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Sharon Yandle
Hospital Employees' Union
Local 180
538 West Broadway
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sharon:

Re: Maternity Benefits Articles in AUCE Contracts

Here are the copies of the contracts for Locals 1 and 2 which I promised to get to you sometime ago.

I have also enclosed the submission made by our lawyers Leo McGrady and Alan MacLean on behalf of the three women who were claiming the benefits from UBC and SFU.

As well, you will find copies of the decision of the Umpire, the Honourable Mr. Justice Hugh F. Gibson, handed down March 15th, 1979. At this time Employment and Immigration Canada (UIC) are appealing the decision of the Umpire and it is expected that the appeal will be heard before the end of August this year.

Consequently none of the women have been able to claim on subsequent benefits for second and third pregnancies because UIC has refused to pay! Our position, put forward by Leo, is that since the case is still under litigation the Commission has no grounds to refuse payments for these subsequent claims; the women are still waiting!

All in all we have really had a struggle with this one yet continue to be optimistic about the outcome.

Let me know if you need anymore information. My phone is 684-2457.

In Sisterhood,

Sheila N.L. Perret Secretary-Treasurer