

# NEWS:

FROM THE COALITION FOR WORKERS' HEALTH CARE FUNDS

## FACT SHEET

### LABOR-MANAGEMENT HEALTH FUNDS: PAYING THE MEDICAL BILLS OF 30 MILLION AMERICANS

Labor-management, multiemployer health funds —

- are non-profit trust funds administered by representatives of the covered workers and of their employers;
- are financed by collectively bargained contributions which employers pay on behalf of their workers as part of the compensation for their labor;
- pay the hospital, doctor and pharmacy bills of 30 million Americans — workers, retirees and their family members;
- provide health coverage for workers in industries characterized by transient, intermittent work patterns and small employers e.g., construction, trucking, maritime, service and clothing; many of whom would not have on-the-job health care coverage but for these funds and would be dependent upon government health programs;
- enable workers to move from employer to employer and State to State, without losing health care coverage; and
- cover worker groups targeted by tobacco companies' marketing campaigns; and
- are regulated by federal laws.

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**WORKERS' HEALTH FUNDS IN THE FOLLOWING STATES HAVE FILED LAWSUITS AGAINST THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY SEEKING RECOVERY OF TOBACCO-RELATED DISEASE COSTS**

Class action lawsuits against the tobacco industry have been filed on behalf of labor-management multiemployer health funds in 14 states and the District of Columbia. They are demanding reimbursement of the costs of providing medical care for workers, retirees and their dependents suffering from tobacco-related illnesses. As of June 30, 1997 lawsuits had been filed by funds in the following states:

**CALIFORNIA**

- ✓ Stationary Engineers Local 39 Health & Welfare Trust Fund

**HAWAII**

- ✓ Hawaii Health & Welfare Trust Fund for Operating Engineers

**ILLINOIS**

- Central Laborers Welfare Fund
- ✓ Central Illinois Carpenters Health & Welfare Trust Fund
- East Central Illinois Pipe Trades Health & Welfare Fund
- Laborers Local #100 Health & Welfare Fund
- Laborers Local #231 Health & Welfare Fund
- Laborers Local #996 Health & Welfare Fund
- Midwestern Teamsters Health & Welfare Fund
- NECA-IBEW Welfare Trust Fund
- NECA-IBEW Welfare Fund
- Northern Illinois & Iowa Laborers Health & Welfare Fund
- Operating Engineers #965 Health & Welfare Fund
- Painters Local #32 Health & Welfare Fund
- Railroad Maintenance and Industrial Health & Welfare Fund
- Sheet Metal Workers Local #218 Health & Welfare Fund
- Southern Illinois Laborers & Employers Health & Welfare Fund
- Teamsters & Employers Welfare Trust of Illinois

**IOWA**

- Iowa Laborers District Counsel Health and Welfare Fund

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**KENTUCKY**

✓ Kentucky Laborers District Council Health and Welfare Fund

**LOUISIANA**

✓ The ARK-LA-MISS Laborers Welfare Fund

**MARYLAND**

Scafarers Welfare Plan;  
United Industrial Workers Welfare Plan

**MASSACHUSETTS**

Laborers Health & Welfare Fund

**NEW YORK**

Laborers Local 17 Health & Benefit Fund  
Transport Workers Union New York City Private Bus Lines Health Benefit Trust

**OHIO**

✓ Ironworkers Local Union No. 17 Insurance Fund  
IBEW Local No. 38 Health & Welfare Fund  
Ohio Laborers District Council-Ohio Contractors' Association  
Insurance Fund

**OREGON**

Laborers-Employers Health & Welfare Trust Fund  
School District No. 1 Health & Welfare Trust Fund  
Northwest Forest Products Association Woodworkers District  
Lodge 1, IAM  
AFL-CIO Health & Welfare Plan  
United Assoc. Union Local No. 290 Plumbers  
Steamfitters and Shipfitters Retiree Health & Welfare Plan  
United Association Union Local No. 290 Plumbers, Steamfitters and Shipfitters Retiree  
Health & Welfare Plan  
Office and Professional Employee International Union Local No. 11 Health & Welfare  
Plan

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- ✓ The Northwest Laborers-Employers Health & Security Trust Fund
- The Carpenters Health & Security Trust of Western Washington

**ARIZONA**

**RHODE ISLAND**

**NOTE:**    *As a class, all individual Health & Welfare Funds in these states have the option of becoming named Plaintiffs and many are in the process of so doing..*

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