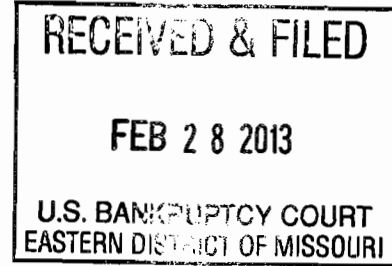


February 25, 2013



The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States
Re: Case No. 12-51502
Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse
111 South 10th Street, 4th Floor
St. Louis, MO 63102

Dear Honorable Judge:

I was hired directly out of the military to take a job with Peabody Coal Company. The military was slow about releasing me in the sixties, therefore, I was put into the union. They asked me to come to work for them by letter. They told the United States Government I would have a job waiting on me. They hired me while I was at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

I took the job with the union because I did not have any other choice. I feel like, by my being a 74 pensioner, I am being let down by Peabody Coal Company, to loose what I have worked for all my life. I was with just their company for twenty-five or twenty-six years.

Peabody Coal Company change their name to Patriot Coal knowing that their plan was to file for bankruptcy. They did not give time enough for Patriot Coal to make money and get on level ground. This was a set-up deal from the start, if they are allowed to take this bankruptcy, people like me, that have spent their lives in service with them, will be left with no other course but to file bankruptcy themselves.

My wife, at the present time is in MD Anderson Cancer Center with an extensive cancer throughout her body. I have included a copy of my wife's medical condition along with photos to let you know that this just is not a letter of lies. I know to loose my insurance now, would be devastating. We also have a fifteen years old son, who has just started high school. At the present time, I am disable from a work related injury and can never work again. Social Security and my pension is all I have as income. So, you can see the dilemma if Peabody Coal Company is allowed to achieve the

bankruptcy, they will leave a lot of union members in the same shape I am in or even worse. I am living on \$20,050.00 a year for three people. That is not much considering the cost of everything today.

If you look at the evidence of the bankruptcy case, you will be able to see Peabody Coal Company's track record of how this have been orchestrated to their advantage. Patriot Coal was not given a chance to unfold to make money, because they did not want it to make money. This was a way for the company to wiggle out from their obligation to people that have gave their life to this company. I hope you can consider my and my brothers' letters that have been sent to you in your ruling. Please consider this bankruptcy, make Peabody stand up and take care of their obligation to the United Mine Workers.

At the present time, I am fighting Patriot Coal because they have refused to pay for my wife's and I transportation and room and board to MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas from our home in Carrier Mills, Illinois. This is were my wife is having her medical care. I am ask you with all my heart, for all the men i have worked for, and for the brethren that I have worked with, please stop Peabody Coal Company in their track from dodging their obligations. May God help you in making your decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harley Cofield". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "H" and "C".

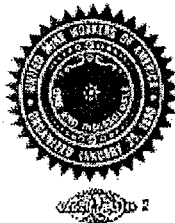
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DISTRICT 12 - SUBDISTRICT OFFICE

United Mine Workers of America

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October 17, 2012

Mickey Luna
VP HR & Employee Services
12312 Olive Boulevard, Suite 400
St. Louis, MO 63141

Re: Luisita Cofield

Mr. Luna:

I am writing this appeal on behalf of Mrs. Luisita Cofield. She is the spouse of retiree Harley Cofield. On a Friday evening, Mrs. Cofield received the test results from her biopsy. The doctor set up an emergency appointment for her to be at MD Anderson Hospital in Houston, TX on the following Monday morning at 7:00 a.m. We understand that under the plan, travel reimbursement requires prior approval. However, this occurred after business hours and it was not an option to obtain a prior approval. I have attached a letter from her doctor. I hope that you will review this case and provide an exemption for Mrs. Cofield.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steven L. Jones".

Steven L. Jones
International District Representative

Resolution of Dispute

1. Has this matter been discussed with the company's plan administrator? yes no

If "no", please refer this matter to the plan administrator before submitting your dispute. The plan administrator's name is listed in the company's summary plan description.

2. Identify the parties involved. Place a check next to the party this is requesting resolution of this dispute.

Mine Worker - Spouse

Company

Name Harley Cofield

Name Patriot Coal Corporation

Address P.O. Box 482, Carrier Mills, IL 62917

Address 12312 Olive Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63141

Telephone 618-841-5540

Telephone 314-275-3612

Social Security Number _____

Contact Terri Shadrach / Mickey Luna

Insurance Carrier

UMWA Official

Name _____

Name Steven Jones

Address _____

Local Int. Rep. District 12

Telephone _____

Address 1530 North Main St, Benton, IL 62812

Contact _____

Telephone 618-439-7225

3. What kind of benefit does the question or dispute concern? Check one. Health benefits
 Other benefits

4. State your dispute here. Name all of the parties involved. Give dates and a detailed description of all surrounding circumstances of the dispute. Please attach all correspondence that relates to this issue and copies of the claims that are in dispute.

