

## HEALTH AND WELFARE AND PENSION FUNDS

DATE:

December 20, 2019

TO:

Plan Participants

FROM:

Board of Trustees

SUBJECT:

Fox Valley Laborers Health and Welfare Fund

Gene Therapy/Injectables/Infusions

Dear Participant,

Please be advised that effective January 1, 2020, the Plan will require precertification of all gene therapy, injectables, and infusion therapy covered under the medical plan. This pre-certification will be provided by Hines & Associates, Inc.

Hines & Associates will provide pre-certification of FDA approved therapy products including targeted cancer gene therapy, injectables and infusions, such as those used for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis and Crohn's disease, for both in-network and out-of-network services. This program will ensure that the patient receives the best possible quality health care that is medically necessary and at a savings to the patient and the Fund.

A new ID card from Blue Cross Blue Shield will be sent to you. It contains important contact information for you and your providers regarding your health care and pre-certification of patient care. You are required to prenotify Hines & Associates for these services and your provider will need to contact Hines & Associates to pre-certify at the phone number on your ID card.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Fund Office.

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