



December 1, 2018

Dear Plumbers Welfare Fund Local 130 members,

Effective January 1, 2019, Plumbers Welfare Fund Local 130 has contracted with EPIC Hearing Healthcare to manage your hearing benefit. Plan participants are eligible for a hearing device up to \$1,500.00 once every 60 months (Unless bilateral hearing aids are determined to be Medically Necessary by the Fund's Medical Advisor, in which case the benefit is \$3,000.00). *Please note: You are responsible for any costs over the allowed amount.*

EPIC will assist members in locating quality hearing care professionals, while helping to reduce your cost for hearing aid devices and related care. EPIC provides you with savings up to 60% off retail on major brand hearing devices, with prices starting as low as \$495.

**IMPORTANT:** In order to use your hearing benefits, please contact EPIC at 1-888-227-1665. A hearing counselor will verify your benefits and assist you with finding a local EPIC provider in your area. The enclosed brochure describes in detail how to use your hearing benefits.

We believe this new program will be beneficial to you in that you will receive high quality professional services and have access to an open selection of brand name hearing technology at prices reduced 30-60% below MSRP. In addition, EPIC provides extended warranties and complementary batteries.

**If you wish to learn more, please contact EPIC Hearing Service Plan toll free at 1-888-227-1665 or [hear@epichearing.com](mailto:hear@epichearing.com).** Be sure to identify yourself as a **Plumbers Welfare Fund Local 130** member. The EPIC hearing counselors are available to answer your questions and guide you through the process of hearing healthcare.

Best Regards,

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