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Electrical Work for
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**International Brotherhood
Of Electrical Workers**

**Local Union No. 176
Joliet, Illinois**

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Brothers and Sisters,

Over the past several years, we have been exploring ways to deliver more accessible, high-quality healthcare to our members while at the same time lowering or even eliminating everyone's out-of-pocket costs. Examples of this include the virtual medical services we added through MD Live and the preferred imaging services contract we have with Future Diagnostics which eliminates out-of-pocket costs for imaging services, such as MRI's and CAT Scans.

Over the past several years, we have explored the idea of our health and welfare fund opening our own clinic to provide medical services to our members. This clinic would be available to members and their families, offering a range of healthcare services with zero out-of-pocket costs. As our research into the feasibility of opening a clinic progressed, we found other unions in the area who were also interested in this concept. We began discussions with several other area unions and, instead of us each opening our own clinics, we decided to partner together and open a network of clinics throughout our area.

There are currently six unions involved in this project, and we anticipate several others joining in the near future. Besides IBEW 176, the other five unions currently involved are the Plumbers Local 130, SMART Local 265, Ironworkers Local 63, Riggers Local 136, and Cement Masons Local 502. These locals have formed a group entitled the Union Wellness Center Coalition to operate these clinics. The Plumbers Local 130 already had an operational health clinic in Lemont when this new coalition was formed.

As part of the new coalition, we have rebranded the Plumbers Clinic, now called the Union Wellness Center. As of Monday, this clinic will be available to our members covered by our health and welfare plan and their dependents (ages 2 and up). This clinic has zero copays and no deductibles, so the healthcare is affordable and accessible. Members will be able to receive care as well as their families' school or sport physicals and annual flu shots. The Wellness Center provides easy access to preventive care for you and your family. Services include primary care, urgent care, health & wellness, physical therapy, prescription drugs, and motion health. This is just the first of several sites that the coalition plans to open. We are actively seeking other locations, including in Joliet and other areas of our local, which we plan to have open by September of this year.

The Union Wellness Center in Lemont is located at 15900 W 127th Suite 221A in the Advocate Good Samaritan Outpatient Center, right off of I-355. I will keep everyone informed as we progress with locations in Joliet and other parts of our area. The Wellness Center takes both walk-ins and

appointments. To make an appointment, please call the Wellness Center at (312)-421-1016. The hours of operation at the Wellness Center are as follows:

Monday: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Tuesday: 9:00 am to 7:00 pm
Wednesday: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Thursday: 9:00 am to 7:00 pm
Friday: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

I am also excited to announce that the Union Wellness Center in Lemont was able to secure a shipment of Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccinations. These vaccinations are available to members covered by our health and welfare plan and their dependents. If you are interested in receiving the COVID-19 vaccination from our Wellness Center, an appointment is required. You can make an appointment by calling the Wellness Center during its hours of operation, or you can make an appointment anytime by clicking on the links below.

Monday, April 12th: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/covid-19-vaccinations-monday-april-12-registration-149923377859>

Tuesday, April 13th: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/covid-19-vaccinations-tuesday-april-13-registration-149210469531>

Wednesday, April 14th: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/covid-19-vaccinations-wednesday-april-14-registration-149773417323>

Thursday, April 15th: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/covid-19-vaccinations-thursday-april-15-registration-149774079303>

Friday, April 16th: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/covid-19-vaccinations-friday-april-16-registration-149774181609>

The password for all links: uwcwellness

We will be rolling out more information about the clinic and its services in the coming weeks. I encourage anyone who needs medical care, or would like the COVID-19 vaccine, to please visit our clinic. Our members' health and well-being is our top priority.

In Solidarity,



Michael Clemmons
Business Manager