

JUNE 8, 2015

**IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OF THE NEW ENGLAND CARPENTERS BENEFIT FUNDS**

RE: EMPLOYER SHARED RESPONSIBILITY REPORTING UNDER AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

DEAR CONTRIBUTING EMPLOYER:

THE FUND OFFICE HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL INQUIRIES FROM CONTRIBUTING EMPLOYERS RELATED TO EMPLOYER SHARED RESPONSIBILITY REPORTING UNDER AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. YOU WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLYING WITH REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR THOSE EMPLOYEES COVERED BY THE NEW ENGLAND CARPENTERS HEALTH BENEFITS FUND:

- **THE FUND PROVIDES MINIMUM ESSENTIAL COVERAGE AS DEFINED BY THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (ACA).**
- **THE FUND MEETS THE MINIMUM VALUE STANDARD.**
- **THE FUND COVERS DEPENDENTS THROUGH THE END OF THE MONTH IN WHICH THEY TURN 26.**
- **THE FUND IS AFFORDABLE.**

ALSO, THE FUND MAY BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE CONTRIBUTING EMPLOYERS WITH ADDITIONAL COVERAGE INFORMATION FOR EMPLOYER REPORTING IN EARLY 2016. WHEN WE RECEIVE FINAL GUIDANCE ON REQUIRED REPORTING, WE WILL CONTACT YOU AGAIN. IN THE INTERIM, PLEASE DIRECT QUESTIONS TO JIM REAGAN, MANAGER, CENTRAL COLLECTION AGENCY, AT 978-752-1163.

SINCERELY,



**JEFFREY W. WERNER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**