



# CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

## UPDATE #14

### MPI ELIGIBILITY EXTENSION COMPLETE INFORMATION (UPDATE 4-11-2020)

Dear Members,

As detailed in my email yesterday, below is the official statement from the MPIPHP regarding the first extension of hours for those who lost work due to this pandemic. Further measures, I hope, will be taken for others impacted with future qualifying periods.



#### **Motion Picture Industry Pension & Health Plans' Plan of Action in Response to COVID-19**

As the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic continues to evolve, following is a message from the Board of Directors of the Motion Picture Industry Pension & Health Plans ("Plans" or "MPI") about the current crisis:

MPI is aware that many Participants are experiencing an unexpected reduction in hours due to Coronavirus-related production shut-downs that may impact future health plan eligibility. MPI staff and the Board of Directors continue to review options to minimize benefit disruptions to the extent possible. We are keenly sensitive to the importance of this issue and will notify all Participants as quickly as possible of any further actions taken by the Board of Directors. Please continue to check the MPI website for the most up-to-date information.

In addition, following are steps MPI has taken, to-date, in response to COVID-19. Thus far, MPI has made the following changes to the benefits provided to you:

#### **Hours Credit Extends Eligibility for Health Care Coverage:**

For those Active Participants currently enrolled in the Motion Picture Industry Health Plan (MPIHP), excluding those on COBRA and those who maintain enrollment through MPIHP as a result of a disability, and whose benefit period ends on June 30, 2020, MPIHP will provide a credit of up to 300 hours toward the Participant's next eligibility period. In order to receive any credit, all of the Participant's banked hours and all of his or her worked hours for the qualifying period from October 27, 2019 to April 25, 2020 must be exhausted. Only the minimum amount of hours needed for that Participant to continue their eligibility in MPIHP for the benefit period of July 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 will be credited. No hours will be credited toward a Participant's bank of hours or any other qualifying period.

#### **[Review the entire document \(click here\)](#)**

Yesterday Los Angeles County extended the stay at home orders through May 15, and other counties are likely to do so. We will continue to be here, to be available and ready to serve the membership for however long this all lasts.

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