



# The Benefits Reporter

## Self Pay and Hour Bank

### ACTIVE FIELD MEMBER RATES

Just a reminder the current monthly hour bank withdrawal for benefit coverage is **137** hours.

### SELF PAY MONTHLY RATES

	Current rate
Option "A"	\$200.00
Option "B"	\$168.00
Unsubsidized Option "A"	\$413.00
Unsubsidized Option "B"	\$343.00

As a reminder, Option "A" above includes dental coverage. Option "B" does not include dental coverage.

Field members in receipt of LTD benefits are currently provided coverage at no cost.

**Please note it is your responsibility to ensure Health and Welfare coverage remains continuous. If you are unsure about your coverage, please call the administrator before the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. And please remember that your employer may remit hours late and you will be issued a self-pay notice. This is particularly true if your hours are being reciprocated from another plan.**

### PENSIONER MONTHLY DEDUCTION RATES

	Current rate
Option "A"	\$135.00
Option "B"	\$111.00
Option "C"	\$182.00
Option "D"	\$159.00
Option "E" (\$2,000 life insurance)	\$0.00

For a description of the Pensioner Options listed above, please review your Health and Welfare Plan booklet.

## **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MEMBERS**

The Trustees of your Plan are very pleased to inform you of the following improvements to your Boilermakers Health and Welfare Plan, which took effect on January 1, 2019:

### **1. Dental Care Plan - limit increase for Pensioners**

- For Pensioners with dental coverage the annual limit will increase from \$1,000 to \$1,500

### **2. Health and Welfare Coverage for Widows/Widowers – self pay option**

- Widows of Pensioners and Active Field members self-pay option extended from a maximum of 1 year to 2 years

### **Homewood Health – Your employee assistance program**

An Employee and Family Assistance Program (EFAP) provides professional, confidential support services including short-term counseling, programs and resources to Members and their EFAP-eligible dependents for help with work, health and life issues.

***For more information, to book a counseling session, or to access any of your EFAP services you may call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. All calls are completely confidential. 1.800.663.1142***

For questions related to your hour bank or your dental plan, please contact the Plan administration office:

**1-877-926-4537**

**Or**

**boilermakers359@bgbenefitsadmin.com**

For questions related to extended health care claims, please contact Manulife:

**1-800-268-6195**

**Contract number – 84915**

**You can find your ID number on your Manulife direct pay card.**