

Locals 302 and 612 of the International Union of Operating Engineers Trust Funds

2815 2nd Avenue, Suite 300 • P.O. Box 34203 • Seattle, Washington 98124
Phone (206) 441-7314 or (877) 441-1212 • Fax (206) 505-9727 • Website: www.engineerstrust.com

Administered by
Welfare & Pension Administration Service, Inc.

April 30, 2014

**To: All Eligible Active and Non-Medicare Retirees Residing in the State of Alaska
Locals 302 and 612 I.U.O.E. Construction Industry Health and Security Fund**

Re: BridgeHealth Surgical Benefit Management Services

Exciting Enhancement to your Standard Medical Plan

Important Information – Please be sure that you and your family read this notice carefully and keep it with your benefit booklet or important insurance papers for future reference.

Effective May 1, 2014, the Trust is offering another option for major surgical care, in addition to using one of the Plan's PPO hospitals including Providence Alaska Medical Center in Anchorage and Mat Su Regional Medical Center in Palmer or another PPO hospital and/or facility through the Beech Street/Viant Network outside of Anchorage.

You now have access to a wide range of tools and resources through BridgeHealth Medical to help you make medical decisions -- like whether or not to have major surgery. And, it's included in your Operating Engineers Construction Industry Health and Security Plan benefits at no additional cost to you!

Many times there are viable alternatives to surgery. The BridgeHealth Medical program empowers you to understand *all* of your options. It gives you the tools to make informed decisions and confidently discuss with your doctor the treatment that is best *for you*.

If surgery is necessary, you'll have access to Centers of Excellence facilities across the country, where you get top-quality care *and* the lowest out-of-pocket costs.

With the BridgeHealth Medical program you get:

- ***Access to the BridgeHealth website.*** Use the interactive tools and resources to better understand your diagnosis and treatment options.
- ***Access to CareChex® quality ratings*** – CareChex is an independent hospital rating service available through the BridgeHealth website.
- ***Travel and surgical coordination handled on your behalf*** (by a BridgeHealth care coordinator) every step of the way.
- ***Travel and lodging covered at 100%*** for you *and* a companion (if medically necessary) when the network provider you need is outside your local area.
- ***Annual deductible and coinsurance/copayment*** are both waived.
- ***\$50 per day*** to cover incidental expenses related to your travel.

Find out more

Visit www.BridgeHealthMedical.com. Look for the **Plan Member Login** button at the top of the page. Sign in using your e-mail and password. If it's your first time on the site, you'll need to register using Operating Engineers' unique company code: **PRLT2**.

Specific questions? Ready to schedule surgery?

BridgeHealth is here to help plan participants like you.

Chat online with a BridgeHealth care coordinator (accessed via www.BridgeHealthMedical.com); send an e-mail to ClientCenter@BridgeHealthMedical.com or call 1-800-680-1366.

While we hope no one will ever need this program, we want to make sure our members take advantage of the quality care and out-of-pocket savings BridgeHealth offers.

Sincerely,

Board of Trustees

**Locals 302 and 612 of the International Union of Operating Engineers
Construction Industry Health and Security Fund**

About to schedule surgery? Wait! Make sure you get the care you deserve.

Specialty
procedures

Hip

Heart

Shoulder

Knee

Spine

You may qualify for up to **100% coverage** on many planned procedures. This could significantly reduce your out-of-pocket expenses!

How it works

BridgeHealth Medical is a part of your employee benefit plan. When you use BridgeHealth to facilitate your surgery, you get top quality care *and* significant savings...**at no additional cost to you.**

To qualify, you must schedule surgery through BridgeHealth Medical

- **Contact BridgeHealth** by phone: 1-888-387-3909; by e-mail: ClientCenter@BridgeHealthMedical.com, or online: www.BridgeHealthMedical.com.
- **Speak with a Care Coordinator**, who can help you locate top-quality providers. They'll also help you understand why quality is so important when it comes to surgery.
- **Discuss your BridgeHealth provider options.**
- **A Care Coordinator** will forward medical records to a BridgeHealth surgeon for review.
- **Relax and let Care Coordinators handle all of the details.**



**Before scheduling surgery,
contact BridgeHealth.**

Don't forget, there may be alternatives to surgery.

Up to 40% of surgeries may be unnecessary. Before making the final decision regarding planned surgery, let BridgeHealth's website provide you with:

- **Interactive tools and resources.** Better understand your diagnosis and treatment options. The more you know about your condition, the better off you'll be when deciding how to treat it.
- **Access to hospital quality ratings.** Not all hospitals are equal. You can feel confident that your procedure will be performed at a top-quality surgical center, greatly reducing the risk of complications.



Visit www.BridgeHealthMedical.com and register today!

Website access code:

www.BridgeHealthMedical.com | 1-888-387-3909