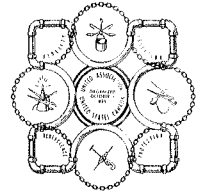


# PLUMBERS AND PIPEFITTERS LOCAL 501 NORTHERN ILLINOIS BENEFIT FUNDS



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## Important Notice About Your Health and Welfare Plan

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To All Northern Illinois Benefit Fund (Health and Welfare) Participants:

Please read this notice and keep it with your Summary Plan Description booklet (SPD).

### Durable Medical Equipment

Rental or purchase of durable medical equipment should be arranged through Med-Care Management, the Plan's review organization. In addition to certifying that the equipment is medically necessary, Med-Care Management is often able to negotiate prices that are advantageous to you and the Fund.

Effective August 1, 2005, the Plan's benefits for covered durable medical equipment are as follows:

Plan co-payment percentage for the rental or purchase of covered durable medical equipment:

<u>When arranged by the review organization</u> (subject to PPO deductible and PPO out-of-pocket limit) .....	80%
When <u>not</u> arranged by the review organization (subject to non-PPO deductible and non-PPO out-of-pocket limit) .....	60%

Some examples of durable medical equipment are: wheelchairs, oxygen and respiratory equipment, hospital beds, infusion pumps, pneumatic compressors and TENS units.

Med-Care Management's toll-free telephone number is 1-800-367-1934. This number is also on your medical I.D. card.

### Surrogacy Exclusion

The Plan does not cover any expenses related to a surrogate pregnancy. The following clarifying exclusion has been added to the Plan effective January 1, 2006:

[No payment will be made for:]

Any charges in connection with medical services rendered to a surrogate, or surrogate fees. This exclusion applies to, but is not limited to, charges in connection with: (a) the medical or other expenses of a surrogate who carries and delivers a child on behalf of a person covered under this Plan; or (b) a female employee's or dependent's carrying and delivering a child for someone else. Any child born of an eligible individual acting as a surrogate mother will not be considered a dependent of the surrogate mother or her spouse.

Summary of Material Modifications

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