

WELFARE, ANNUITY AND APPRENTICESHIP SKILL IMPROVEMENT & SAFETY FUNDS

of the

International Union of Operating Engineers

Local 15, 15A, 15B, 15C & 15D, A.F.L.-C.I.O.

44-40 11th Street • Long Island City, N.Y. 11101



Employer Trustee
MICHAEL SALGO
WILLIAM TYSON

CATHERINE CHASE
Administrator

Union Trustees
JAMES T. CALLAHAN
THOMAS A. CALLAHAN

March 21, 2022

COBRA Premium Increase Letter

This notice contains important information about COBRA premiums under the Welfare Fund benefits.

INCREASE IN COBRA PREMIUMS AS OF APRIL 1, 2022

We are providing you and your family with this announcement letter to inform you of changes adopted by the Board of Trustees regarding the COBRA premiums the Fund currently charges to individuals who are on COBRA. Under Federal law, plans are allowed to charge COBRA beneficiaries the same amount for the total cost of coverage for active employees, plus a two percent administration fee.

Plans are also allowed to recalculate the COBRA premiums once per year as of their "COBRA determination period", and pass along any change in premiums for COBRA participants at the beginning of each new determination period. The Plan's COBRA determination period is the 12-month period from April 1st through March 31st.

In an effort to maintain the strong financial position of the Welfare Fund, and after extensive deliberation, the Board of Trustees has adopted the following monthly premiums effective April 1, 2022.

	<u>CORE</u> (Medical Only)	<u>NON CORE</u> (Medical, Dental, Optical)
Individual	\$743.39	\$776.50
Family	\$1,916.43	\$2,005.82

Please note that the Local 15 Welfare Fund's monthly premiums are lower than what many other Welfare Funds charge their COBRA participants. Individual Core Rates of other Welfare Funds can range between \$800 to \$900 and Family Core Rates range between \$2,100 and \$2,500.

If you have questions about COBRA continuation coverage under the Plans, you should contact the Fund Office.

The Trustees of the Welfare Fund