

SEAFARERS HEALTH AND BENEFITS PLAN

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Margaret R. Bowen
Administrator

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Dear Pensioner:

The Trustees of the Seafarers Health and Benefits Plan (SHBP) regularly evaluate the benefits available from the Plan in an effort to better serve the Plan's participants. I am pleased to notify you about a benefit increase for Pensioners that was recently approved by the Trustees.

Increase in Hearing Aid Benefit

In the past, the SHBP provided a \$350.00 benefit towards the purchase of a hearing aid every 5 years. **Effective July 1, 2018, this benefit is being increased to \$3,000.00 every 3 years.** This \$3,000.00 benefit may be used toward the purchase of one or two hearing aids; however, \$3,000.00 is the maximum benefit amount you may receive in a 3 year period. The hearing aid benefit is available to all pensioners who are eligible for health benefits from SHBP. Dependents are not eligible for hearing aid benefits.

If you have any questions about these benefits, or if you speak a language other than English and need translation services, please contact the Plan at 1-800-252-4674.

Sincerely,

Margaret R. Bowen
Administrator

SPANISH:

ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 1-800-252-4674

ARABIC:

ملحوظة: إذا كنت تتحدث العربية، فإن خدمات المساعدة اللغوية تتوافر لك بالمجان. اتصل برقم 1-800-252-4674

TAGALOG:

PAUNAWA: Kung nagsasalita ka ng Tagalog, maaari kang gumamit ng mga serbisyo ng tulong sa wika nang walang bayad. Tumawag sa 1-800-252-4674