



## Local Union No. 598 Plumbing & Pipefitting Industry Health & Welfare Plan & Trust

September 2023

### RE: READ CAREFULLY!! IMPORTANT INFORMATION ENCLOSED

Dear Participant:

Enclosed with this letter, you will find the following important items regarding Local Union No. 598 Plumbing & Pipefitting Industry Health and Welfare Plan & Trust ("The Plan").

- 1) Summary Annual Notice
- 2) Women's Health & Cancer Rights Act
- 3) Privacy Notice
- 4) Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA)
- 5) The Medicare Part D Annual Notice
- 6) Protected Health Information Release Form- your privacy is important to us. **You must return this form if you wish to allow us to speak with another person, such as a spouse about your claims, enrollment, and eligibility. One form is needed for each adult in the family. If you submitted this recently, such as in the last couple of years, you do not need to submit it again unless you are making changes.**

If you have any questions regarding these notices, contact the Administrative Office at 1-800-205- 7002. For additional information about the Plan please visit our website at [www.UA598benefits.org](http://www.UA598benefits.org).

Sincerely,

The Local No. 598 Plumbing & Pipefitting  
Health & Welfare Plan Trust Administrative Office

**Register online today!** Quickly and securely register using our easy website registration process! Have your personal information at your fingertips 24 hours a day, 7 days a week! Click on "Create an Account" above to get started. You will need to know your name, date of birth, SSN or Alternate ID, and zip code as they are recorded in the Trust Office. Go to [www.ua598benefits.org](http://www.ua598benefits.org). Problems? Click on Contact Us.



# Local Union No. 598 Plumbing & Pipefitting Industry Health & Welfare Plan & Trust

## LOCAL UNION 598 PLUMBING & PIPEFITTING INDUSTRY HEALTH AND WELFARE PLAN SUMMARY ANNUAL REPORT

This is the summary annual report for the Local Union 598 Plumbing & Pipefitting Industry Health and Welfare Plan (the “Plan”), employer identification number 91-0973983, Plan number 501, for the period October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022 (“Plan Year”). The annual report has been filed with the Employee Benefits Security Administration, as required under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

### INSURANCE INFORMATION

The Plan has contracts with SunLife Insurance Company and Reliance Standard Life Insurance Company to provide stop loss coverage and life insurance benefits under the terms of the Plan. Total premiums paid during the Plan Year were \$592,933.

### BASIC FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The value of Plan assets, after subtracting liabilities of the Plan, was \$30,329,074 as of September 30, 2022, compared to \$30,737,152 as of September 30, 2021. During the Plan Year, the Plan experienced a decrease in its net assets of \$408,078. This increase includes unrealized appreciation or depreciation in the value of Plan assets; that is, the difference between the value of the Plan’s assets at the end of the year and the value of the assets at the beginning of the year or the cost of assets acquired during the year. During the Plan Year, the Plan had total income of \$15,762,827 including employer contributions of \$10,879,516 employee contributions of \$6,430,352 and earnings(loss) from investments and other income of (\$1,547,041).

Plan expenses were \$16,170,905. These expenses included \$729,753 in administrative expenses, \$15,441,152 in benefits paid to participants and beneficiaries, and \$3,517 in other expenses.

### YOUR RIGHTS TO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

You have the right to receive a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, on request. The items listed below are included in that report.

- An accountant’s report
- Financial information and information on payments to service providers
- Assets held for investment
- Fiduciary information, including non-exempt transactions between the Plan and parties-in-interest (that is, persons who have certain relationships with the Plan)
- Transactions in excess of 5% of Plan assets
- Insurance information including sales commissions paid by insurance carriers

To obtain a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, write or call BeneSys, Inc., who is the

Plan's third- party administrator, at PMB #116 5331 S Macadam Ave, Suite 258 Portland, Oregon 97239, (800) 205-7002. The charge to cover copying costs will be \$8.50 or \$0.25 per page for any part thereof. See below for information on how to obtain the annual report from the Department of Labor website at no cost.

