

THE EDMONTON PIPE INDUSTRY

HEALTH, WELFARE & PENSION TRUST FUNDS

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To: All Members of The Edmonton Pipe Industry Health & Welfare Plan

Re: Important Changes to Your Benefit Plan

Dear Plan Member,

The Board of Trustees wishes to advise you of the following important changes to your Benefit Plan:

1. Effective July 1, 2017 the Benefit Plan will commence coverage for the cost of vaccines **except** the following:

FSME-IMMUN (D.I.N. #2264625)
IXIARO (D.I.N. 2333279)
YELLOW FEVER (D.I.N. #428833)
IMOVAX RABBIES (D.I.N. #1908286)
RABAVERT (D.I.N. #1908286)
B.C.G. (ONCOTICE) (D.I.N. #2267667)
IMMUCYST INJ (D.I.N. #2194376)

Please note that all claims for vaccines **MUST** be submitted electronically to Green Shield Canada. **No "paper" claims for vaccines are to be submitted to the Administration Office for reimbursement – they will be returned to the Member.**

2. Effective with eligible dental services rendered on or after July 1, 2017, reimbursement will be made on the basis of 2016 Alberta Dental Fee Guide Proxy. The Plan currently reimburses dental expenses based on the 2015 Alberta Fee Guide Proxy.

3. Effective January 1, 2018 the Benefit Plan will limit the reimbursement for medical marijuana to \$1,500.00 per calendar year. **Reimbursement will be made for the following conditions ONLY:**

Chronic pain;
Chemotherapy induced nausea or vomiting; and
Spasticity symptoms from multiple sclerosis

(see over)

In order for the Benefit Plan to consider reimbursement for medical marijuana the Claimant must have been pre-authorized by the Administration Office using one of the Medical Marijuana Pre-Authorization Forms approved by the Plan and only available at the Administration Office. **No other Pre-Authorization Form will be accepted.**

4. Effective with claims incurred on/after July 1, 2017, **all** claims for non custom made braces (back, knee etc.) must be submitted electronically through an eligible provider. **Paper claims submitted to the Administration Office will not be considered for reimbursement and will be returned to the Member.** You may find an eligible provider through your Green Shield member online portal or contacting the Administration Office.

The above noted changes apply to all Members and their eligible dependants.

ANNUAL REPORT

Please note that the 2016 Annual Report of the Health & Welfare and Pension Funds is now available on the Plan's website www.epibenefitplans.com The Report is located under the **Newsroom** tab.

Best Regards,

The Board of Trustees