

State of New York / Public Employees Federation

**Joint Labor-Management Committees
Statewide Health and Safety Committee**

To: Agency/Local Health & Safety Chairs and Management Health & Safety Reps

Date: September 21, 2011

Re: **Register for the two-day** Safe Patient Handling Conference Sponsored by the Department of Labor **Scheduled for:** October 18-19, 2011

We are happy to announce that under Article 18 of the NYS/PEF 2007-2011 Contract, the Article 18 Committee has approved a proposal to pay the \$100 Registration Fee for labor and management personnel to attend the Safe Patient Handling conference that is being sponsored by NYS Department of Labor and the New York State Zero Lift Task force at the Albany Marriott Hotel in Albany, New York on October 18-19, 2011. The aim of the conference is to increase labor and management collaboration in preventing back injuries and relater workers' compensation costs due to patient lifting and prevent patient injury as well. The program will be offered to up to three (3) labor and three (3) management representatives in facilities operated by agencies that provide direct patient care including OCFS, OMRDD, OMH, SUNY, DOCS, DOH and Roswell Park Cancer Institute. The program will be offered to direct care staff, physical therapists, health and safety committee members, business officers or other personnel who would be involved in safe patient handling programs. Participants may also include agency health and safety committee members and other personnel who have a role in safe patient handling programs.


We have enclosed a Safe Patient Handling registration application for your convenience. You can also find this on the PEF web site at: www.pef.org and click on "Health and Safety". In order to qualify for the \$100 registration fee, please complete the NYS/PEF registration form and the additional break out form for tacks that you would like to attend and return to PEF as instructed on this form. PEF will process your application and registration fee with NYS Department of Labor.


Subject to operating needs, agencies may provide two [2] days of release time on October 18-19 2011 without charge to leave credits for designated employees to attend. In addition, agencies may authorize up to 3 hours of travel time on October 17th for those who must travel more than 125 miles to attend the conference.

Please note that payment reimbursement and other travel related costs for conference attendees is subject to state and agency policies regarding travel expenditures. Any policies requiring pre-approval for such expenses must be followed.

If you have any questions, or need assistance in completing the application, please feel free to contact Larry Enoch at GOER at 518-474-0568 or Kathy D'Arminio at PEF at 518-257-6983.

Sincerely,

Larry Enoch: 
NYS Co-chair

Kathy D'Arminio: 
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Enclosure

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