

The Fund Office Report

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October Quarterly Union Meeting



Please be advised that the Fund Administrator, Bill Turnbull, will be in attendance at the Union quarterly meeting on October 20th to provide updates on the status of your Trust Funds.

New ID Cards On the Way!



Exciting Update: New ID Cards coming July 1, 2026!

Anthem has issued new identification cards due to our change over to Anthem Blue Access Network, effective July 1, 2026. You will notice a change in the Group Number from 375752 to L16341. Here's what that means for you:

- **Live in Suffolk County?** Your card will continue to show access to the **EPO Plan**, so you can continue using Stony Brook hospitals and doctors—just like before.
- **Live outside Suffolk County?** Your card will display **Blue Access EPO**, which means Stony Brook hospitals and doctors are only available for emergency care.

This small adjustment helps us manage rising healthcare costs and deliver **significant savings to the Welfare Fund**, all while ensuring you and your family keep every benefit you currently enjoy.

MTB Supplemental Retirement Fund

Please join us for an educational webinar regarding the newly implemented Metal Trades Branch Local 638 Supplemental Retirement Fund.

During this session, you'll learn about:

- Features and benefits of your retirement plan
- Establishing a retirement goal and investment strategies to help you reach it
- Registering and features of the John Hancock mobile app and website



Please click on the links below to register for the sessions below:

- July 8th at 7:00 PM EST— [click here to register](#)
- July 15th at 7:00 PM EST— [click here to register](#)



If you have any questions, please call the Pension Department at (212) 465-8888, option 3.

Paid Family Leave



You may be eligible to take NY State Paid Family Leave (NYSPFL) and maintain your health care coverage.

NYSPFL is available to those members who are bonding with a **new child**, caring for a family member with a **serious health condition**, and assisting with family needs related to a family member's **military deployment**.

New Child: You can take Paid Family Leave during the first 12 months following the birth, adoption or fostering of a child. Expectant mothers cannot take Paid Family Leave for their own pregnancy. Paid Family Leave for the birth of a child begins after the birth. It is not available for prenatal conditions.

Serious Illness: You can take Paid Family Leave to care for a family member with a serious health condition. These relatives can live outside of New York State and even outside the country. You cannot take Paid Family Leave for your own health condition. A serious health condition is an illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition that involves:

- Inpatient care in a hospital, hospice, or residential health care facility, or
- Continuing treatment or continuing supervision by a health care provider.

A family member includes: spouse, domestic partner, child and stepchild, parent and stepparent, parent-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, sibling (biological, adopted, half, and step).

Military Active Service Deployment: You can take Paid Family Leave to assist with family situations arising when your spouse, domestic partner, child, or parent is deployed abroad on active military service or has been notified of an impending military deployment abroad. You cannot use Paid Family Leave for your own qualifying military event.

Annual Pension Statements

Your annual Pension statements titled "Metal YCS Letter" will be posted to participants accounts in early September. The Metal YCS letter is an important document and should be read carefully. The letter will provide your status in the Metal Trades Branch Local 638 Pension Fund. In addition, the letter details the number of service years, a calculation of your benefit, and retirement eligibility. If you have signed up for paperless delivery, an email notification will be sent when the letter is posted to the member's account. Those who are not signed up for paperless delivery will receive it by mail.



Discounted Hearing Aids Amplifon



Research has found links between untreated hearing loss and cognitive decline in older adults. Staying socially and mentally engaged through better hearing may support long-term brain health. Better hearing will keep you safe on the job and fully engaged on and off the jobsite.

Beginning July 1, and in coordination with the UA, Amplifon is providing UA members with discounted hearing tests and hearing aids.

You can reach Amplifon directly at 866-488-3873 to get more information and set up an appointment at the location nearest you.



Steamfitting Industry Assistance Program (SIAP)



We help members and their families dealing with alcoholism, drug abuse, misuse of prescription drugs and emotional problems. Contact our Director of SIAP, Roger Ross, at (212) 563-0342. Please be assured all calls are kept **STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL**.