



The Skilled Trades Advantage.

REPRESENTING THE FOLLOWING AFFILIATES:

BOILERMAKERS
Lodge 146

BRICKLAYERS
Local 1

BRICKLAYERS
Local 2

CARPENTERS
Local 1325

CARPENTERS
Local 2103

CONSTRUCTION &
GENERAL WORKERS
Local 92

CONSTRUCTION &
SPECIALIZED WORKERS
Local 1111

ELEVATOR CONSTRUCTORS
Local 122

ELEVATOR CONSTRUCTORS
Local 130

IBEW
Local 424

INSULATORS
Local 110

IRONWORKERS
Local 720

IRONWORKERS
Local 725

MILLWRIGHTS
Local 1460

OPERATING ENGINEERS
Local 955

PAINTERS & ALLIED TRADES
Local 177

PLASTERERS &
CEMENT MASONS
Local 222

SHEET METAL WORKERS
Local 8

TEAMSTERS
Local 362

UNITE-HERE
CULINARY WORKERS
Local 47

UNITED ASSOCIATION OF
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Local 488

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Local 496

Prescription Drug Coverage for People Over 65 – Representatives from the Building Trades of Alberta (John Tackaberry, Jack Hubler, Warren Fraleigh and Gerry Donnelly) met with officials of Health and Wellness in May 2010 to raise concerns about proposed changes to prescription drug coverage for people over 65 years old. Those changes would include an income based premium depending on their net income.

Changes under review are on hold for now and we were promised to be included in future discussions regarding proposed changes as stakeholders. However we continue to pursue this matter on a regular basis. We have raised this issue with the Parliamentary Assistant to the Health Minister and we will be raising it with the Health Minister before the end of September.

Changes to the current Alberta plan would have serious consequences for Union plans that exist for members 65 years and older. Those proposed changes would obviously have an impact on coverage for Union members that don't have an over 65 drug plan.

Currently Albertans over 65 pay 30% of the cost of each prescription up to a maximum of 25 dollars. The maximum amount available for prescription drug coverage per person per year is 25,000 dollars with certain exceptions.

If you have any concerns regarding this review of the prescription drug plan it is imperative that you raise them with your MLA. To find out who your MLA is go to: http://www.assembly.ab.ca/net/index.aspx?p=mla_home

If you wish to obtain information on coverage go to:

<http://www.ab.bluecross.ca> and also <http://www.health.alberta.ca>

