



Transportation Division

Members of Local 60

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Several members have recently contacted this office concerning the application of sickness benefits. We are covered by two types of benefits, (a. Railroad Retirement sickness benefits that are administered by the Railroad Retirement Board (b. Supplemental sickness benefits administered by AETNA Insurance Company. The supplemental insurance plan is provided as per Rule No. 10 of our contract. You must take the following steps to ensure your sickness benefits:

- You must obtain a Railroad Retirement Sickness benefits form. We do carry a supply in the Union Office. You must file the form within TEN (10) days or you may forfeit your benefits. The number to contact the RRB is 877-772-5772.
- In order to begin your claim for supplemental benefits, you must open a claim by calling AETNA Insurance at (800) 211-3971. When you make this call, have your medical professionals name and address available to provide to AETNA.
- You must qualify for Railroad Retirement benefits, in order to collect the AETNA supplemental benefits. If you do not qualify for Railroad Retirement benefits, you may be entitled to benefits that were provided by your former employer. You will receive approximately \$2680 monthly between both benefits.
- When you are ready to return for duty, have your medical professional fill out the enclosed NJ Transit Medical Certificate. Take the completed form with you to your return to duty physical with the carrier, as well as a note from your doctor stating you are able to return to work full duty as a conductor.

Some members had taken out additional disability insurance with the UTU/ANTHEM Life. Our UTU representative, Art Rayner, can be reached at 724-699-1233

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SJB', written over the printed name.

Stephen J. Burkert
General Chairman