



HEALTHCARE BENEFIT TRUST

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MARCH IS FRAUD AWARENESS MONTH

Help promote Fraud Awareness within your organization. Healthcare Benefit Trust (HBT) is sharing a number of resources to support consumer awareness.

Did you know that Benefits Fraud is a Crime?

Health and dental benefits fraud is a real crime with real consequences, but not many people understand how it can affect them on a personal level. The Fraud = Fraud Program created by The Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association (CLHIA) educates Canadians about benefits fraud so they can recognize it, refuse it, and report it.

Learn more here: [Fraud = Fraud](#)

Top 10 Consumer Tips to Prevent Benefits Fraud

All Canadians pay for health and dental benefits fraud. In North America alone, it is estimated that hundreds of millions of healthcare dollars are lost to fraud. This means higher costs for everyone.

Learn more here: [Top 10 Tips for Consumers](#)

What are the Consequences of Benefits Fraud?

Most people believe that if caught committing benefits fraud, they may only face higher premiums or must refund the money. The truth is, the consequences could be more serious, including: a loss of or reduction in your benefits, loss of your job, potential jail time and a criminal record.

The Pacific Blue Cross (PBC) Advice Centre is a great resource to learn more about Benefits Fraud. Learn more here: [PBC Fraud Resources](#)

Please forward this communication to all departments within your organization.