



FOX VALLEY & VICINITY LABORERS

HEALTH AND WELFARE AND PENSION FUNDS

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To: Participants
From: Fox Valley Laborers Board of Trustees
Subject: HIPAA Privacy Notice
Fox Valley Laborers Health and Welfare Fund

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A federal law, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), requires that health plans like the Fox Valley Laborers Health and Welfare Fund protect the confidentiality of your private health information. A complete description of your rights under HIPAA can be found in the Plan's Privacy Notice, which is available for review, free of charge, at the Fund Office. You must make an appointment to review the Privacy Notice. The Notice explains the possible uses and disclosures of protected health information by the Fund. It also outlines your rights regarding your health information and the steps the trust has taken to protect health information and prevent unnecessary disclosures. The Fund distributes the Notice of Privacy Practices at certain times required by law, such as when you became a participant. You can request another copy from the Fox Valley Laborers Fund Office at 2371 Bowes Road, Suite 500, Elgin, Illinois, 60123-5523.

This Plan, and the Plan Sponsor (the Board of Trustees) will not use or further disclose information that is protected by HIPAA ("protected health information") except as necessary for treatment, payment, health Plan operations and Plan administration, or as permitted or required by law. In particular, the Plan will not, without your written authorization, use or disclose protected health information for employment-related actions and decisions or in connection with any other benefit plan of the Plan Sponsor. The Plan also hires professionals and other companies to assist in providing health care benefits. The Plan requires these entities, called "Business Associates" to observe HIPAA's privacy rules.

Under federal law, you have certain rights with respect to your protected health information, including certain rights to see and copy the information, receive an accounting of certain disclosures of the information, and under certain circumstances amend the information. You have the right to request reasonable restrictions on disclosure of information about you. You also have the right to file a complaint with the Plan or with the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services if you believe your rights have been violated.

If you have questions about the privacy of your health information or if you wish to file a complaint about a privacy issue, please contact the Administrative Manager.

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Arabic	ملحوظة: إذا كنت تتحدث اذكر اللغة، فإن خدمات المساعدة اللغوية تتوافر لك بالمجان. اتصل برقم 1-877-696-6775
Chinese	注意：如果您使用繁體中文，您可以免費獲得語言援助服務。請致電 1-877-696-6775。
French	ATTENTION: Si vous parlez français, des services d'aide linguistique vous sont proposés gratuitement. Appelez le 1-877-696-6775.
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Greek	ΠΡΟΣΟΧΗ: Εάν μιλάτε αγγλικά, οι υπηρεσίες γραμματείας, δωρεάν, είναι διαθέσιμες σε εσάς. Καλέστε 1-877-696-6775.
Gujarati	સાવધાન: જો તમે ઇંગલિશ બોલતા હો, ભાષા સહાય સેવાઓ, નિ:શુલ્ક, તમારા માટે ઉપલબ્ધ છે. 1-877-696-6775 પર કોલ કરો
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Italian	ATTENZIONE: In caso la lingua parlata sia l'italiano, sono disponibili servizi di assistenza linguistica gratuiti. Chiamare il numero 1-877-696-6775.
Korean	주의: 한국어를 사용하시는 경우, 언어 지원 서비스를 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다. 1-877-696-6775 번으로 전화해 주십시오.
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Russian	ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы говорите на русском языке, то вам доступны бесплатные услуги перевода. Звоните 1-877-696-6775.
Spanish	ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 1-877-696-6775.
Tagalog	PAUNAWA: Kung nagsasalita ka ng Tagalog, maaari kang gumamit ng mga serbisyo ng tulong sa wika nang walang bayad. Tumawag sa 1-877-696-6775.
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Vietnamese	CHÚ Ý: Nếu bạn nói Tiếng Việt, có các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí dành cho bạn. Gọi số 1-877-696-6775.

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Your Information. Your Rights. Our Responsibilities.

This notice describes how medical information about you may be used and disclosed and how you can get access to this information.

Please review it carefully.

Your Rights

When it comes to your health information, you have certain rights. This section explains your rights and some of our responsibilities to help you.

Get a copy of your health and claims records

- You can ask to see or get a copy of your health and claims records and other health information we have about you. Ask us how to do this.
- We will provide a copy or a summary of your health and claims records, usually within 30 days of your request. We may charge a reasonable, cost-based fee.

Ask us to correct health and claims records

- You can ask us to correct your health and claims records if you think they are incorrect or incomplete. Ask us how to do this.
- We may say “no” to your request, but we’ll tell you why in writing within 60 days.

Request confidential communications

- You can ask us to contact you in a specific way (for example, home or office phone) or to send mail to a different address.
- We will consider all reasonable requests, and must say “yes” if you tell us you would be in danger if we do not.

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Your Rights *continued*

Ask us to limit what we use or share

- You can ask us **not** to use or share certain health information for treatment, payment, or our operations.
- We are not required to agree to your request, and we may say “no” if it would affect your care.

