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ANTHEM TO ACQUIRE BEACON HEALTH OPTIONS

On June 6th, Anthem announced that “The company has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Beacon Health Options (Beacon), the largest independently held behavioral health organization in the country.”

According to Anthem's press release posted on their website, Beacon's EAP (employee assistance program) services allow Anthem to diversify and allow more “whole person” care for its members.

Being able to care for medical needs, along with behavioral/personal needs, through one company has been an increasing need for many providers like Anthem. Providers essentially become a “one-stop shop” for members to have their routine physician visits for optimum medical care, coupled with providing member access to all of the free resources to help them and their families balance all the demands of their work and personal lives through their EAP.

The acquisition of Beacon Health Options is to be completed sometime during the fourth quarter of 2019.

Anthem Family Assistance Program (FAP) will remain dedicated to helping you live your best life! The FAP is completely confidential and available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Call us around-the-clock at 1-800-865-1044, or find a wealth of educational materials and resources related to mental health and substance abuse on our website. The site offers information, interactive tools and resources on many topics including balancing work and family, your health, taking care of dependents, relationships and life skills. Simply go to www.AnthemEAP.com and use the company code “Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 434”.



Fund's Website

www.ualocal434-mca-healthfund.com

This site provides you access to Plan-related information including: benefit information, Plan changes, Plan forms, frequently asked questions and answers, contribution and self-payment rates, links to various Plan-related websites, and member information (You can create a secure login to view your eligibility information, claims records, and dollar bank activity and balance.)

Family Assistance Program

The Anthem Family Assistance Program (FAP) provides solutions to help you balance work and life through confidential and easily accessible services. Anthem FAP puts convenient resources within your reach, and that helps you - and your household members - stay healthy. Anthem FAP services include:

Face-to-Face Counseling;
Legal Services;
Financial Services;
ID Recovery;
Tobacco Cessation (Online and Coaching); and
Child and Elder Care Resources and Information.

To contact Anthem FAP, please call 1-800-865-1044. You also may visit their website at: www.AnthemEAP.com and use the Login: Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 434.

Preferred Provider Network

It is recommended that you check the Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield website prior to incurring covered expenses to make sure the hospital, physician, or other health care provider you choose is a preferred provider. Call Anthem at 1-800-810-BLUE (2583) or visit their website at: www.anthem.com.

Medical Advocacy

Anthem Benefit Advisor (ABA)
1-833-619-5710

THIS BENEFIT BULLETIN CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR PLAN. KEEP IT WITH YOUR SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION (SPD) FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

PLEASE NOTE: OUR GOAL IS TO PROVIDE YOU WITH GENERAL HEALTH INFORMATION, NOT MEDICAL GUIDANCE. YOU SHOULD CONTACT YOUR PHYSICIAN IF YOU HAVE SPECIFIC MEDICAL QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!! THE WEBSITE HAS BEEN UPDATED!!!

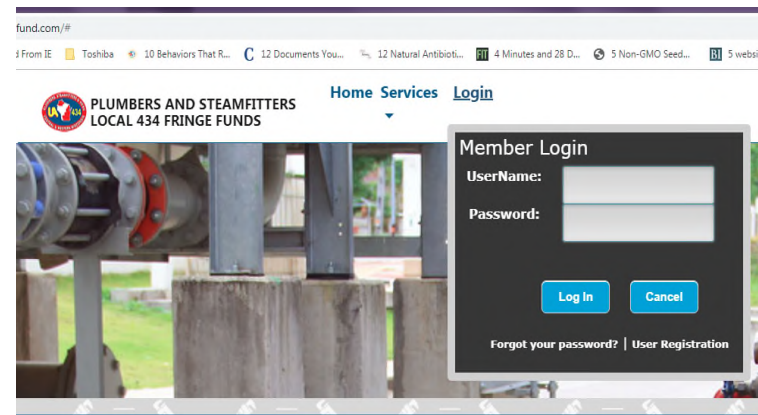
That's right! You read it here first. Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 434 Health Fund website has been completely revamped to offer you a fresh and clean user experience!

Visit <https://www.ualocal434-mca-healthfund.com/> to get started.

The home page provides some information about the Fund and how it works.

If you would like to review your claims and eligibility detail or your HRA and dollar bank balances, create an account by registering yourself as a user.

Simply click "Login" and then "User Registration."



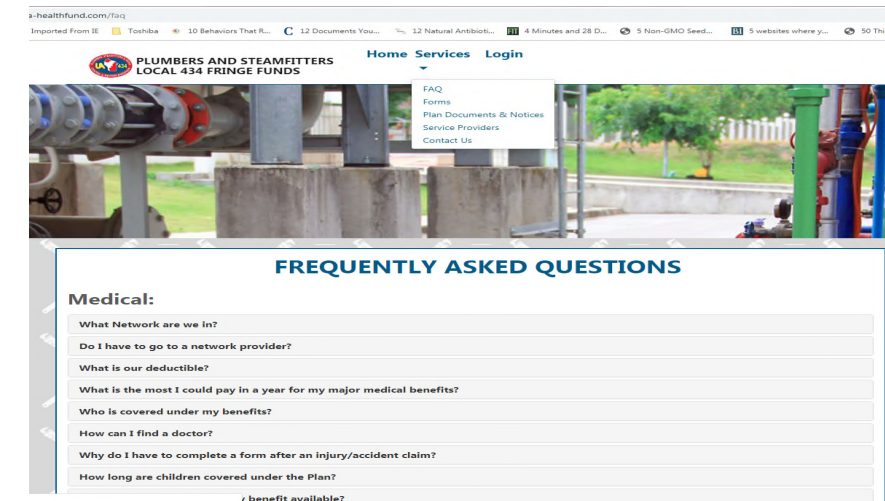
ABOUT US

The Local 434 Health & Welfare Fund was first started in 1998 and has been in continuous existence:

To register as a new user, provide and verify your email address, password, Social Security number, and mobile phone number. Next, type a Security Question that only **you** will know the answer to. After you type in your question, type your Security Answer in the next box.

Read the "Terms of Use/Disclaimer," check the box that you agree to the terms of service, then click "Register." Let's explore some of the website.

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If you need to find access to an online health provider, scroll down to the lower section of the home page. Here you can go directly to Anthem LiveHealth Online to save time and money by seeing your physician virtually.

Sometimes you need someone to "take the bull by the horns" and dive into all of the provider and location information on your behalf. You may have already clicked the Anthem Network Provider link and now have more questions than you did before. Anthem Benefits Advisor helps you make the right decisions here. Click on their link lower on the home page.

Lastly, you can register for the Quit For Life® program and snuff out smoking! Click on their link lower on the home page.

Click the drop-down arrow under Services. You can read the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) section to find out things like: what network you're in, what your deductible is, what is covered under your benefits, how to find a doctor, form completion, etc.

You also have access to Fund forms (enrollment, beneficiary, change of address, name change, etc.), Plan Documents and Notices (annual, creditable coverage, CHIP notice, rates, Summary Plan Description, Summaries of Material Modifications, Summaries of Benefits and Coverage, etc.), and Service Providers (links to the Health Fund, Mechanical Contractors Association, Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield, Optum Rx, and Delta Dental of Wisconsin).

If you are still unable to locate the information you need, click Contact Us. You can submit your request for information right through the website, or you can mail, call or fax the Fund Office.

