

Blasters, Drillrunners & Miners Union Local #29 Welfare Fund

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To All Eligible Participants of the Local 29 Welfare Fund:

As you know, Healthcare costs in the United States are continuing to escalate at a very high rate. It is imperative that Local 29 reviews all medical claims on a regular basis to make sure that the members are doing everything they can to save our Welfare fund at a time when a lot of these funds are no longer giving medical benefits.

We have noticed some of our members are going to hospitals for regular doctor/clinic visits, which is very costly to our welfare fund. These facilities are charging an excessive amount for a regular sick visit. Hospitals are for Emergencies only please note these clinic visits are “NOT” a covered benefit through the Empire BlueCross network. Members should be going to their doctor’s office or using our new medical benefit “AllyHealth” telemedicine for these non-emergency issues.

Attached to this letter is information for our newly implemented medical benefit with AllyHealth. This benefit will be saving you time and money on all non-emergency sick visits. You will no longer have a co-pay to see a doctor and the doctor can call in your prescription over the phone you will only have to pay your prescription copay it is that easy! You should have already received your package so please activate this great benefit and start saving today.

Also make sure that your physician is “NOT” charging you any co-pay for Preventative Services this is paid at 100% by the Local 29 Welfare Fund.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please feel free to contact the Welfare Fund Office.

Very Truly Yours,

The Board of Trustees
Local 29 Welfare Fund

WELCOME MEMO

AllyHealth Group

Dear Active Local 29 Members

This memo contains important information about an additional healthcare benefit that will save you and your family time and money (and probably some frustration as well), so please take a couple of minutes to read this memo in its entirety.

As with many companies that provide healthcare benefits to their members healthcare is a complex issue and affects each and every one of us in different ways. It has always been our goal at Local 29 to provide our membership with the best healthcare possible in a cost-effective manner. To help us with this goal, we're very excited to announce the addition of a new Telehealth program that will provide you and your family with access to care on "Your" schedule Anytime Anywhere!

This new program is called AllyHealth, and it will be available to you and your family starting October 1, 2014.

What AllyHealth Does for You

We know that your healthcare needs don't always revolve around your doctor's schedule. After-hours care can leave you waiting for hours to see a doctor, instead of resting and recovering. AllyHealth allows you and your family to see doctors and pediatricians from the comfort of your home via video chat or phone. All of AllyHealth's doctors are Board Certified and trained to deliver the highest quality in medical care anytime, anywhere 24 hours a day 365 days a year.

These doctors have the ability to diagnose you, prescribe medicine when appropriate, and send prescriptions directly to your pharmacy of choice.

And there is no cost for you to consult with a doctor, so use it as much as you need!

What to Expect Next

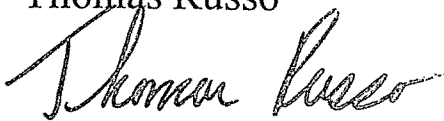
Please look out for the welcome brochure that has been sent to your home which includes valuable instructions on how to activate and access your benefits. This is very important for you to Activate your new AllyHealth membership benefit on line or on the phone as soon as possible this will only take 5 minutes to complete. As mentioned above, we have scheduled an enrollment date of October 1st 2014 so make sure you are set up and activated with AllyHealth so you can take advantage of this exciting new program.

Again we are very excited about this new program and know this will be cost savings for you as well as the Local 29 Welfare Fund.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please feel free to contact me at the Local Office.

Very Truly Yours

Thomas Russo



Administrator

For a complete list of services included in the program and how they work, visit AllyHealth.net.