

IUPAT LOCAL 177 WELFARE TRUST FUND

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TO: All Eligible Members and Participating Employers for Active Employees Under Age 70:

The Board is announcing the following Plan amendment for all Weekly Disability claims <u>incurred</u> on and after July 1, 2023:

- The Government of Canada recently increased the maximum length of Employment Insurance Sickness Benefit payments from 15 weeks to 26 weeks. The following adjustments have been made such that the Weekly Disability benefit from the IUPAT Local 177 Welfare Trust Fund continues to align with the Employment Insurance Sickness Benefit:
 - o The elimination period has been increased to 189 days (27 weeks).
 - o The maximum benefit payment period has been reduced to 25 weeks.
 - o All other provisions of the Weekly Disability benefit remain unchanged.

Should you have any questions regarding these changes, or any other aspect of your Benefit Plan, please do not hesitate to contact the Fund Office.

Sincerely,

Board of Trustees