You also have the right to receive from the Plan's third party administrator, on request and at no charge, a statement of the assets and liabilities of the Plan and accompanying notes, or a statement of income and expenses of the Plan and accompanying notes, or both. If you request a copy of the full annual report from the Plan's third-party administrator, these two statements and accompanying notes will be included as part of that report. The charge to cover copying costs given above does not include a charge for the copying of these portions of the report because these portions are furnished without charge.

You also have the legally protected right to examine the annual report at the main office of the Plan:

BeneSys, Inc.  
5331 S Macadam Ave, Suite 220  
Portland, Oregon 97239  
(800) 205-7002

and at the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, D.C., or to obtain a copy from the U.S. Department of Labor upon payment of copying costs. Requests to the Department of Labor should be addressed to:

Public Disclosure  
Room N-1513  
Employee Benefits Security Administration  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue,  
NorthwestWashington, DC 20210

You can obtain at no charge the Plan's annual report on the website of the Department of Labor using the Plan's employer identification number (EIN) listed above: [www.efast.dol.gov/welcome.html](http://www.efast.dol.gov/welcome.html).



# Local Union No. 598 Plumbing & Pipefitting Industry Health & Welfare Plan & Trust

September 2023

## **RE: READ CAREFULLY!! IMPORTANT INFORMATION ENCLOSED**

Dear Participant:

Set forth below are legal notices that the Local Union 598 Plumbing & Pipefitting Industry Health & Welfare Fund (the "Fund") and its health and welfare plans (the "Plans") are required to provide. Please contact the Trust Office if you have any questions.

### **Notice Regarding Your Rights under the Women's Health & Cancer Rights Act**

Under the Women's Health & Cancer Rights Act of 1998, the Plans cover, for eligible participants, the following procedures and supplies related to a mastectomy:

- Reconstruction of the breast in which the mastectomy has been performed;
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast in order to produce a symmetrical appearance; and
- Prosthesis and treatment of physical complications of all stages of the mastectomy, including lymphedemas in a manner determined to be medically appropriate in consultation with the attending physician and the participant.

The benefit is subject to the deductible and copayments.



# Local Union No. 598 Plumbing & Pipefitting Industry Health & Welfare Plan & Trust

## LOCAL UNION 598 PLUMBING & PIPEFITTING INDUSTRY HEALTH & WELFARE FUND

### THE MEDICARE PART D ANNUAL NOTICE

September 2023

#### **Important Notice about your Prescription Drug Coverage and Medicare**

Please read this notice carefully and keep it where you can find it. This notice has information about your current prescription drug coverage with the Local Union 598 Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry Health and Welfare Fund (the “Fund”) and about your options under Medicare’s prescription drug coverage. This information can help you decide whether or not you want to join a Medicare prescription drug plan. If you are considering joining a Medicare drug plan, you should compare your current coverage, including which drugs are covered and at what cost, with the coverage and costs of the plans offering Medicare prescription drug coverage in your area. Information about where you can get help to make decisions about your prescription drug coverage is at the end of this notice.

There are two important things you need to know about your current prescription drug coverage and Medicare’s prescription drug coverage:

1. Medicare prescription drug coverage became available in 2006 to everyone with Medicare. You can get this coverage if you join a Medicare prescription drug plan or join a Medicare Advantage Plan (like an HMO or PPO) that offers prescription drug coverage. All Medicare drug plans provide at least a standard level of coverage set by Medicare. Some plans may also offer more coverage for a higher monthly premium.
2. The Board of Trustees of the Fund has determined that the prescription drug coverage offered by the Fund is, on average for all plan participants, expected to pay out as much as standard Medicare prescription drug coverage pays and is therefore considered Creditable Coverage. Because your existing Fund coverage is Creditable Coverage, you can keep this coverage and not pay a higher premium (a penalty) if you later decide to join a Medicare drug plan.

#### **When can you join a Medicare Drug Plan?**

You can join a Medicare drug plan when you first become eligible for Medicare and each year from October 15th to December 7th.

However, if you lose your current creditable prescription drug coverage, through no fault of your own, you will also be eligible for a two (2) month Special Enrollment Period to join a Medicare drug plan.

