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COCA-COLA REFRESHMENTS VIOLATES CONTRACT BY INCREASING HEALTH CARE PREMIUMS

Union Challenges Violation; Grievance Hearing Scheduled for March 30

Teamsters Local 727 is vehemently fighting Coca-Cola Refreshments' attempts to charge employees higher insurance premiums than those explicitly set forth in the new collective bargaining agreement.

Teamsters Local 727 representatives have a grievance hearing on March 30, at which time they will formally demand that the company pay for any difference in employee premiums above the contractually agreed upon rates.

"Health insurance was one of the most important issues during negotiations, and our members fought hard for the benefits in their new contract," said John Coli Jr., President of Local 727. "For the company to explicitly defy the contract in such an egregious way is unconscionable and will not be tolerated."

After initial confusion over health insurance, the deadline for benefits enrollment was extended until March 29. Further investigation from the union revealed that Coca-Cola Refreshments was violating Article 22 of the collective bargaining agreement, which sets employee health insurance contribution rates for 2016.

Coca-Cola Refreshments members who have not yet enrolled in the benefits are encouraged to do so before the deadline.

If you have questions, contact your Local 727 business representative, Vincent Blanco, at (847) 696-7500 or vincent@teamsterslocal727.org.

Teamsters Local 727 represents nearly 10,000 hardworking men and women throughout the Greater Chicago area, including 319 Coca-Cola Refreshments workers in Niles and Alsip.