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<u>LiUNA! 625 Leads Fight In Canada's Opioid Crisis With</u> A Unique Benefits Plan Reimbursement

Windsor LiUNA!625, the WindsorEssex, ChathamKent Labourers' International Union of North America Local, is pleased to announce that select, naturally grown, pharmagrade medicinal cannabis products will now be covered under the organization's Benefits Plan.

"We've been working diligently on this initiative with key partners for several months," emphasized Rob Petroni, Business Manager of LiUNA!625." Offering medicinal cannabis as a prescription reimbursement underscores our commitment to the health and well-being of our 1,500 Members and their families – now 3,600 strong, throughout WindsorEssex and ChathamKent."

LiUNA's Benefits Plan is well-regarded industry-wide for its comprehensive coverage. Structuring this groundbreaking initiative has been a priority for the Trustees of LiUNA's Benefits Trust, resulting in a precedent-setting program and a first in North America. Members and their families will receive optimum counselling, guidance and prescription services throughout their treatment program.

"Communities across North America are struggling with overprescribed painkillers in excessively high doses that has lead to the opioid crisis," stated Mr. Petroni. "Our priority at LiUNA is health and safety, on and off the job site. Being at the forefront of medicinal cannabis care will minimize the health risks to our Members and reinforce the organization's responsibility to provide well–trained, highly skilled construction craft workers."

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