If you decide to join a Medicare drug plan, your current health and welfare coverage through the Fund will not be affected. You can keep your health and welfare coverage through the Fund and elect to purchase an individual Medicare drug plan. If you do so, the Fund will coordinate prescription drug coverage with your Medicare drug plan.

If you decide to join a Medicare drug plan and drop your Fund coverage, be aware that you and dependents will not be able to get this coverage back in the future.

### **When Will You Pay A Higher Premium (Penalty) To Join A Medicare Drug Plan?**

You should also know that if you drop or lose your current prescription drug coverage with the Fund and do not join a Medicare drug plan within 63 continuous days after your current prescription drug coverage ends, you may pay a higher premium (a penalty) to join a Medicare drug plan later.

If you go 63 continuous days or longer without creditable prescription drug coverage, your monthly premium may go up by at least 1% of the Medicare base beneficiary premium per month for every month that you did not have that coverage. For example, if you go nineteen months without creditable coverage, your premium may consistently be at least 19% higher than the Medicare base beneficiary premium. You may have to pay this higher premium (a penalty) as long as you have Medicare prescription drug coverage. In addition, you may have to wait until the following October to join a Medicare drug plan.

### **Where to get more Information about this Notice or your current Prescription Drug Coverage**

For more information about your prescription drug coverage with the Fund, refer to the Benefit Booklet or contact the Fund's third party administrator:

BeneSys, Inc.  
PMB # 116,  
5331 S Macadam Ave, Suite 258  
Portland, OR 97239  
(503) 224-0048  
(800) 205-7002

### **Where to get more Information about Your Options under Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage**

**PMB #116, · 5331 S Macadam Avenue Suite 258, · Portland, OR 97239**  
**Toll Free (800) 205-7002 Fax (503) 228-0149**  
**[www.UA598benefits.org](http://www.UA598benefits.org)**

More detailed information about Medicare plans that offer prescription drug coverage is in the "Medicare & You" handbook. You'll get a copy of the handbook in the mail every year from Medicare. You may also be contacted directly by Medicare drug plans.

For more information about Medicare prescription drug coverage:

- Visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)
- Call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see the inside back cover of your copy of the "Medicare & You" handbook for their telephone number) for personalized help
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

If you have limited income and resources, extra help paying for Medicare prescription drug coverage is available. For information about this extra help, visit Social Security on the web at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov), or call them at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

**Remember: Keep this Creditable Coverage notice. If you decide to join one of the Medicare drug plans, you may be required to provide a copy of this notice when you join to show whether or not you have maintained creditable coverage and, therefore, whether or not you are required to pay a higher premium (a penalty).**

## Premium Assistance Under Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

If you or your children are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP and you're eligible for health coverage from your employer, your state may have a premium assistance program that can help pay for coverage, using funds from their Medicaid or CHIP programs. If you or your children aren't eligible for Medicaid or CHIP, you won't be eligible for these premium assistance programs but you may be able to buy individual insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace. For more information, visit [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov).

If you or your dependents are already enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP and you live in a State listed below, contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office to find out if premium assistance is available.

If you or your dependents are NOT currently enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, and you think you or any of your dependents might be eligible for either of these programs, contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office or dial **1-877-KIDS NOW** or [www.insurekidsnow.gov](http://www.insurekidsnow.gov) to find out how to apply. If you qualify, ask your state if it has a program that might help you pay the premiums for an employer-sponsored plan.

If you or your dependents are eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP, as well as eligible under your employer plan, your employer must allow you to enroll in your employer plan if you aren't already enrolled. This is called a "special enrollment" opportunity, and **you must request coverage within 60 days of being determined eligible for premium assistance**. If you have questions about enrolling in your employer plan, contact the Department of Labor at [www.askebsa.dol.gov](http://www.askebsa.dol.gov) or call **1-866-444-EBSA (3272)**.

