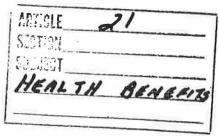


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Re: L. Allen

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H1C-3W-C 25546

Dear Mr. Morgen:

On December 16, 1983, we met to discuss the above-captioned case at the fourth step of the contractual grievance procedure set forth in the 1981 National Agreement.

The question raised in this grievance involved whether the grievant was eligible for health insurance coverage and responsible for the premiums, when the grievants portion of the premium was not paid through payroll deduction.

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 his 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.

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

Time limits extended by mutual consent.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Lang

Labor Relations Department

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