

# PIPEWRENCH

Your Communication Pipeline

March 1, 2019

## CALL A PLUMBER

During the evening of Thursday, January 31st a frozen sprinkler pipe in the office of Reliable Administrative Services Inc. (RASI) burst. In some areas water accumulated to a depth of 4 inches and flowed into the hallway of the building.

There was damage to the ceiling, walls, carpeting and furniture. While they did lose a couple computers, all computer data remained intact and secure without any loss. Clean up commenced Friday morning. Throughout the week dehumidifiers ran in order to reduce potential mould growth.

There was minimal business disruption while the staff transferred operations into the Union's boardroom. By 1:00 pm that Friday the benefits office was up and running. It is expected that it will take a minimum of 6 weeks before Reliable can be put back together. During that time they are still open for business at their temporary location in the Union's board room.



## FINANCIAL WELLNESS SEMINAR

This seminar, originally scheduled for Wednesday, February 6, 2019, was postponed due to inclement weather. As of this newsletter a new date has yet to be determined. **Please watch your mailbox for an update.**



communication for you to provide RASI with your email address and to give permission to receive notifications via email.

## DID YOU KNOW

The Board of Trustees wish to reduce their carbon footprint by reducing their paper consumption while, at the same time, keeping you informed.

RASI is in the process of updating their files. For this reason a form is included with this

## SUB

In 2018 80% of SUB claims were paid. The other 20% were denied for any one of the following reasons:-

- Work was available
- Did not sign the out-of-work list
- Not in receipt of unemployment benefits
- Submission exceeds the maximum allowed weeks
- Previously paid for weeks claimed

→ Have not accumulated sufficient SUB work hours

21% of the denials were due to available work while 18% were due to not signing the out-of-work list (OWL).

If you are laid off Friday, December 21, 2018 but don't sign the OWL until Friday, December 28, 2018 that means you were not available for work during the week and your claim will be denied. Another example would be if your lay-off date is Monday, January 28, 2019 but your out of work date listed is Friday, February 1, 2019 your claim will be denied because you were not available for work.

Remember to sign the OWL as soon as possible to avoid issues with your SUB claim.

## Let's talk about drugs<sup>1</sup>



### Acute vs maintenance medications

Acute care drugs are used to treat one-time or short-term conditions. Maintenance medications are used to treat chronic or long-term conditions.

### Drug identification number (DIN)

A DIN is assigned to a drug product by health Canada before it reaches the market. The eight-digit number tells you the product has been approved for use and can legally be manufactured and sold in Canada.

### Ingredient/manufacture cost

The sale price charged by the manufacturer for the drug

### Wholesale mark-up

The amount added on to the manufacturer's sale price by the wholesaler

### Pharmacy mark-up

The amount added on to the manufacturer and/or wholesaler price by the pharmacy.

### Dispensing fee

Pharmacists receive a dispensing fee for filling your prescription/s. This fee covers services such as: talking about your treatment with you; maintaining and checking your medication records; providing drug information to your doctors; dispensing your drug products; stocking medication and general operating costs such as employees' salaries, rent, etc.

Each pharmacy sets its own fees for filling prescriptions and must register this fee with the Ontario College of Pharmacists. Dispensing fees in Ontario range from \$9.93 to \$13.25. Alliance Pharmacy's dispensing fee ranges from \$2.91 to \$7.50 depending on medication tier, non-senior, or senior.

Drug pricing varies by pharmacy, region and province. It can also sometimes vary depending on whether you pay the pharmacy out of your own pocket, or use your GSC ID card to pay only the portion not covered by your benefit plan. It's important to shop around for the best pricing. Your prescription receipt will show the breakdown.

<sup>1</sup> Green Shield Canada

\*For explanation purposes only. Consult with your pharmacist.

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It's important to keep your information current. Contact Reliable Administrative Services Inc., or print off a copy from their website, of the Welfare and/or the Pension Enrolment/ Change forms.