

Retiree's Report October 2013

Green Shield now offers discounts for glasses, contacts and laser eye correction

Green Shield has a discount arrangement with selected optical retailers, including The Bay, Hakim Optical, ContactsExpress.ca, Sears Optical and Lens Crafters. To find a participating retailer go to Green Shield's web site and under the "What You Need - Vision" section, type in your address and a map showing participating providers in your area will be displayed. Laser correction discounts are through Lasik MD only. You must show your GS card to receive these discounts prior to processing.

Green Shield has also started a medication adherence reminder program called "Stick2it", members who have been prescribed medication for high blood pressure or high cholesterol will be invited to register for the program on Green Shield's secure adherence website "stick2it.ca". The service will then let you know when it's time to take your medication and refill your prescription. When and how is up to you – you can customize your preferences to receive reminders by email, text, or phone. This service is free of charge and is the first of its kind in Canada. Eligible members will receive a post card in the mail from Green Shield inviting them to sign up.

October 1st begins that final quarter for this year for the healthcare contribution to be applied to all medical claims processed through Green Shield. The amount of \$97.20 if under 65 yrs old or \$48.60 for those over 65 and surviving spouses will be applied first before regular coverage will begin.

October 1st also renewed the maximum benefit for all Covered Dental Expenses of \$2800. All regular timelines still apply.

Starting October 7, the Benefit Office hours will be 8am – 4:30pm.

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