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**If you live in one of the following states, you may be eligible for assistance paying your employer health plan premiums. The following list of states is current as of July 31, 2023. Contact your State for more information on eligibility –**

ALABAMA – Medicaid	ALASKA – Medicaid
Website: <a href="http://myalhipp.com/">http://myalhipp.com/</a> Phone: 1-855-692-5447	The AK Health Insurance Premium Payment Program Website: <a href="http://myakhipp.com/">http://myakhipp.com/</a> Phone: 1-866-251-4861 Email: <a href="mailto:CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com">CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com</a> Medicaid Eligibility: <a href="https://health.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/default.aspx">https://health.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/default.aspx</a>
ARKANSAS – Medicaid	CALIFORNIA – Medicaid
Website: <a href="http://myarhipp.com/">http://myarhipp.com/</a> Phone: 1-855-MyARHIPP (855-692-7447)	Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program Website: <a href="http://dhcs.ca.gov/hipp">http://dhcs.ca.gov/hipp</a> Phone: 916-445-8322 Fax: 916-440-5676 Email: <a href="mailto:hipp@dhcs.ca.gov">hipp@dhcs.ca.gov</a>
COLORADO – Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) & Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)	FLORIDA – Medicaid
Health First Colorado Website: <a href="https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/">https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/</a> Health First Colorado Member Contact Center: 1-800-221-3943/State Relay 711 CHP+: <a href="https://hpcf.colorado.gov/child-health-plan-plus">https://hpcf.colorado.gov/child-health-plan-plus</a> CHP+ Customer Service: 1-800-359-1991/State Relay 711 Health Insurance Buy-In Program (HIBI): <a href="https://www.mycohibi.com/">https://www.mycohibi.com/</a> HIBI Customer Service: 1-855-692-6442	Website: <a href="https://www.flmedicaidtplrecovery.com/flmedicaidtplrecover y.com/hipp/index.html">https://www.flmedicaidtplrecovery.com/flmedicaidtplrecover y.com/hipp/index.html</a> Phone: 1-877-357-3268

GEORGIA – Medicaid	INDIANA – Medicaid
<p>GA HIPP Website: <a href="https://medicaid.georgia.gov/health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp">https://medicaid.georgia.gov/health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp</a></p> <p>Phone: 678-564-1162, Press 1</p> <p>GA CHIPRA Website: <a href="https://medicaid.georgia.gov/programs/third-party-liability/childrens-health-insurance-program-reauthorization-act-2009-chipra">https://medicaid.georgia.gov/programs/third-party-liability/childrens-health-insurance-program-reauthorization-act-2009-chipra</a></p> <p>Phone: 678-564-1162, Press 2</p>	<p>Healthy Indiana Plan for low-income adults 19-64</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.in.gov/fssa/hip/">http://www.in.gov/fssa/hip/</a></p> <p>Phone: 1-877-438-4479</p> <p>All other Medicaid</p> <p>Website: <a href="https://www.in.gov/medicaid/">https://www.in.gov/medicaid/</a></p> <p>Phone: 1-800-457-4584</p>
IOWA – Medicaid and CHIP (Hawki)	KANSAS – Medicaid
<p>Medicaid Website: <a href="https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members">https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members</a></p> <p>Medicaid Phone: 1-800-338-8366</p> <p>Hawki Website: <a href="http://dhs.iowa.gov/Hawki">http://dhs.iowa.gov/Hawki</a></p> <p>Hawki Phone: 1-800-257-8563</p> <p>HIPP Website: <a href="https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members/medicaid-a-to-z/hipp">https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members/medicaid-a-to-z/hipp</a></p> <p>HIPP Phone: 1-888-346-9562</p>	<p>Website: <a href="https://www.kancare.ks.gov/">https://www.kancare.ks.gov/</a></p> <p>Phone: 1-800-792-4884</p> <p>HIPP Phone: 1-800-967-4660</p>
KENTUCKY – Medicaid	LOUISIANA – Medicaid
<p>Kentucky Integrated Health Insurance Premium Payment Program (KI-HIPP) Website: <a href="https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/member/Pages/kihipp.aspx">https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/member/Pages/kihipp.aspx</a></p> <p>Phone: 1-855-459-6328</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:KIHIPP.PROGRAM@ky.gov">KIHIPP.PROGRAM@ky.gov</a></p> <p>KCHIP Website: <a href="https://kidshealth.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx">https://kidshealth.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx</a></p> <p>Phone: 1-877-524-4718</p> <p>Kentucky Medicaid Website: <a href="https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms">https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms</a></p>	<p>Website: <a href="http://www.medicaid.la.gov">www.medicaid.la.gov</a> or <a href="http://www.ldh.la.gov/lahipp">www.ldh.la.gov/lahipp</a></p> <p>Phone: 1-888-342-6207 (Medicaid hotline) or 1-855-618-5488 (LaHIPP)</p>
MAINE – Medicaid	MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP
<p>Enrollment Website: <a href="https://www.mymaineconnection.gov/benefits/s/?language=en_US">https://www.mymaineconnection.gov/benefits/s/?language=en_US</a></p> <p>Phone: 1-800-442-6003</p> <p>TTY: Maine relay 711</p> <p>Private Health Insurance Premium Webpage: <a href="https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms">https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms</a></p> <p>Phone: 1-800-977-6740</p> <p>TTY: Maine relay 711</p>	<p>Website: <a href="https://www.mass.gov/masshealth/pa">https://www.mass.gov/masshealth/pa</a></p> <p>Phone: 1-800-862-4840</p> <p>TTY: 711</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:masspremessaging@accenture.com">masspremessaging@accenture.com</a></p>
MINNESOTA – Medicaid	MISSOURI – Medicaid
<p>Website: <a href="https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/children-and-families/health-care/health-care-programs/programs-and-services/other-insurance.jsp">https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/children-and-families/health-care/health-care-programs/programs-and-services/other-insurance.jsp</a></p> <p>Phone: 1-800-657-3739</p>	<p>Website: <a href="http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm">http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm</a></p> <p>Phone: 573-751-2005</p>
MONTANA – Medicaid	NEBRASKA – Medicaid
<p>Website: <a href="http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP">http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP</a></p> <p>Phone: 1-800-694-3084</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:HHSIPPProgram@mt.gov">HHSIPPProgram@mt.gov</a></p>	<p>Website: <a href="http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov">http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov</a></p> <p>Phone: 1-855-632-7633</p> <p>Lincoln: 402-473-7000</p> <p>Omaha: 402-595-1178</p>

