



Welfare Fund Update

Plumbers Local Union No. 1 Welfare Fund - Home of Your Employee Benefits

Please read below for important information regarding updates on how to obtain COVID-19 Testing via CVS/caremark® and using the MyBenefits Member Portal. As always, the Fund Office is looking to ensure access to your benefits and information is easily available and we're here to help, so please feel free to contact us with any questions related to your benefits at 718-223-4313.



COVID-19 Testing Update

With COVID-19 testing on the rise and the need to be tested accurately, quickly and minimize time spent waiting for Doctor or Urgent Care appointments, we want to remind all members that COVID testing can be administered both on-site and inside CVS locations. Also, note that when using a CVS location your copay will be **\$0.00** and a prescription for a COVID Test from a Doctors or Urgent Care is not required. **When COVID Tests are administered at an Urgent Care Center or at a Test Lab with a Doctors prescription the Fund can be charged approximately \$300 for the Urgent Care visit or approximately \$100 for the Doctor's Visit. These charges are above the COVID test charge. With many needed tests being taken, we have an opportunity to save the Urgent Care or Doctor visit charge by considering a participating CVS pharmacy as an alternative.** Below find important information about this option.

Here's how it works:

- Members should visit the website: www.cvs.com/minuteclinic/covid-19-testing to schedule a test for anyone age 10 or older.
**Minors under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Answer a few questions to ensure you qualify for testing.
- Select a test site and available time.
- Fill out the registration form.
- When going for your test, your Empire BCBS or Medicare ID card and proof of identity are required, as well as test confirmation email or text message. Be sure to have your mobile phone in case CVS needs to reach you.
- Upon arrival, follow instructions posted at the site. For rapid testing, results are delivered same day. Otherwise, your sample is sent to one of CVS's lab partners. Average turnaround time for results from lab tests is 3-4 days.
- CVS will email you a link to activate your MyChart account. When your results are ready, CVS will email you a link to view them in MyChart. You may also receive a text message with a secure link to view results

MyBenefits Member Portal

Members can always check their account balances, work histories and eligibility status online and now you have access to make important changes via the MyBenefits Portal as well!

- Did you move or change your phone number?
- Are your beneficiaries updated or do you have elections made?

Check the status of what the Fund Office has on file and make changes when and if needed. In our ongoing efforts to improve your experience, Members can now make these changes by signing into the MyBenefits portal!

To update your address and / or Beneficiary information, simply logon to your account at mybenefits.nypl1f.org and complete the needed form located under the Online Forms link – it's that simple!

If you do not have your MyBenefits login information or you need assistance in accessing your account, please contact the Fund Office Welfare Department at 718-223-4313 and we will be happy to help!

Please be on the lookout in 2021 for additional enhancements to the MyBenefits Portal experience!