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ILWU-PMA Pension Plan ILWU-PMA Welfare Plan ILWU-PMA Watchmen Pension Plan

Date: March 3, 2017

To: ILWU Longshore, Ship Clerk, Walking Boss/Foreman, and Watchmen Locals 19, 23, 32, 47, 52, 98

From: Mario Perez, Manager, Welfare Plans

## Subject: ILWU-PMA Welfare Plan – Kaiser Acquires Group Health Cooperative

Kaiser's acquisition of Group Health Cooperative became final on February 1, 2017. Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington sent the attached welcome letter to participants in early February. The letter confirms there are no benefit changes and participants can continue to see their same doctors and facilities. New member identification cards will be sent to participants from Kaiser the week of March 6, 2017. <u>There will be no changes to their original Group Health ID/Subscriber number when the new insurance card switches to Kaiser.</u>

Members can direct questions to Kaiser's Member Services at 888-901-4636. They can also call the Benefit Plans Office in San Francisco at the above telephone number or their local Area Welfare Director, Andrea Stevenson at 206-938-6720.

Attachment

cc: Andrea Stevenson, Area Welfare Director

A copy of this memo can be downloaded at <u>www.benefitplans.org</u>

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Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington 320 Westlake Ave N, Suite 100 Seattle, WA 98109

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<Addressee's name> <Street address line 1> <Street address line 2> <City, State ZIP>

<Dear member,>

Now that the acquisition of Group Health is complete, I'm delighted to welcome you to Kaiser Permanente.

For 70 years, Group Health has created healthier communities throughout Washington. We're honored to continue that legacy. As an industry-leading nonprofit health care organization, Kaiser Permanente has been dedicated to the health of members like you and the communities we serve for nearly three-quarters of a century. It's our privilege to be your new partner in health.

What's continuing:

- The plan you've selected won't change. Your premiums, benefits, and costs will stay the same in 2017. So will your member number.
- You can keep your doctors. You and your family will continue to receive care from the doctors and care teams you count on. These relationships matter to us as well as to you.
- You can still get care at the locations you visit now. The name on the buildings will change, but the same convenient clinics with doctors' offices, lab, pharmacy, and X-ray usually under one roof will continue to serve you. The same goes for online services, including the mobile app, your electronic health record and secure messaging with your doctor. The name will change, but the functions will remain the same.

What's new:

- Group Health is now a part of Kaiser Permanente.
- Beginning in March 2017, you'll start to see the Kaiser Permanente name in medical centers, on staff apparel, on our website, and other places.
- In March, you'll get a Kaiser Permanente identification card. Your member number will be the same, but you'll use this new card for all your health care services. Your existing card is still valid, so please continue to use it until you receive your new Kaiser Permanente replacement card.
- You're now a member of a health care organization that operates in Washington, Oregon, California, Hawaii, Colorado, Maryland, Georgia, Virginia, and Washington, D.C.

We'll be investing in infrastructure, clinics, technology, and other areas to enhance your care experience in the years ahead. We'll update you when there's new information to share. You can also call Member Services at 206-901-4636 or 1-888-901-4636 (toll-free) if you have any questions.

We look forward to serving you and your family so you can be healthy and thrive.

Sincerely,

Susan Mullaney

Susan Mullaney President Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington