March 27, 2020

TO: All Eligible Participants in the IBEW Local No. 461 Welfare Fund

Re: VIRTUAL VISITS NOW AVAILABLE

The IBEW Local 461 Welfare Plan Trustees recognize it has become challenging to see a doctor in person due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Many providers are now scheduling “virtual” visits with patients, via video, telephone or other electronic means. In the past, these visits were not covered by the Plan. Due to the current health care climate, the Trustees believe it is important to begin covering virtual visits with providers. Accordingly, virtual visits with medical providers will now be covered on the same basis as an in-person visit with the provider. This coverage of virtual visits will continue until further notice.

Also, as a reminder, the Plan will cover virtual visits associated with COVID-19 testing at 100% without any participant cost-sharing, prior authorization or other medical management requirements. This 100% coverage of the testing (and related visit) will continue until the end of the public health emergency declared by HHS.

Sincerely,

Board of Trustees
IBEW Local No. 461 Welfare Fund