

NORTHWEST PLUMBING AND PIPEFITTING INDUSTRY HEALTH, WELFARE AND VACATION TRUST

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**To: All Eligible Participants
Northwest Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry Health, Welfare and Vacation Trust**

RE: Response to Coronavirus Outbreak

This is a Summary of Material Modification describing changes to your health plan adopted by the Board of Trustees. Please be sure that you and your family read it carefully and keep this document with your Summary Plan Description Booklet.

As you are aware, the country is presently experiencing an outbreak of Coronavirus, known as COVID-19. The Board of Trustees of the Northwest Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry Health, Welfare and Vacation Trust (“the Plan”) is closely monitoring governmental recommendations and mandates.

In response to the Coronavirus Outbreak effective March 1, 2020 the Board of Trustees has adopted the following changes to the Plan’s Medical and Prescription Drug Benefits:

- Waive any out-of-pocket costs associated with testing for COVID-19 for both PPO and non-PPO providers. This includes both the cost of the test as well as office visits or other provider charges related to the testing. Treatment of COVID-19 would still be subject to applicable cost sharing and PPO/non-PPO benefits depending on the provider’s status.
- Temporarily suspend any prior authorization requirement for treatment or testing of COVID-19.
- Allow a one-time early refill on 30-day supplies of maintenance drugs to allow individuals to stock up on medications to assure members have an adequate supply in advance of a potential quarantine. The early refill allowance does not apply to certain controlled substances.

If you have any questions regarding the contents described in this notice, please contact the Administration Office at (866) 417-4240, option 1.

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