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TO: ILWU Southern California Locals 13, 26, 29, 63, and 94

FROM: Gail Lorentz, Manager, Welfare Plans

**SUBJECT:** Benefit Changes and Clarification for Southern California Kaiser

**Eligibles** 

Kaiser Southern California medical plan has announced benefit changes and clarification as described below effective July 1, 2007. These benefit changes are subject to review by the ILWU-PMA Welfare Plan Trustees.

## **HOSPICE CARE**

For non-Medicare Members, Kaiser will now cover hospice care inside their Service Area or inside California but within 15 miles or 30 minutes of Kaiser's Service Area (including a friend's or relative's home inside California but within 15 miles or 30 minutes from Kaiser's Service Area even if the patient lives there temporarily).

## OSSEOINTEGRATED EXTERNAL HEARING DEVICES

Osseointegrated external hearing devices for non-Medicare Members are now a covered benefit. Previously these implanted devices were only covered for Senior Advantage Medicare Members.

## **GRIEVANCE TIMEFRAME**

Kaiser has established a timetable for non-Medicare members to file a grievance. Members who want to make a request for Services or file a grievance must do so within 180 days of the denial date or the date of the incident that caused his or her dissatisfaction.

The next revised Kaiser Southern California SSPD will reflect these changes and clarifications.

Cc: Ron Costa, Area Welfare Director

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