## IRONWORKERS DISTRICT COUNCIL OF NEW ENGLAND WELFARE, PENSION AND VACATION FUNDS

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We want to assure all members that the Ironworkers Fund Office will continue operating during the COVID-19 outbreak. The office will be closed to all outside visitors in order to minimize the risk to Fund Office staff. Please contact the Fund Office at 617-265-3757 or Iron Clad at 617-436-3500 with any questions on your benefits or submitting paperwork.

The Fund employees will be available through telephone and electronic communication and will continue to be available to address any issues.

Please check out the Fund webpage at IWDCNEFunds.org for updates and further developments.

Please also check out the links section on the site for additional information on your benefits.

Effective immediately the Trustees of the Iron Workers District Council of New England Welfare Fund have voted to:

## Waive member costs for Coronavirus/COVID-19 testing

Effective immediately the plan will provide the following for insured members and dependents:

No out-of-pocket costs for medically necessary Coronavirus/COVID-19 testing, counseling and vaccinations. This coverage applies at in-network providers, urgent care center, emergency rooms and other facilities, and at out of network providers in the event a member cannot easily find an in-network provider to provide timely services.

No copayments for medically necessary Coronavirus/COVID-19 treatment. This coverage applies at in-network providers, urgent care center, emergency rooms and other facilities, and at out of network providers in the event a member cannot easily find an in-network provider to provide timely services.

The Fund is currently working with Tufts Health Plan to establish use of the telehealth solution powered by Teladoc. With telehealth from Teladoc, members can access U.S.-based, board-certified providers for general medical needs and diagnoses from anywhere in the world for \$0 copay. Members will be able to contact a Teladoc doctor 24/7 if they're concerned about their symptoms or have questions about Coronavirus/COVID-19 with no out-of-pocket cost. We will be forwarding this information to the membership as well as updating information on the website as it becomes available. We will post the effective date as soon as it becomes available.

In addition, you will also be able to access telemedicine services from your Primary Care Physician or Specialist, providing they are qualified to practice telemedicine according to federal rules and state licensure provisions. These virtual office visits will be billed with the standard, co-pays and coinsurance as with any other office visit that is not CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19 related.

The Trustees of the Welfare, Pension and Annuity Fund are monitoring the current situation closely and reviewing all options to be sure you have access to your benefits and receive the continued service our members deserve.