Get a list of those with whom we’ve shared information

- You can ask for a list (accounting) of the times we’ve shared your health information for six years prior to the date you ask, who we shared it with, and why.
- We will include all the disclosures except for those about treatment, payment, and health care operations, and certain other disclosures (such as any you asked us to make). We’ll provide one accounting a year for free but will charge a reasonable, cost-based fee if you ask for another one within 12 months.

Get a copy of this privacy notice

- You can ask for a paper copy of this notice at any time, even if you have agreed to receive the notice electronically. We will provide you with a paper copy promptly.

Choose someone to act for you

- If you have given someone medical power of attorney or if someone is your legal guardian, that person can exercise your rights and make choices about your health information.
- We will make sure the person has this authority and can act for you before we take any action.

File a complaint if you feel your rights are violated

- You can complain if you feel we have violated your rights by contacting us using the information on page 1.
- You can file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights by sending a letter to 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201, calling 1-877-696-6775, or visiting www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/complaints/.
- We will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint.

Your Choices

For certain health information, you can tell us your choices about what we share. If you have a clear preference for how we share your information in the situations described below, talk to us. Tell us what you want us to do, and we will follow your instructions.

In these cases, you have both the right and choice to tell us to:

- Share information with your family, close friends, or others involved in payment for your care
- Share information in a disaster relief situation
- Contact you for fundraising efforts

If you are not able to tell us your preference, for example if you are unconscious, we may go ahead and share your information if we believe it is in your best interest. We may also share your information when needed to lessen a serious and imminent threat to health or safety.

In these cases we *never* share your information unless you give us written permission:

- Marketing purposes
- Sale of your information

Our Uses and Disclosures

How do we typically use or share your health information? We typically use or share your health information in the following ways.

Help manage the health care treatment you receive

- We can use your health information and share it with professionals who are treating you.

Example: A doctor sends us information about your diagnosis and treatment plan so we can arrange additional services.

Run our organization

- We can use and disclose your information to run our organization and contact you when necessary.
- **We are not allowed to use genetic information to decide whether we will give you coverage and the price of that coverage.** This does not apply to long term care plans.

Example: We use health information about you to develop better services for you.

Pay for your health services

- We can use and disclose your health information as we pay for your health services.

Example: We share information about you with your dental plan to coordinate payment for your dental work.

Administer your plan

- We may disclose your health information to your health plan sponsor for plan administration.

Example: Your company contracts with us to provide a health plan, and we provide your company with certain statistics to explain the premiums we charge.

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How else can we use or share your health information? We are allowed or required to share your information in other ways – usually in ways that contribute to the public good, such as public health and research. We have to meet many conditions in the law before we can share your information for these purposes. For more information see: www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/consumers/index.html.

Help with public health and safety issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We can share health information about you for certain situations such as:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preventing disease• Helping with product recalls• Reporting adverse reactions to medications• Reporting suspected abuse, neglect, or domestic violence• Preventing or reducing a serious threat to anyone's health or safety
Do research	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We can use or share your information for health research.
Comply with the law	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We will share information about you if state or federal laws require it, including with the Department of Health and Human Services if it wants to see that we're complying with federal privacy law.
Respond to organ and tissue donation requests and work with a medical examiner or funeral director	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We can share health information about you with organ procurement organizations.• We can share health information with a coroner, medical examiner, or funeral director when an individual dies.
Address workers' compensation, law enforcement, and other government requests	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We can use or share health information about you:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For workers' compensation claims• For law enforcement purposes or with a law enforcement official• With health oversight agencies for activities authorized by law• For special government functions such as military, national security, and presidential protective services
Respond to lawsuits and legal actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We can share health information about you in response to a court or administrative order, or in response to a subpoena.

Your Personal Representative: You, your spouse and/or adult children (18 or over) may elect not to have one another as a Personal Representative. You, your spouse and/or adult children (18 or over) must fill out a HIPAA Authorization Form and submit the Form to the Privacy Official with a photo ID. Regardless of whether a parent receives an adult child's Explanation of Benefits (EOB) as the automatic Personal Representative of the adult child, a HIPAA Authorization Form must be completed and on file before the Fund Office will discuss health information of adult children with a parent. A HIPAA Authorization Form must also be completed and on file before the Fund Office will discuss health information with any other individual acting on your behalf such as a relative or friend.

Our Responsibilities

- We are required by law to maintain the privacy and security of your protected health information.
- We will let you know promptly if a breach occurs that may have compromised the privacy or security of your information.
- We must follow the duties and privacy practices described in this notice and give you a copy of it.
- We will not use or share your information other than as described here unless you tell us we can in writing. If you tell us we can, you may change your mind at any time. Let us know in writing if you change your mind.

For more information see: www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/consumers/noticepp.html.

Changes to the Terms of This Notice

We can change the terms of this notice, and the changes will apply to all information we have about you. The new notice will be available upon request, on our web site, and we will mail a copy to you.

The effective date of this notice is September 1, 2023.

This Notice of Privacy Practices applies to the following organizations.

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