

JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER



Just a friendly reminder...

If you have not already registered, please do so:
Search for "Teamsters' National Benefit" app



You can also access it through the internet at: tnbp.onlineclaimsaccess.net
GROUP NUMBER: 60521 **CERTIFICATE NUMBER (same as current Plan ID)**

YOU WILL BE ASKED TO VERIFY YOUR IDENTITY THROUGH A 2 STEP MULTI FACTOR AUTHORIZATION (MFA) THROUGH EMAIL OR TEXT.

T4A's: This is the time of year when we are busy with many tasks including preparation of our records to issue the T4A's to all Plan Members. Those new to the Plan may not be aware that some of the benefits are taxable. The information provided on the T4A represents the taxable portion of those benefits and must be included when submitting your annual income tax filing.

Taxable benefits currently include premiums submitted to the insurance companies for the Group Life Insurance and Accidental Death and Dismemberment. Disability benefits issued from the Plan Office in 2024 are also taxable. The T4A's are issued and mailed by the end of February each year. **Please ensure the Plan Office has current contact information.**

Weekly Indemnity Rate Increase: Effective January 1, 2025, the maximum weekly indemnity rate has been increased to \$695.00 per week. Plan Members must qualify to receive the maximum rate; 75% of pre-disability weekly earnings. If the earnings per week are less than \$695.00, the lesser rate is applied. If earnings are more than \$695.00 per week, the maximum rate is applied.

Prescription Medications Type 2 Diabetes: To ensure Plan Member eligibility for coverage a doctor's prescription is required for, but not limited to, *Ozempic, Mounjaro, Trulicity, Rybelsus, Januvia, and Victoza. The prescription must clearly indicate that the medication is being used **explicitly for Type 2 Diabetes**. ***PLEASE NOTE:** we do require Special Authority for Ozempic from PharmaCare. Please contact your doctor or pharmacy as they may have it on file. If not, please contact PharmaCare directly at 604-683-7151 or 1-800-663-7100. Press the corresponding number for your preferred language, then 3 for PharmaCare.

Dental and Prescription Reset: On January 1st every year, your Dental Plan and Prescription Plan coverages reset. As a reminder, dental coverage has a combined maximum of \$3,000.00 per calendar year and prescriptions are \$2,500.00 per calendar year.

We would encourage all Plan Members to reach out to the Plan Administration Office, should you require any information throughout the year regarding the Plan Benefits.

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