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TO ALL NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES
ALL ASSISTANT NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES
ALL LOCAL LODGE OFFICERS with MEMBERS COVERED
UNDER THE RAILROAD RETIREMENT ACT

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

The U.S. Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) provided additional instructions regarding the submission of sickness applications under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA) and responded to inquiries pertaining to the additional payments of \$600 per week and the elimination of the seven (7) day waiting period provided by the Coronavirus Aide, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES).

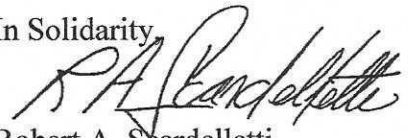
In response to many inquiries about the timing of the additional payments provided under CARES Act, the RRB is working diligently to get the system programming in place to pay the additional monies and to remove the seven (7) day waiting period.

However, in the meantime, normal benefits will be paid and the seven (7) day waiting period will be applied to the initial 14-day claim. Once the RRB system is updated, the relief funds will be made retroactively to eligible claims. Unless additional legislation is passed, the payments under the CARES Act are payable towards unemployment registration claim periods beginning on or after April 1, but no later than July 31, 2020.

The RRB also wants to remind those who are filing for sickness benefits under RUIA, should be using the **RRB Form G-93** for submitting a written statement of why they are off. This form should be completed and submitted when filing an application for sickness benefits if the applicant is unable to submit the Form SI-1b.

As updates are received they will be distributed. Further information can be found on the www.rrb.gov website. Should you have any questions, please contact the TCU Social Services Department at 301-840-8746.

In Solidarity,



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