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Boilermakers' National Health and Welfare Plan (Canada) COVID-19 relief plan Message to Members Regarding Your 2-Month Extension of Coverage

Dear Plan Member,

This letter will share how the Plan's COVID-19 relief plan will extend your coverage under the Plan. The COVID-19 relief plan was developed and approved by the Board of Trustees to address the challenges many members are facing due to the unprecedented health crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. COVID-19 has caused the closure of many workplaces and severely limited employment opportunities. It has also restricted many health care services – this plan addresses the current need. This is a short-term plan, and it will be under constant evaluation as we move forward together.

The Plan's records indicate that your dollar bank will provide benefits to you until either the end of April 2020 or the end of May 2020. The Plan's COVID-19 relief plan provides for an extension of coverage for 2 months under an **extended benefit plan**. The details of the coverage, which is provided to you at no cost, is below and in the attached summary of the **extended benefit plan** coverage.

A few details:

1. **Extended benefits are available for 2 months** – there is no guarantee they will continue to be offered beyond the 60-day period. This will be re-evaluated in the near future.
2. No payment is required to enrol in the extended benefit plan.
3. All claims incurred in the extended benefit plan must be filed electronically by the applicable service provider – paper claims are not permitted and will be returned.
4. All payments for claims must be deposited to a Canadian financial institution.
5. **Extended benefits** are offered only to members in good standing of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers (IBB). The IBB confirms this status to the plan administrator.

The Boilermakers Health and Welfare Plan has seen positive growth for over 50 years – since 1970. This health crisis can threaten a lot of other plans that are not as strong. We are thankful for the members who help keep our plan in good shape. It is because of hard-working Boilermakers - past and present - that our Plan will remain strong during and long after this crisis.

Further details of your **extended benefit plan** are provided on the Plan website. We have created an email dedicated to this plan extension. Please send any questions you have to covid19@boilermakersbenefits.ca.