

TOLEDO ELECTRICAL BENEFIT PLANS

**Toledo Electrical
Welfare Fund**

**Local No. 8 I.B.E.W.
Retirement Plan & Trust**

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Dear Participant:

The opioid epidemic has become an increasing concern nationally, locally and within the ranks of the Toledo Electrical Welfare Fund's covered population. To coordinate opioid prescription coverage with prevailing state law and Center for Disease Control guidelines, new benefit limitations and prior authorization requirements will be applied to the dispensing of opioids. This program will go into effect **June 1, 2018**.

Here are the changes that will be implemented:

- The day supply for opiates will be limited to 7 days per prescription.
- For people in a first fill situation, only 2 prescriptions will be covered within a 60-day period.
- Prior authorization will be required for a 3rd prescription or for dosages exceeding Center for Disease Control guidelines.
- For people already in a pain management regimen – **excluding oncology, palliative care and hospice patients** – a prior authorization will be required for dosages exceeding Center for Disease Control limitations.
- All Extended Release Opioids will require a Prior Authorization.

If you are concerned that these changes will impact you or a family member, please call AmWins, TEWF's Pharmacy Benefit Manager, to explain your situation. Accommodation will be made to ensure ongoing access to your prescription benefit in a clinically appropriate fashion. You can reach AmWins Clinical Review Department by calling **1-877-274-7871, and then select "2"**. AmWins can assist you in answering questions about your prescription benefits and your pain treatment regimen.

If you feel, you or a family member is in crisis, you may also call the 24-hour member assistance plan, Supportlinc, at **(888) 881- LINC (5462)**. Supportlinc offers TEWF participants and their families free access to professional counselors, services and resources that will help you and your family members resolve a broad range of personal and work-related concerns ranging from substance abuse counseling and short- term counseling to financial and legal advice. You can also access Supportlinc at www.supportlinc.com. Just type in:

**User Name: toledoelectrical
Password: linc123**

As always, if you have any other questions regarding your TEWF benefits, feel free to contact the Fund Office at (419) 666-4450 or visit our website at www.electricalfunds.org.

To Your Good Health,

The Toledo Electrical Welfare Fund

This announcement letter serves as a Summary of Material Modifications (SMM) and contains only highlights of certain features of the Toledo Electrical Welfare Fund. Full details are contained in the documents that establish the Plan provisions, and if there is any discrepancy between the wording here and the documents that establish the Plan, the Plan document language will govern. The Trustees reserve the right to amend, modify, or discontinue all or part of the Plan at any time. Please keep this information with your Summary Plan Description (SPD) and refer to your SPD for more detailed information regarding Plan eligibility and benefits.

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