<b>NEVADA – Medicaid</b>	<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid</b>
Medicaid Website: <a href="http://dhcfp.nv.gov">http://dhcfp.nv.gov</a> Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900	Website: <a href="https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/medicaid/health-insurance-premium-program">https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/medicaid/health-insurance-premium-program</a> Phone: 603-271-5218 Toll free number for the HIPP program: 1-800-852-3345, ext. 5218
<b>NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP</b>	<b>NEW YORK – Medicaid</b>
Medicaid Website: <a href="http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/">http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/</a> Medicaid Phone: 609-631-2392 CHIP Website: <a href="http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html">http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html</a> CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710	Website: <a href="https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/">https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/</a> Phone: 1-800-541-2831
<b>NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid</b>	<b>NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/">https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/</a> Phone: 919-855-4100	Website: <a href="https://www.hhs.nd.gov/healthcare">https://www.hhs.nd.gov/healthcare</a> Phone: 1-844-854-4825
<b>OKLAHOMA – Medicaid and CHIP</b>	<b>OREGON – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="http://www.insureoklahoma.org">http://www.insureoklahoma.org</a> Phone: 1-888-365-3742	Website: <a href="http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx">http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx</a> Phone: 1-800-699-9075
<b>PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid and CHIP</b>	<b>RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid and CHIP</b>
Website: <a href="https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/HIPP-Program.aspx">https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/HIPP-Program.aspx</a> Phone: 1-800-692-7462 CHIP Website: <a href="https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/CHIP.aspx">Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) (pa.gov)</a> CHIP Phone: 1-800-986-KIDS (5437)	Website: <a href="http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/">http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/</a> Phone: 1-855-697-4347, or 401-462-0311 (Direct RIte Share Line)
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid</b>	<b>SOUTH DAKOTA – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="https://www.scdhhs.gov">https://www.scdhhs.gov</a> Phone: 1-888-549-0820	Website: <a href="http://dss.sd.gov">http://dss.sd.gov</a> Phone: 1-888-828-0059
<b>TEXAS – Medicaid</b>	<b>UTAH – Medicaid and CHIP</b>
Website: <a href="https://www.dshs.texas.gov/Programs/Health-Insurance-Premium-Payment-HIPP-Program">Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program   Texas Health and Human Services</a> Phone: 1-800-440-0493	Medicaid Website: <a href="https://medicaid.utah.gov/">https://medicaid.utah.gov/</a> CHIP Website: <a href="http://health.utah.gov/CHIP">http://health.utah.gov/CHIP</a> Phone: 1-877-543-7669
<b>VERMONT – Medicaid</b>	<b>VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP</b>
Website: <a href="https://www.vermont.gov/Health-Insurance-Premium-Payment-HIPP-Program">Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program   Department of Vermont Health Access</a> Phone: 1-800-250-8427	Website: <a href="https://coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/learn/premium-assistance/famis-select">https://coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/learn/premium-assistance/famis-select</a> <a href="https://coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/learn/premium-assistance/health-insurance-premium-payment-hipp-programs">https://coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/learn/premium-assistance/health-insurance-premium-payment-hipp-programs</a> Medicaid/CHIP Phone: 1-800-432-5924
<b>WASHINGTON – Medicaid</b>	<b>WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP</b>
Website: <a href="https://www.hca.wa.gov/">https://www.hca.wa.gov/</a> Phone: 1-800-562-3022	Website: <a href="https://dhhr.wv.gov/bms/">https://dhhr.wv.gov/bms/</a> <a href="http://mywvhipp.com/">http://mywvhipp.com/</a> Medicaid Phone: 304-558-1700 CHIP Toll-free phone: 1-855-MyWVHIPP (1-855-699-8447)

