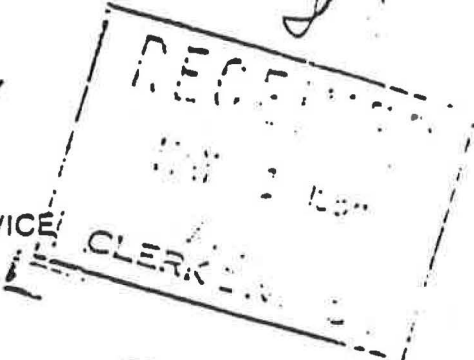
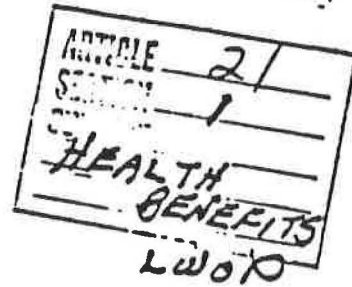




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Re: M. Gonzales
San Fernando, CA 91340-9998
H1C-5G-C 18831

Dear Mr. Connors:

On February 24, 1984, we met to discuss the above-captioned case at the fourth step of the contractual grievance procedure.

The question raised in this grievance involved a letter of demand which was issued to the grievant to cover the cost incurred for health benefits while the grievant was in a leave without pay (LWOP) status.

After further review of this matter, we mutually agreed that no national interpretive issue is fairly presented in the particulars evidenced in this case. The parties agree that termination of enrollment in the health benefit program must be accomplished in accordance with ELM 524.7. Whether the grievant properly terminated her enrollment or is responsible for the subject premium can only be determined by full development of the specific fact circumstances. Therefore, this case is suitable for regional determination.

Accordingly, as we further agreed, this case is hereby remanded to the parties at Step 3 for further processing if necessary.

Mr. James Connors

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Please sign and return a copy of this letter as your acknowledgment of agreement to remand this case.

Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,



Thomas Lang
Labor Relations Department



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