

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING HEALTH BENEFITS FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES OF MEMBERS FATALLY INJURED ON-THE-JOB

The Trustees of the BMW Health and Welfare Plan for Occupationally Disabled Members are very pleased to announce the availability of health benefits for surviving spouses of fatally injured members effective January 1, 2014.

Due to the ongoing favorable financial experience of the Trust Fund, and in view of the pressing need for this coverage, medical benefits under the Plan are being expanded to cover surviving spouses and children of members of participating federations who suffer fatal injuries while on duty. Participating federations include: the Allied Federation (limited to those groups who participate in the Plan), the Southern System Division, the Consolidated Rail System Federation (limited to the former members of the Nickel Plate Wheeling & Lake Erie Federation.

To be eligible, the fatal injury must occur on or after January 1, 2013 and must be certified by the Federal Railroad Administration as having occurred while on duty. Additionally, the deceased member must have had at least 12 months of compensated service in employment under the jurisdiction of the BMWED within the two years immediately preceding the accident.

Under current rules, this coverage is provided free of charge.

We will be reaching out to the surviving spouses of members who have suffered fatal on-the-job injuries since January 1st of this year to apprise them of the availability of this coverage. If you are aware of a surviving spouse who might qualify for this benefit, please pass this information along. You can contact the administration office of the Plan for full details regarding this program at: 1(800) 831-4914.