Mr. Harley Cofield is an U.M.W.A. retired pensioner with Patriot Coal Company. Under his benefit plan, Patriot Coal provides a travel reimbursement for those who must travel to receive medical treatment.

The issue being brought before the Trustees is as follows:

Mr. Cofield's wife received the results from a biopsy on a Friday evening. The result was a cancerous brain tumor. Mrs. Cofield was referred to MD Anderson Hospital in Houston, TX by her primary physician. She was told that she was to be there at 7:00 a.m. on the following Monday morning which allowed no time to get any type of prior approval from Patriot Coal. I contacted Patriot Coal on the following Tuesday to inquire about the travel reimbursement policy. I was informed by Terri Shadrach that all mileage/lodging requests require prior approval with no exception. The prior approval would need to review things such as medical necessity and if there was a facility closer to home to receive treatment. I sent a formal appeal on October 17, 2012 with the doctor's letter of medical necessity (enclosed) and still have not received a response.

The Union and the Pensioner Harley Cofield request that the Trustees find and determine that it is the responsibility of Patriot Coal to reimburse for travel expenses related to the stay at MD Anderson Hospital in Houston, TX. If not, what should the remedy be? (if necessary, continue on reverse side)

Circle one: Mine worker Surviving Spouse Pensioner Other ^{Pensioner's spouse} (please specify) UMWA Official

Please sign and date in the space provided:

Signature Steven L. Jones Date 1-30-13

Ashleigh Miller

From: Peters, Michelle <MPeters@patriotcoal.com>
To: Ashleigh Miller
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2012 1:57 PM
Subject: Read: Luisita Cofield - Appeal

Your message

To: Peters, Michelle
Subject: Luisita Cofield - Appeal
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2012 1:48:33 PM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)

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Ashleigh Miller

From: Ashleigh Miller <ashleighumwa@myfrontiermail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2012 1:49 PM
To: Michelle Peters (Michelle Peters)
Subject: Luisita Cofield - Appeal
Attachments: AR-M257_20121017_020124

Michelle,

I have attached an appeal letter for Harley Cofield's (DOB:3-12-47) wife. Please review and reply with written response. Thank you.

Ashleigh Miller
UMWA Dist. 12
618-439-7225

Ashleigh Miller

From: Ashleigh Miller <ashleighumwa@myfrontiermail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2012 10:09 AM
To: 'Judy Rivlin'
Subject: FW: Cofield

From: Shadrach, Terri [<mailto:TShadrach@patriotcoal.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2012 12:46 PM
To: Ashleigh Miller
Subject: RE: Cofield

Hi Ashley,

I advised Mrs. Cofield's daughter that according to our Travel Policy (as well as the Union's Travel Policy) all mileage /lodging requests do require prior approval. She stated her parents were not aware at the time of the trip they may be eligible for this benefit under their plan until after they left to drive to TX.

I reviewed with my manager and unfortunately we cannot make an exception. The doctor and or member would have needed to contact us before the trip. There are other things that we would have needed to look at if they had requested prior approval such as, is this medically necessary & is there a facility closer to home to receive treatment.

Thanks,

Terri Shadrach
Benefits Analyst
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314-275-3612 (P)
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tshadrach@patriotcoal.com

From: Ashleigh Miller [<mailto:ashleighumwa@myfrontiermail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2012 9:28 AM
To: Shadrach, Terri
Subject: Cofield

I received a call from Kim Cofield, the daughter of Harley Cofield regarding travel reimbursement for her mother. It is my understanding that the test results came in late Friday afternoon and they had to be in Texas at 7am on Monday morning. She stated that she had spoken with you and that there had to be a prior approval yet there was no time for prior approval given all this took place over a weekend. Can the doctor submit some type of letter to have this reviewed? If so, where does it need to be sent to?? Thanks.

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ELANA FLOYD-KENNETT, LCSW

October 16, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Luisita Cofield

Mrs. Luisita Cofield suffers from thyroid carcinoma with multiple brain, bone and pulmonary metastasis. She has been referred to MD Anderson Hospital in Houston TX for therapy due to the fact that this facility is the number one center for the treatment of this kind of tumor. She also will require a Gamma Knife for treatment of the multiple brain lesions.

Mrs. Cofield lives in a rural area, 150 miles from any cancer hospital. She and her husband would require lodging during her treatments no matter where she goes.

Sincerely,



Kimball E. Ewell, M.D.

a department of Harrisburg Medical Center



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The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt - States
Re: Case No 12-57502
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