these trying, difficult times.

I have had several questions surrounding our health care, primarily: "What happens when my hours run out – will I lose coverage for me and my family"?

Let me be very clear: Any Inside Wireman or Inside Apprentice who is a member of Local 551, and who is working for a contractor that had their job site shut down due to the Coronavirus Pandemic County Order, **WILL NOT lose their Medical coverage, due to lack of hours, for the months of May, June or July.**

Why only extend coverage for May, June and July? If you already are in the system and have qualified for Health Care with our Trust Funds prior to **OR** on March 1st, 2020 - Worked hours in March pay for health coverage in May; Worked hours in April pay for June; May for July etc. The different county shutdowns started in March, continuing through April and now are extended to May 3. That is why we are addressing health care coverage starting May and are prepared to continue medical coverage for the affected members through July 31st.

If you have any questions on this or any other matter, please contact me directly.

Thank you for everything you do in the trenches every day –

In Solidarity,

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