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To All U.S. District/Local Lodge Business Managers and Referral Agents:

RE: Uniform Referral Standards and Joint Referral Rules (URSJRrs) COVID-19 Pandemic
Grace Period Extensions

Dear Colleagues:

This letter is to inform you of recent modifications made to the MOST Boilermaker Delivery System (MBDS) and Uniform Referral Standards and Joint Referral Rules due to COVID-19 outbreak.

Many of our MOST-approved drug testing facilities are also being used for COVID-19 testing. Being cognizant of this and seeking to maintain the safety of our essential referral applicants, the MOST drug testing requirement grace period has been extended for all eligible referral applicants until December 31, 2021. It is possible that a referral applicant whose MOST drug test was current when the outbreak began, may still show a referral applicant as “Eligible” in the MBDS. OSHA 10 & 30 grace periods have been extended as well.

In addition, due to federal and state guidelines previously in place or that may occur in the near future, the Boilermaker Code Primary List referral requirement grace period has been extended until December 31, 2022. This should allow for District/Local Lodges to achieve the necessary training while maintaining the required class sizes within the COVID protocols.

Please inform your Local Lodge referral applicants of these changes and post in accordance with **Article 8.4 Posting of Rules** of the URSJRrs.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact MOST at (913) 281-5036.

Sincerely,

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