WISCONSIN – Medicaid and CHIP	WYOMING – Medicaid
Website: <a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p-10095.htm">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p-10095.htm</a> Phone: 1-800-362-3002	Website: <a href="https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/medicaid/programs-and-eligibility/">https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/medicaid/programs-and-eligibility/</a> Phone: 1-800-251-1269

To see if any other states have added a premium assistance program since July 31, 2023, or for more information on special enrollment rights, contact either:

U.S. Department of Labor  
 Employee Benefits Security Administration  
[www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa](http://www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa)  
 1-866-444-EBSA (3272)

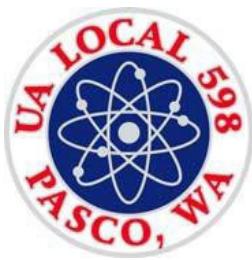
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
[www.cms.hhs.gov](http://www.cms.hhs.gov)  
 1-877-267-2323, Menu Option 4, Ext. 61565

### Paperwork Reduction Act Statement

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) (PRA), no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The Department notes that a Federal agency cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it is approved by OMB under the PRA, and displays a currently valid OMB control number, and the public is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. See 44 U.S.C. 3507. Also, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if the collection of information does not display a currently valid OMB control number. See 44 U.S.C. 3512.

The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average approximately seven minutes per respondent. Interested parties are encouraged to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Office of Policy and Research, Attention: PRA Clearance Officer, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room N-5718, Washington, DC 20210 or email [ebsa.opr@dol.gov](mailto:ebsa.opr@dol.gov) and reference the OMB Control Number 1210-0137.

OMB Control Number 1210-0137 (expires 1/31/2026)



## Local Union No. 598 Plumbing & Pipefitting Industry Health & Welfare Plan & Trust

### Privacy Notice

The Fund and Plans have a Privacy Policy. The Privacy Policy explains the possible uses and disclosures of your protected health information by the Fund, the Plans, the Board of Trustees and their service providers. The Privacy Policy outlines your rights in regard to your protected health information and steps that are taken to prevent unnecessary disclosure. A copy of the Privacy Policy is in the Benefit Booklet and can be obtained from the Fund's third-party administrator by calling or writing:

BeneSys, Inc.  
PMB #116  
5331 S Macadam Ave, Suite 258  
Portland, OR 97239  
(503) 224-0048  
(800) 205-7002

This notice is also available online at [www.UA598benefits.org](http://www.UA598benefits.org).

