

November 2017 Bulletin from the H&W Trustees

The Trustees of the PPWC – Employer Trusteed Health & Welfare Plan met on October 16th and would like to update you on a number of items relating to your group benefit coverage.

Desjardins Assistance with CPP Appeals

The Trustees would like to remind you that when on disability, Desjardins will advise as to when it would be best to apply for disability benefits available through the Canada Pension Plan and will provide assistance with the application process. Due to the strict adjudication scrutiny that CPP applies to CPP disability applications, it is in your best interest to have Desjardins assist you with your application. In the event that your CPP application is denied, Desjardins will provide assistance with your appeal application. The claims specialist at Desjardins will call you once you are on disability to explain the process and importance of completing the application.

Backlog of Pacific Blue Cross Claims

Since the Pacific Blue Cross labour dispute was ratified on September 10th, they have continued to deal with large amounts of paper claims that were submitted during their work stoppage. Electronic claims were not impacted by the work stoppage. Pacific Blue Cross has advised that they expect the backlog of paper claims to be cleared up by the end of November. You are encouraged to submit claims electronically whenever possible.

Dental Scaling

The Trustees would like to remind you that when you go for your dental check-up, it typically includes fluoride, polish and scaling. Please keep in mind though that scaling services may be obtained without having to incur a regular check-up, where needed.

Financial Position of the Plan

PricewaterhouseCoopers has completed their audit of the PPWC – Employer Trusteed Health and Welfare Plan's 2016 financial statements. The Plan continues to be fully funded and the statements will be shared with the local unions and participating employers when finalized.

Trustee meeting dates for 2018

The Trustees established their 2018 meeting dates as follows:

February 19, 2018

June 19, 2018

October 15, 2018