



## IBEW LOCAL 595 TRUST FUNDS



### **IBEW LOCAL 595 HEALTH & WELFARE TRUST**

#### **Summary of Material Modifications**

**January 2021**

#### **NOTICE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS REGARDING**

*Adoption of Further Temporary Covid-19 ("Coronavirus") Extension Relief Plan  
Changes*

#### **FOR THE IBEW LOCAL 595 HEALTH & WELFARE PLAN**

The Trustees of the IBEW Local 595 Health & Welfare Trust Fund have approved additional changes to the Health & Welfare Plan ("Plan") in response to the continued significant impacts of the novel coronavirus disease, COVID-19, pandemic ("Coronavirus") on the construction industry, resulting in work shortages and layoffs in Covered Employment.

Effective immediately, your Board of Trustees has extended relief measures to assist Plan members impacted by the pandemic by extending eligibility for Plan coverage, as follows:

The Plan will provide 50% coverage for up to four months through the next four (4) eligibility months of 2021 (January, February, March and April 2021), provided that your Dollar Bank reserves have been exhausted, and any of the following circumstances apply:

- You lose Plan coverage because of workforce reductions, furloughs, or layoffs related to the Coronavirus; or
- You are unable to work after testing positive for the Coronavirus; or
- You decline work or are unable to work due to having or being exposed to COVID-19 or are caring for family members who may be at higher risk for severe illness.

For Plan members who are enrolled in a Buy Up Plan option, you will be allowed a 50% Plan subsidy for the Buy-Up amount ("COVID 50% Subsidy").

If you have exhausted your Dollar Bank reserves and consequently lose eligibility for coverage months of January, February, March and April 2021, the Fund Office will send you information regarding the payment due to Plan if you elect the COVID 50% Subsidy. Your payment must be received within 30 days from the date of the Plan's invoice. The Fund Office will also send you information regarding your COBRA entitlement, which you may elect if you decline or fail to timely submit payment for the COVID Subsidy. Note, however, that unlike COBRA continuation coverage, all months of extended eligibility provided to you by the Board of Trustees due to the Coronavirus, including the COVID Subsidy coverage, will be deemed Active Coverage for Retiree Coverage crediting purposes under the Plan.

Finally, please note that you will not be eligible for continuation coverage under this Section if: your unemployment is voluntary or unrelated to the Coronavirus; or you have worked in non-Covered Employment for a non-signatory employer. Extended coverage will terminate during this period if you return to Covered Employment.

Please keep this Summary of Material Modification with your Summary Plan Description. These important changes affect the health benefits that are provided to you and your family. If you have any questions, please contact the Fund Office at (888) 512-5863 or (925) 208-9996.