



# Connecticut Pipe Trades Health Fund

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE MEDICARE RETIREE SELF-PAYMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2018

Dear Medicare Retiree and Spouse:

As you may remember from the last couple of years, the Board of Trustees evaluates the cost of the Retiree Program on an annual basis and adjusts the monthly self-pay rates accordingly. To keep up with the challenges associated with the rising cost of healthcare, the rates have increased each of the last two (2) years. With that said, we are pleased to inform you the current monthly rates will remain the same for 2018.

For Medicare retirees with retirement dates prior to January 1, 2016, the Trustees are maintaining the subsidy by the active membership at 60%. The monthly self-payment amounts effective January 1, 2018 will continue to be as follows:

<b>Retired before Jan. 1, 2016</b> (member pays 40%)	Single	\$185
	Two-Person	\$370

For Medicare retirees with retirement dates on and after January 1, 2016, the monthly self-payment for retiree coverage is calculated with a subsidy by the active membership based on the Pensioners Pension Credits at retirement. The monthly self-payment amounts effective January 1, 2018 will continue to be as follows:

<b>30+ Pension Credits</b> (member pays 40%)	Single	\$185
	Two-Person	\$370
<b>25 - 29 <sup>11</sup>/<sub>12</sub> Pension Credits</b> (member pays 50%)	Single	\$230
	Two-Person	\$460
<b>20 - 24 <sup>11</sup>/<sub>12</sub> Pension Credits</b> (member pays 60%)	Single	\$280
	Two-Person	\$560
<b>15 - 19 <sup>11</sup>/<sub>12</sub> Pension Credits</b> (member pays 70%)	Single	\$325
	Two-Person	\$650
<b>10 - 14 <sup>11</sup>/<sub>12</sub> Pension Credits</b> (member pays 80%)	Single	\$370
	Two-Person	\$740
<b>9 <sup>11</sup>/<sub>12</sub> or less Pension Credits</b> (member pays 85%)	Single	\$395
	Two-Person	\$790

The monthly self-payment will continue to be deducted automatically from your monthly direct deposit / pension check from the Connecticut Plumbers and Pipefitters Pension Fund. If you

send your monthly self-payments by mail to the Fund Office, please continue to make your payments timely.

If you are married, please share this information with your spouse. Contact the Fund Office if you have any questions about the benefits described in this announcement.

Wishing you the best of health,

**Board of Trustees**

**Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998**

Under this federal law, group health plans, like the Connecticut Pipe Trades Health Fund, which provide medical and surgical benefits in connection with a mastectomy, must provide benefits for certain reconstructive breast surgery. This covers reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed, surgery or reconstruction on the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance, prostheses, and treatment of physical complications of all stages of a mastectomy, including lymphedemas. Coverage is subject to the Plan's normal rules, including in-network co-payments or out-of-network annual deductibles and co-insurance provisions. If you have any questions about this law, including Plan benefits for mastectomies or reconstructive surgery, please contact the Fund Office.