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Michigan Work Share Program Information

By Dave Corrie, SEIU Staff

There has been some confusion concerning the Michigan Work Share Program. As more employers are signing on to this program, the SEIU staff has received many questions regarding its implementation and specifics.

The Work Share program allows employers to reopen and bring employees back to work. Employees can be called back with reduced hours and collect partial unemployment benefits to help make up some of the lost wages. Employers are given flexibility in choosing which of their employees are part of a Work Share plan.

We have assembled some resources for members to help answer questions they, or their Employers, may have concerning aspects of the program.

School and Local Government Information:

[Work Share Program Information](#)

[Work Share Brochure](#)

[Work Share Employee Guide](#)

State Employee Specific Information:

[FAQ on Temporary Layoff Days](#)

[Work Share Employee Guidance Worksheet from the Unemployment Insurance Agency](#)

More information and examples are available on the [Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity](#) website.

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SEIU 517M Scholarship Golf Outing Cancelled for 2020

By Dave Corrie, SEIU Staff

The Annual SEIU Local 517M Scholarship Golf Outing that was scheduled to be held on Friday, August 14, 2020 has been cancelled for 2020 due to the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 situation and whether restrictions would be lifted by the time the outing is scheduled to happen.

We have secured August 6, 2021 at Wheatfield Valley Golf Course in Williamston for our next outing and hope that you will be able to join us then.

SEIU 517M Annual Meeting Postponed

By Dave Corrie, SEIU Staff

The SEIU Local 517M Annual Meeting previously scheduled for Saturday, July 25th is being postponed. No new date has been scheduled.

We will keep you updated as to when a new date is scheduled, and what format the meeting will be presented in.

Human Services Support Unit Proposed By-Law Change

By Dave Corrie, SEIU Staff

Although the initial Bylaw change that was approved and adopted in May provided for elected leaders to take office in November, an oversight was discovered that the election time-frame needed to be amended from June to October so that new leadership does not have any time deducted from their elected time in office. The new language changes are provided below.

ARTICLE VI ELECTION OF OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS AND SEIU LOCAL 517M EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Section 1: Election of Officers and Board Members shall be held the first Monday of ~~June~~ October of each election year. The term of Office is three (3) years with the first election being held in 2003. Officers and Board Members thereby elected shall take office on November 1st thereafter.

This language change will be voted on by the SEIU Local 517M Executive Board at their July meeting. Questions regarding the proposed change can be directed to HSS President Janice Cosey at jcosey@seiu517m.org.

Latest COVID-19 Information is Available on our Website

By Dave Corrie, SEIU Staff

SEIU Local 517M is working diligently to keep you informed with the latest information on the spread of COVID-19 and the steps taken to contain the virus from the Governor's office and SEIU International.

We have dedicated a section of our website as a resource to members containing this information. Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly so there are daily updates to the site.

Please keep checking back for the latest information at:
<http://www.seiu517m.org/2020/05/13/covid-19-updates-and-resources/>

Have You Received a Call About Insurance?

By Dave Corrie, SEIU Staff



AMERICAN INCOME LIFE
insurance company

Members have been receiving phone calls from representatives of American Income Life wanting to set up an appointment to talk about additional coverages or to deliver policies.

You are being contacted because you responded to one of the several mailings or online concerning the \$2,500 of Accidental Death and Dismemberment coverage offered through American Income Life Insurance Company (AIL). This coverage is **free** to SEIU 517M dues-paying members!

You were asked to return the yellow card or go online to designate your beneficiary. If you did so, a licensed AIL representative **will contact you** to arrange a convenient time to deliver your benefit information and review other supplemental insurance benefits that may be available to you. These additional benefits include a Child Safe Kit, Family Information Guide, and Health Services Discount Card. These additional benefits are not insurance but are a discount plan that may be used to lower health care expenses. Some additional discount services are available for a yearly fee. They will also perform a **no-cost, no-obligation** Needs Analysis to evaluate your insurance needs and what programs you may qualify for. At this time, this is mostly being handled through a virtual meeting.

This benefit does not require further action on your part. If no beneficiary is selected, benefits would be paid to your estate. While AIL offers additional products, you may choose to forego any follow up at any time. Be respectful but firm and let them know you are not interested in additional coverage.

[Click here to review the previous mailing.](#)

* This benefit is intended to enrich and enhance your membership in SEIU Local 517M and we want to make sure your experience and interactions with AIL are both informative and professional. If for any reason this is not your experience we want to know about it immediately. Please send an email to corried@seiu517m.org or call the office at 517-267-2090.