

# RED TALES

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**Coventry** – Coventry is an outside third party that has been retained by Delta Air Lines to handle certain aspects of OJI claims. If you are injured on the job, you may receive a letter from Coventry requesting that you release all your medical records to them. You do not have to respond to them or you may authorize only the release of information related to your injury. When you sign a request for pay for an OJI (Sick Slip), you are already allowing the insurance company which administers OJI for Delta to ask for and receive all medical records relating to that injury or a same or similar injury.

They will also ask you to contact a nurse administrator. Coventry is trying to assign you a Qualified Rehabilitation Counselor (QRC) or case manager. Their job is to get you returned to full duty as quickly as possible and they may not be neutral. You can find QRCs you are comfortable with in the phone book, online or you can contact the Shop Committee. You do not have to use Coventry as your QRC. The insurance company, such as Liberty Mutual, will pay for the QRC.

**NMB Rule Change** – On Monday, December 7, 2009 the National Mediation Board will convene a public hearing in Washington D.C. They will be hearing testimony from unions, airlines and other interested parties

concerning a request to change rules for representation elections. On the same day the Minnesota State AFL-CIO will be holding a press conference at the State Office Building (next to Capitol) to support a change in the rule. The change would make the process far more democratic and update it for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The press conference will start at 11AM in Room 181 and will include union leaders and political leaders from our state. **We want to encourage all IAM members who are not scheduled to work on December 7 to attend the press conference in uniform.**

We also want to encourage every IAM member to submit a card, letter or email to the NMB in support of the rule change. You can obtain cards or letters in the Shop Committee office. You can also submit emails directly to the NMB by going to [iam143.org](http://iam143.org) and clicking on the November 13 message (contact NMB).

**Fare For All** – Wednesday, December 9 Fare For All will be distributing Holiday food packages at the Bloomington Eagles Club for \$25. This is 30 to 40% off grocery store prices and includes ham and all the trimmings. It is open to anyone. Distribution will be from 2PM to 4PM. You can also contribute money to help someone else.