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Letter to a TWU Local 514 Member

April 26, 2011

Dear "TWU Member",

Hospital participation status - you may be affected

We are writing to let you know that effective 06-01-2011, the hospital listed below will no longer participate in the Aetna network:

Claremore Regional Hospital 1202 North Muskogee Place Claremore, OK 74017-3058 (918) 341-2566

What the change means for you

We will honor authorizations for covered services issued on your behalf for treatment scheduled at this hospital after the network termination date, provided that: (1) the hospital agrees to the same contractual terms and conditions that existed prior to termination, and (2) the authorization is still valid when the treatment occurs.

If your current primary care physician (PCP) and specialists admit patients to this hospital, you may be redirected to a different participating hospital for future care.

Contact us if you have questions

We apologize for any inconvenience this change may cause. We appreciate your membership and are available to assist you at any time. Please call the Member Services telephone number listed on your Aetna member ID card with questions.

Sincerely,

Member Services

The TWU International Benefits Committee has looked into this and found Aetna is in talks with with the hospital. We will publish more information as it becomes available. If you have received a similar letter on any other hospital please contact your local union representative.

Transfer List Changes

by David Corbit

Recently it was discovered that the AMT Avionics 12L/12M Transfer list wasn't posted as AMT Bench Avionics. This list is for types 4, 5, and 6 work not type 8 work. To correct this error the **AMT Avionics Transfer list had to be deleted** and a new one established named "AMT Bench Avionics". Going forward, if you want an AMT Avionics position in A/C Overhaul, you would put your name on the AMT Overhaul Transfer List. If you want an AMT Avionics position in the Avionics Bench area you would put your name on the AMT Bench Avionics Transfer List. Everybody that is interested in these positions should check the appropriate transfer list to avoid missing any future opportunities.

Membership Meeting

May 23, 2011

7:15 am

11:45 am

3:45 pm

11:30 pm

You have a voice; let it be heard!

Safety Tip of the Week

by Terry Kneller

We see emergency rescue personnel use a seat belt cutter to remove an injured child hanging from his infant car seat in an upside down, wrecked vehicle in flames. Museum staffers easily remove hundreds of layers of plastic wrapping from historic antiques arriving for an exhibit with a hook knife, or bakers open bags of powdered chocolate effortlessly with food-safe bag cutters, creating little dust while the mixers churn. Disaster animal rescue teams cut string, debris, and plastic cording strangling exhausted wildlife after a flood.

Safety knives take many shapes and forms, but they touch almost every workplace with daily use. We know them by many names: safety knives, safety cutters, utility knives, box cutters, hook knives, rotary cutters, and more. Chances are, we have at least one close at hand.

Especially well known hand tool leaders in the retail and restaurant industries, these knives and specialty cutters have been around for generations. Not just for boxes and cartons, they are versatile workhorses of almost any industry, from retail to deburring and scalpels to extreme hazmat operations, functioning in each with ease. These are tools every employee should know about and have instant access to; employers should provide them in an ever widening range. My reasoning is simple: If employees have access to a good useable tool, they will use it, thus preventing potential injury

We work with our hands in endless operations. Gloved or not, most employees do some type of work that could be enhanced by using a better cutting tool made for the job. Employees who travel benefit greatly from having a light-duty, retractable-blade cutter in vehicles – or, in some cases, first aid kits – for removal of boots, etc.

Most employees know little about specialty features and must rely on those selecting and purchasing workplace tools for sage guidance. The features available are too numerous for listing: blade and handle material; ergonomic features; shape, size, and strength of blades; blade replacement or snap-off ability and quick change; blade dispensers; and blade disposable bins to maintain shop floor safety are only a few of the options available. If you do not find the perfect safety knife for your workers, ask. It is a constantly changing field, and new items are on the way to employers regularly.