



December 2025

To All Members of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 344

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

## Member Deaths

Brother **Chris M. Richardson**, Membership Number 932156, died 11/11/2025. He was a Retired Pipefitter Refrigeration Journeyman.

Brother **B. Charles Dause**, Membership Number 919567, died 11/13/2025. He was a Life Member Journeyman Steam Fitter.

## Central Oklahoma Labor Federation's \$1,000 College Scholarship

Current Union member, in good standing or child or grandchild may apply. Applications will open December 15, 2025. Applications are available at the Hall and must be completely filled out and postmarked by February 14, 2026.

## 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.

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



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).

**2025 Tax Information is enclosed**

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

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Clouse", with a large, stylized initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

James Clouse  
Business Manager

Enclosure

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