
FOR YOUR BENEFIT

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LOCAL 295 PENSION FUND ACHIEVES GREEN ZONE STATUS

After more than fifteen years of dedication and hard work, we're pleased to share great news — the Local 295 IBT Employer Group Pension Fund has officially emerged from the "Red Zone" to the "Green Zone" as certified by the Plan's actuaries for the plan year beginning July 1, 2025.

This milestone marks a major achievement following years of consistent contributions, sound management, and adherence to the Plan's Rehabilitation Plan, which was adopted in 2009 to restore the Fund's financial strength. The Fund's strong investment performance and careful oversight have helped it reach this stable and healthy status.

As of the most recent valuation, the Fund is 95.3% funded, demonstrating solid financial footing and long-term stability. Being in the Green Zone means the Plan is considered healthy under federal guidelines, with sufficient assets to meet its obligations to participants and retirees.

In the coming months, the Plan's actuaries and Trustees will review potential plan design improvements with the goal of enhancing benefits where feasible.

This accomplishment represents years of commitment and collaboration from everyone involved in the Plan's success. Participants and retirees can take pride in knowing the Fund continues to move in a positive direction and remains well-positioned to meet its long-term obligations.



Questions? Our Fund Office is available Monday through Friday during normal business hours to assist you. Contact P: 1.212.308.4200, F: 1.212.308.4545 or Toll Free at 1.888.728.2782 and ask to speak to a Welfare or Pension Representative.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR PRESCRIPTION MAIL ORDER BENEFITS

THE EMPIRX HEALTH MEMBER PORTAL APP & PRESCRIPTION MART

In order to maximize the value of your prescription drug benefits it's important to note that EmpiRx administers your Rx benefits whereas Prescription Mart handles only the mail order portion of your prescription benefits. It's also good to know what Prescription Mart's specific role is because they will be contacting you to collect payment and also to schedule the delivery of your prescription(s).

HOW TO GET STARTED:



Please visit myempirxhealth.com and register for the EmpiRx Health Member Portal app and manage your prescriptions easily online and on the go. Registration is easy. Just don't forget that you will also need to download the app to your smart phone!

OPTIONS FOR ORDERING:

Online: Log onto myempirxhealth.com where you will be prompted to create a Prescription Mart Mail Order account. If you choose to create one later, you can click on the banner at the top of each page to create an account. Prescription Mart cannot fill your order until you have registered.

E-prescribe or Fax: Have your doctor e-prescribe to Prescription Mart or fax your prescription to 409.866.1317. Faxed prescriptions may only be sent by a doctor's office and must include patient information and diagnosis for timely processing.

Mail: Mail your 90-day prescription and completed Patient Profile and Medication Order Form with payment to PO Box 12607, Beaumont, TX 77726.








GETTING A REFILL IS EASY

Once you have logged onto myempirxhealth.com, simply go to the Prescription tab to order refills or call 800.713.1230 with your prescription number and payment information. You can also print an order form from myempirxhealth.com and mail the completed form to PO Box 12607, Beaumont, TX 77726.

Taking advantage of your mail order benefit may enable you to receive up to a 90-day supply of your maintenance medication(s). Just ask your physician to write for a 90-day supply, plus additional refills (to be filled at Prescription Mart).

Prescription Mart will be in contact with you to collect payment and schedule delivery of your prescription(s).

REGISTER FOR THE EMPIRX HEALTH MEMBER PORTAL APP

-  Empirx Health Prescription & Claims history
-  Mail-order service & refills
-  Drug pricing
-  Pharmacy search filter
-  Benefits information
-  ID card
-  And so much more



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REGISTRATION & WHAT TO EXPECT

HOW TO REGISTER ON THE MEMBER PORTAL



1. Navigate to myempirxhealth.com
2. Click on Create An Account.
3. Enter your information and click Next.
4. Enter the RxGRP and your Member ID from your ID Card (If your Member ID contains a hyphen, disregard the hyphen and any digits after) and click Next.
5. Create a username. Enter your mobile phone number and your email address. Click Next.
6. Click on Send Verification Code.
7. Check your email and enter the verification code.
8. Create and confirm your password.
9. Once entered, click Create My Account.

HOW TO PLACE MAIL ORDERS IN THE MEMBER PORTAL APP



You can place mail orders for your prescriptions under “Mail Order” in your account. You will be able to view current orders, as well as past orders, under the “Orders” tab.

You can view details about each order by clicking on that individual order. You will also be able to turn notifications about your orders on or off by clicking the “Notifications” tab and can update your shipping address, if needed, by clicking on the “Shipping Address” tab.

WHAT TO EXPECT

When will I receive my medication?



Shipping may take up to 14 days. In some cases, Prescription Mart utilizes a combo of mail-order partners for expedited service. Shipping is generally free unless you want your prescription sooner or have special handling needs.

What if my medications require special handling?

If your medications need refrigeration/special handling, a team member will contact you.

How will you contact me?

Prescription Mart uses texts, emails and a standard toll-free telephone number.

How do I pay for my prescriptions?



Prescription Mart does require payment before they ship your order (they do not bill). You can pay by personal check, money order, FSA/HRA or major credit/debit card. Please don't send cash.

How are controlled substances handled?

These prescriptions have strict guidelines. Our team will reach out to you to confirm additional details

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First Class Mail
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PAID
Hicksville, NY
Permit No. 125

THE IMPORTANCE OF UPDATING YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

REMEMBER TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT AND BENEFICIARY INFORMATION WITH THE FUNDS

Have you moved recently? Do you have a new cell or home phone number? Did you change your email address? If so, please update your physical address. Any changes to your phone numbers and/or email addresses should be updated, too. Notifying the Fund will ensure that if you are receiving pension benefits that you will continue to do so. We want to keep you informed!

Was there a new addition to your family? We realize that it's an exciting time in your life and we want to be sure that your whole family receives all the services and benefit information that it is entitled to so please update your dependent information after a child is born or your marital status changes, this includes getting divorced as well.

Why updating your beneficiary is important? Protecting loved ones is always top priority. By naming a beneficiary and updating the information should it change, is a guaranteed way to ensure that any pension or life insurance benefits will be provided to the correct person.

REMINDER: If you are getting ready to retire, consider that the process for retirement benefits takes about 3 months to process. We encourage members who are vested to plan accordingly, make sure all your paperwork is remitted timely. Feel free to contact the Pension Department at 212.308.4200 with any questions.