**Instructions for completing the**

**Authorization for Release of Protected Health Information**

There is a section for the Member/Retiree, Spouse and if applicable, a section for a dependent child(ren) over the age of 18.

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**Member Section /Retiree Section**

1. Fill in your name and social security number.
2. **If you are married** and you want to give your spouse authority to inquire about your health information, please enter his/her name and relationship (spouse) –or–  
**If you are not married** or **you want to give someone other than your spouse** authority to inquire about your health information, please enter his/her name and relationship (mother, father, friend, etc.).
3. **If you are giving someone else authority, please sign and date form.**

**OR**

**If you do not want to give anyone other than yourself** authority to inquire about your health information, then place an “X” in the box where it says “I do not want my Health Information released to anyone but myself”. **Please sign and date below the box.**

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**Spouse Section**

1. Fill in your name and social security number.
2. **If you want to give your spouse (member/retiree)** authority to inquire about your health information, please enter his/her name and relationship (spouse).  
**If you want to give someone other than your spouse** authority to inquire about your health information, please enter his/her name and relationship (mother, father, friend, etc.), **please sign and date form.**

**OR**

**If you do not want to give anyone other than yourself** authority to inquire about your health information, then place an “X” in the box where it says “I do not want my Health Information released to anyone but myself”.

3. **Please sign and date form below the box.**

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**Dependent(s) over the age of 18 Section**

1. Fill in your name and social security number.
2. **If you want to give your parents** authority to inquire about your health information, please enter their name and relationship (father, mother).  
**If want to give someone other than your parents** authority to inquire about your health information, please enter his/her name and relationship (mother, father, friend, etc.) **please sign and date form.**

**OR**

**If you do not want to give anyone other than yourself** authority to inquire about your health information, then place an “X” in the box where it says “I do not want my Health Information released to anyone but myself”.

3. **Please sign and date form below the box.**

**-OVER-**

## Authorization for Release of Protected Health Information

### MEMBER/RETIREE SECTION

I, (print your name and Social Security number) \_\_\_\_\_ authorize the Health and Welfare Plan (the "Plan"), and its business associates, to disclose claims, payment, eligibility and other related health information about me to the following persons (select 1-2 persons if desired), at the request of such persons:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that this authorization will expire upon termination of my enrollment in the Plan, unless I revoke it sooner. I understand that I have the right to revoke it at any time, except to the extent that it has already been relied upon. I understand that if I decide to revoke this authorization, I must give notice of my decision in writing and send it to:

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PMB #116

5331 S Macadam Ave Ste 258

Portland OR 97239

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[www.UA598benefits.org](http://www.UA598benefits.org)

I understand that my health information that is disclosed pursuant to this authorization may be re-disclosed by the persons I have identified above, and the Plan cannot prevent or protect such re-disclosures, AND I understand that I am not required to sign this form to receive my health care benefits (enrollment, treatment or payment).

**Signature of Member** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**-OR-**  I do not want my Health Information released to anyone but myself.

**Signature of Member** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### SPOUSE SECTION

I, the spouse (Name, Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_, (Spouse's Social Security #) \_\_\_\_\_ of the above named member, have also read, understand, and authorize the Plan to disclose claims, payment, eligibility and other related health information about me to the following persons (select 1-2 persons if desired) for the reasons and with the explanations listed above, at the request of such persons:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Spouse** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**-OR-**  I do not want my Health Information released to anyone but myself.

**Signature of Spouse** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### DEPENDENT(S) OVER THE AGE OF 18 SECTION

I, the dependent child(ren) over the age of 18 (Name, Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_, (Social Security #) \_\_\_\_\_ have also read, understand, and authorize the Plan to disclose claims, payment, eligibility and other related health information about me to the following persons (select 1-2 persons if desired) for the reasons and with the explanations listed above, except at the request of such persons:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Dependent** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OR-**  I do not want my Health Information released to anyone but myself.

**Signature of Dependent** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: If there is more than one dependent over the age of 18, please copy, complete and sign the appropriate number of additional Authorization Forms and return to the Benefit Office.