



**CWA MEMBERS' RELIEF FUND
STRIKER CERTIFICATION FORM**

Local: _____

Bargaining Unit: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY #: _____

PHONE (Home): _____

(Cell): _____

E-Mail: _____

EMPLOYER: _____

WORKSITE: _____

STEWARD'S NAME: _____

I certify that I am eligible to receive strike benefits under the rules of the Members' Relief Fund. I understand that if I am found ineligible under the rules, I will return any payments I am not entitled to.

Eligibility Verified

Striker's Signature

Date

Original: CWA District Fund Agent
Copy: Local Union

Questions and Answers

GENERAL:

Q: How will members know when a strike is called?

A: Mobilization, Union tape.

HEALTHCARE:

Q: What happens to our healthcare in the event of a strike?

A: The expectation is that FTR will end our healthcare on the day of the strike.

Q: What if I incur medical/hospital expenses?

A: CWA will reimburse a member for necessary medical/hospital expenses. **PROOF OF PAYMENT MUST BE PROVIDED.** In some extreme cases the Community Services Committee will assess members' medical situations and determine if COBRA is a viable option.

Q: What if I am on disability or workers comp PRIOR to the start of the strike?

A: If you are on disability or workers comp PRIOR to the start of the strike, those benefits will continue.

STRIKE PAY:

Q: Will I be paid weekly?

A: No, pay schedule will be bi-weekly.

Q: Can I sign up for direct deposit?

A: No.

Q: How will the checks be distributed?

A: By a Members' Relief Fund Committee member.

Q: Who should I contact if a member does not receive a check?

A: A contact will be provided.

Q: How many hours of strike duty is required in order to receive strike pay?

A: 20 hours.

Q: What is my weekly strike pay benefit, assuming my strike duty responsibilities have been met?

A.: Weekly benefit to strikers is \$300.00 beginning the 15th day of the strike and \$400.00 per week beginning the 29th day of the strike. This benefit ends on the 7th day following the conclusion of the strike.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE:

Q: Is a worker on strike in New York State eligible for unemployment benefits?

A: Yes.

Q: How/when do I apply for NYS unemployment insurance?

A: Please read this link for detailed information.

<https://dol.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/01/p835.pdf>

Q: How do I file for unemployment insurance?

A: Go to labor.ny.gov/signin. You must sign in with your NY.Gov ID. If you don't have a NY.Gov ID, it's easy to create one. You can also file by phone, Monday - Friday from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, by calling our Telephone Claims Center (TCC) at 1-888-209-8124.

PICKET LINE:

Q: How do I get notified of my strike assignment/picket location?

A: Your mobilizer or picket captain will notify you.

Q: How do we notify the members they have been moved to a different picket location?

A: Picket captains will notify the member of any changes in picket duty.

Q: What do I do if a member crosses the picket line?

A: Take pictures, if possible, also note the member's name, location, date and time. Forward the information to your site coordinator/picket captain immediately.

Q: What do I do if the police show up to the picket line?

A: Follow his/her instructions and contact your site coordinator/picket captain immediately.

Q: What should I do if someone checks in for strike duty and then leaves the line?

A: Keep track of the time they missed and let them know when they return that the time will not be counted toward the 20 hours.

Q: What if a member cannot picket due to a disability?

A: If there is a legitimate medical condition, alternate strike duties will be assigned.