IMPORTANT NOTICE
TO PARTICIPANTS AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE
PIPELINE INDUSTRY BENEFIT FUND

CORONAVIRUS TESTING COVERAGE
EFFECTIVE MARCH 18, 2020

The Board of Trustees of Pipeline Industry Benefit Fund (the Fund or Plan) wants to assure you that the Fund office is working each day to stay informed of developments concerning COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and the related public health emergency that was declared. The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (Act) was signed into law on March 18, 2020. The Fund will comply with its requirements that group health plans, such as your Plan, provide the following Coronavirus related coverage effective immediately (March 18, 2020) and continuing during this declared public health emergency:

FDA-Approved COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Testing that is prescribed by a licensed physician, and items and services furnished during provider office visits, urgent care visits and emergency room visits related to the furnishing of such testing or to the evaluation of the need for such testing, will be covered at 100% by the Plan, without any cost-sharing (including deductibles, co-payments, and co-insurance) or prior authorization requirements.

This expanded coverage applies only to the testing and related items and services furnished during office visits, as required by the Act, and does not change the Plan's coverage and benefit rules that normally apply with respect to any treatment of the Coronavirus that may be needed.

Please keep this notice with your Summary Plan Description booklet for future reference and contact the Fund Office if you have questions or need assistance.

Sincerely,

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Director