



December 2024

To All Members of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 344

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

## Member Deaths

Brother, **Bradford L. Sullivan**, Membership Number 1164868, died 11/16/2024. He was a Retired Pipefitter Refrigeration Journeyman.

Brother, **Jacob A. Price**, Membership Number 2827684 died 11/19/2024. He was a Plumber Apprentice.

## Health and Welfare

### Vision Benefits:

All participants are limited to 1 pair of frames and one pair of conventional lenses OR contact lenses (but not both) up to the stated allowable charge once every 12 months.

**Filing Vision Claims:** Providers can file vision claims to UHC: If the provider won't file with UHC/shared services, they can file directly to the claims office: Claims office c/o PP344 H&W fund at 8441 Gulf Freeway, Suite 304, Houston, TX 77017. If the provider won't file the claim directly to the claims office or with UHC/shared services, you will need to pay out of pocket to the provider and either mail your claim to the claims office or you can e-mail your itemized vision claim to the Benefit office at [andrea@local344.com](mailto:andrea@local344.com) and it will be forwarded to the Claims office for processing so you can be reimbursed.

**Effective 1/1/25, The Trustees voted to increase vision benefits, they are as follows:**

**Vision exam:** up to 150.00      **Frames:** up to 250.00  
**Single vision Lenses:** up to 235.00      **Bifocals and Trifocals:** up to 250.00  
OR  
**Contact lenses:** Up to 280.00 once every 12 months.

### TELADOC UPDATE:

Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 344 access has changed to an integrated Teladoc model with UnitedHealthcare on 1/1/24. The new arrangement requires all Active Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 344 members to create a new account with Teladoc. Please choose "Plumbers and Pipefitters UA Local 344 Health and Welfare Plan" from the drop-down menu when logging into the NEW TELADOC PLATFORM, the old sign on will not be valid.

### Dental:

The H&W Fund dental benefits are through Delta Dental of Oklahoma. The overview of dental benefits can be found on the Local 344 website by clicking on the "important notices" tab (no log-in is required).

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*"Unionism has helped to give to everyone who toils the position of dignity which is his due"*

## **PLUMBERS AND PIPEFITTERS APPRENTICESHIP**

Applications are available at the Plumbers and Pipefitters Training Center (5315 S. Shartel Ave., Oklahoma City) between **9:00 a.m.** and **4:00 p.m.** Monday through Thursday and between **9:00 a.m.** and **12:00 noon** on Friday. Applications may be obtained in person, fax, e-mail or requested from the web site ([www.plumbersandpipefitters.com](http://www.plumbersandpipefitters.com)) and will be mailed in 5 to 7 business days. The application must be returned, *with all required documents*, before the deadline for the next interview session.

### **QUALIFICATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

Minimum **18** years of age prior to being accepted into the Program; must be a high school graduate or have a GED and provide **transcript**.

We anticipate accepting 10 to 15 apprentices this year. Applicants will be selected based on highest qualifications without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), sexual orientation, genetic information, or because they are an individual with a disability or a person 40-year-old or older. The P.H.C.C. Contractors, party to the Plumbers and Pipefitters J.A.T.C. Agreement, are Equal Opportunity Employers.

#### Wage Rates

1 <sup>st</sup> Year - \$22.00	4 <sup>th</sup> Year - \$28.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year - \$24.00	5 <sup>th</sup> Year - \$32.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year - \$26.00	Journeyman - \$40.00

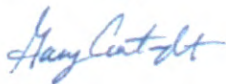
### **Central Oklahoma Labor Federation 2025 \$1,000 Scholarship**

**Starting December 16<sup>th</sup>** as an affiliate of the Central Oklahoma Labor Federation, members of Local 344 who are in good standing or the child or grandchild of a member in good standing, are eligible to apply. Applicants must graduate high school in 2025 or before and be attending a 2 or 4 year college or graduate school. Applications are available at the Union Hall.

**2024 Tax Information is enclosed.**

## **Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

Fraternally,



Gary Cartwright  
Business Manager

Enclosure