

THE FUND FACTS



An 1199 New England Health Care Employees Welfare Fund newsletter.
The information on this page applies **ONLY** to participants who are **ACTIVELY WORKING**
and/or are eligible for health benefits through the Welfare Fund.

WELFARE FUND INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS WHO ARE ACTIVELY WORKING



ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT

The Fund offers an **Annual Scholarship Program** for **Dependent Children** Attending a College or University on a Full-Time basis for the 2017 Fall Semester.

To obtain a Scholarship Application, call the Fund Office at 1-800-227-4744

A Scholarship Application must be completed every year.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

- The participant (parent) must be eligible for Wage Class I medical benefits with dependent coverage for 1 year prior to the time the award is granted.
- Your dependent child must be under the age of 23 as of August 31, 2017.
- Your dependent child must be a full-time student, 12 or more credits, for the Fall semester at a college or university (some technical schools may not qualify).
- High school students entering a college or university must submit a letter of recommendation from a high school teacher or guidance counselor.
- The participant (parent) must complete a Scholarship Application and return it to the Fund by **July 15, 2017**. Applications will not be accepted after this date.

DID YOU COMPLETE AND RETURN YOUR 2017 COORDINATION OF BENEFIT FORM?

The deadline for submitting your Annual Coordination of Benefit (COB) forms was January 31st .

For COB forms returned after the deadline date, the Fund will not consider claims received more than 60 days before your completed COB form was received.

Example: The Fund receives your completed COB form on May 1, 2017. The Fund will only consider medical claims that were received on March 1, 2017 and later.

To submit COB information call Coordinated Healthcare at 1-888-212-0232 or you may pick up a COB form at the Fund office.

Register for **LiveHealth Online**

Did you know that you can access a board certified physician from the comfort and privacy of your home? Through **LiveHealth Online**, you can visit with a doctor 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from your computer, tablet, or smartphone. It's easy, convenient, and a lower cost alternative to Urgent Care Centers or Emergency Rooms for non-emergency care.

You can pre-register so that you're set up and ready to go when you need to use the service. Register today by visiting livehealthonline.com or by downloading the free app to your tablet or smartphone.

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Turn over for Pension Fund and **RETIREE** information.

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The information on this page applies ONLY to participants who qualify and are eligible for retirement benefits through the Pension Fund.

PENSION FUND & RETIREE INFORMATION

Credited Past Service

Credited Past Service is the number of months and years you worked in a covered job category before your employer was required by the union contract to begin contributing to the Fund on your behalf.

In August 2016, the Pension Board of Trustees modified the formula for calculating Credited Past Service effective February 1, 2011 to the following:

- If the date your employer was required to make contributions on your behalf and on behalf of your bargaining unit is on or after February 1, 2011, your Credited Past Service will be limited to three months for every one month of your Credited Future Service with the Fund.

You are eligible for Credited Past Service only if you were working in a covered job category on the day your employer became a participating employer of the Fund, or if you were on an approved leave on that date, and you returned to covered employment within seven (7) days of when your leave ended.

For Participants of the 1199 New England Health Care Employees Welfare and/or Pension Fund

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Lost Pension Checks.....If you receive your retirement pension benefit in the form of a check mailed to your home please report missing or lost checks in the following manner:

- If you DO NOT receive your **check by the 10th of the month** contact the Fund Office at 860- 728-1100 or toll free at 1-800-227-4744. We will confirm your name, address and telephone number and verify with our bank that your check has not been cashed.
- Once a STOP PAYMENT is placed on your check it cannot be cashed if it is received at a later date and must be returned to the Fund office. Your replacement check will be processed and mailed to you, generally in two to three days.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER CURRENT WITH THE FUND OFFICE.

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