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Good news for long-term LTD recipients wishing to return to work

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The Return to Work fund provides up to \$10,000 to successful applicants from the major health care unions, including HSA. The \$150,000 fund is open to those on LTD or those waiting for LTD benefits and who wish to return to work but face some kind of barrier.

Priority will be given to proposed return to work interventions that have the potential to reduce workplace injury, and especially where the intervention will assist more than one employee. As an example: a lifting device that would allow an employee to return to work and which can also be used to help other employees.

Employers are encouraged to match the monies in the fund, a project of HEABC and HSA, HEU, BCNU, BCGEU and IUOE.

The funding could finance features such as special equipment, counselling or work place modifications.

In many cases it is difficult to identify members waiting for benefits because they are neither at work nor collecting benefits. If you know of anyone who might be eligible, please let them know.

Use of the fund is voluntary, and will not affect normal entitlement to benefits.

Applications are available from the HSA office. Please pick up your application as soon as possible to ensure funding for your proposal.

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