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**INFORMATION REGARDING END OF EXTENSION
OF DEADLINES DUE TO COVID-19**

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT YOUR PENSION BENEFITS

Effective March 1, 2020, the Department of Labor extended certain deadlines for the submission of pension plan claims and appeals in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This extension, called the “Outbreak Period”, began on March 1, 2020 and will end 60 days after the end of the COVID-19 National Emergency declaration by the federal government.

Generally, before the Outbreak Period, you had 60 days to appeal a denial of your pension benefit. During this Outbreak Period, the deadline to file a claim or appeal with the Fund was “tolled,” or stopped.

This is to advise that the National Emergency ended on April 10, 2023. Therefore, the Outbreak Period extending the Fund’s claims and appeal deadlines will end on June 9, 2023.

- This means that if you had a benefit determination that you wished to appeal during the Outbreak Period but have not done so yet, you will have 60 days from June 9, 2023 to file that claim or appeal. For example, if your pension benefit claim was denied on February 1, 2023, you will have 60 days from June 9, 2023 to file the appeal now that the Outbreak Period is ending.
- If you had a benefit determination issued before March 1, 2020 (the date the Outbreak Period started) that you wish to appeal, the period of time for you to appeal that benefit determination will start to run again. For example, if your pension benefit claim was denied on February 1, 2020, you will have 32 days from June 9, 2023 to file the appeal now that the Outbreak Period is ending.

If you have questions about how these extensions will apply to you, please contact the Fund Office.