



January 2024

To All Members of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 344

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We regret to inform you of the death of **Beverly D. Miller**, Administrative Assistant at the JATC School. Services were Wednesday the 24th. Please keep her family in your prayers.

INSURANCE INFORMATION FOR ACTIVE MEMBERS:

Effective January 1, 2024, the Fund has changed to the **UnitedHealthcare Choice Plus network**, it is important to make sure that your current providers are in the new network.

In general, you should find this transition to the UnitedHealthcare Choice Plus network to be seamless as most providers in the previous BCBS network will also be found in this network, you can look up your providers by visiting whyuhc.com/uhss.

- Find out if your primary physicians, specialists, and hospitals are in-network, simply navigate to whyuhc.com/UHSS – select:
- Find a doctor or facility
- Select the **UnitedHealthcare Choice Plus network**
- If the location that appears is not correct, click on change location. Enter a street address, city, and state, 5-digit zip code, or country. Update location.
- Select the type of medical care or enter a provider name or service and click Search.

You should have received your new ID cards late in December for the effective date of January 1, 2024.

We will continue our relationship with Teladoc under a new arrangement with UnitedHealthcare. Please look for additional information to come pertaining specifically to Teladoc Health.

What is **NOT** changing?

- ***Your copays, deductibles, and out-of-pocket maximums stay the same.
- ***Visits to Your Health and Wellness and Just Kids Pediatrics will remain at no charge.
- ***Prescription coverage is remaining the same.
- ***Delta Dental is still your dental network.

*****Vision will now be able to be filed with UHC/UHSS-** present your card to your vision provider. If the provider will not file with United Healthcare, you will need to pay out of pocket or have the provider file directly to the claims office in Houston, TX. If you pay out of pocket scan and e-mail the itemized receipt to the benefit office: andrea@local344.com for reimbursement.

Important numbers to have!

- **Your new group number effective January 1, 2024 - UHSS Group Number: 78800586**
- **UHSS ID number: 374 plus your Unique ID#**
- Member Services Number: 866-236-3148 (claims office)
- Provider Services Number: 866-596-8447

In the meantime, if you have any questions relating to the transition to United HealthCare, please contact the Benefit Office at 405-682-4581 or claims office at 866-236-3148.

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

Plumbers & 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) 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.

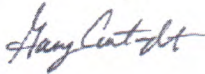
Wage Rates

1 st Year - \$21.03	4 th Year - \$26.77
2 nd Year - \$22.95	5 th Year - \$30.60
3 rd Year - \$24.86	Journeyman - \$38.25

February's Membership Meeting

The February's Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 6th at 7:00pm
At Hilton Garden Inn OKC Airport, 801 S. Meridian, OKC 73108 - Rosewood Room.
Doors open at 6:00pm - Deli Buffet will be served.

Fraternally,



Gary Cartwright
Business Manager