

## **RRB To Increase Sickness Benefits**

To: All ACRE Members

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Members who have exhausted their Metro-North sick time bank due to long term illness or injury will be grateful for news recently released by the Railroad Retirement Board. Beginning July 1, 2009 biweekly claims will increase from \$610 to \$640. The increase, in tandem with the Met Life Supplemental Disability Insurance would total \$2,213 in monthly sick time benefits. Members must remember that periodic documents must be provided to the RRB in a timely manner. Failure to do so would result in forfeiture of benefits at a time when they are most needed.

RRB benefits require 7 days to elapse before applicable sick time can begin to accumulate. In addition, Met Life requires 14 days to elapse before applicable sick time can be applied for their assistance. Filing as soon as possible will ensure you receive what you are entitled to. If an ACRE member should be in need of these benefits, please contact the union office immediately. The ACRE office will contact the benefits department and request a packet containing sick time forms be sent to your residence.