

# THE EDMONTON PIPE INDUSTRY

*HEALTH, WELFARE & PENSION TRUST FUNDS*

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**To: The Edmonton Pipe Industry Health & Welfare Plan**

**Re: Important Plan Announcements**

Dear Plan Member,

The Board of Trustees is very pleased to announce the following improvement to the Health & Welfare:

## **Cataract Lenses**

Effective with claims incurred on/after January 1, 2025, cataract lenses, not covered by a provincial medical plan, will be covered under the Laser Eye Surgery benefit of \$1,600 maximum per lifetime per person. Once a member has claimed under this category, they will no longer be eligible for prescription glasses or contacts for 5 years from the date of service regardless of the cataract lens cost.

## **Short Term Disability**

Effective with disabilities arising on/after January 1, 2025, the weekly benefit amount will increase to \$695.00 matching the Employment Insurance Disability benefit weekly maximum.

Sincerely,

**The Board of Trustees**