



March 2019 Bulletin from the H&W Trustees

The Trustees of the PPWC – Employer Trusteed Health & Welfare Plan met on February 21st and would like to update you on a number of items relating to your group benefit coverage.

ICBC Payments and Extended Health and Dental Claims

Effective April 1, 2019, the Government of British Columbia made changes to the Insurance (Vehicle) Amendment Act through the passing of Bill 20. This legislation makes ICBC first payor for eligible extended health care accident related benefits.

Until April 1, 2019, Pacific Blue Cross is encouraging Members to submit their extended health and dental claims resulting from an auto accident first to Pacific Blue Cross to receive an Explanation of Benefits (EOB) letter declining the claim. Members can then take this EOB along with their receipts to ICBC for direct payment of health care related accident expenses.

After April 1, 2019, auto accident claimants will no longer need to submit anything to Pacific Blue Cross first, as ICBC will work with their network of providers to facilitate direct payment for many services.

2019 Plan Administrator and Health & Welfare Committee Training Session

The Trustees will be holding a training session for the Plan Administrators and the union and management representatives from the Joint Health & Welfare Committees to ensure that the Health & Welfare Plan is operating effectively. We will notify you well in advance once the date of the training session is confirmed in Vancouver.

In addition to this in person training session, the Trustees will be developing a webinar series regarding Trust benefits administration for Plan Administrators.

Trustee meeting dates for 2019

June 17, 2019

October 21, 2019