

Good Afternoon Brothers and Sisters,

Thanks to member Bob OHara we have found out that many of our members and their families will qualify for healthcare coverage through the state of MD. Bob was on the picket line this morning still fighting hard against Verizon while we continue to be on STRIKE. A MD Healthcare worker and Union member advised Bob to come to the office and she would give him some information. It turned out that many of our members that are receiving little or no income while on STRIKE will qualify for retroactive to May 1st coverage.

Please look at the information below and determine if this will work out for you and your family. As Verizon continues to kick our members and their families to the curb in favor of scab labor it looks like another Union family has stepped up. In case anyone does not understand, Verizon has purposely slowed the process for all of those applying for COBRA, they have pushed the boundaries to purposely delay and try to create hardships on our members and their families. It really is a damn shame and I will never look at this managemt structure the same. We have seen true evil in the STRIKE of 2016.

For those of you that have signed up for the bus trip to the DC rally on Thursday, the bus will be leaving Security and route 70 local park and ride at 12:30 and then White Marsh park and ride at 1:30p.m. The return trip details will be provided on the buis as well as lunch type meal for the return trip. Thanks to Bill Dulaney for taking care of organizing the trip. In Unity,

Additional assistance with healthcare may be available through the state of Maryland. You can either visit your local health department or go to www.marylandhealthconnection.gov or call 1-855-642-8572 to receive healthcare coverage. Due to the fact we are on strike and receive no pay or benefits from Verizon you may qualify for free coverage. When we go back to work you will be able to cancel this coverage. If you would like to speak to a representative from the state of Maryland regarding this coverage, you can call Melissa McLeod at 410-877-1025 or email her at melissa.mcleod@maryland.gov .