

# Communiqué

## Contribution rates effective October 1, 2017

PDSP costs are currently shared between the Government of Canada and plan members on a 50:50 cost sharing basis. PDSP costs have been steadily rising due to increases in Plan utilization and dental service fees. In order to maintain the 50:50 cost sharing ratio, a rate analysis was conducted and effective October 1, 2017, the monthly PDSP contribution rates will change.

The new rates will be reflected on your September 2017 pension cheque for October coverage. Contributions are paid one month in advance. The rate changes support continuing Plan sustainability and the prudent and effective management of the Government of Canada group benefit plans.

These rate changes are the result of a recommendation by the PDSP Board of Management, which consists of pensioner and employer representatives, to the President of the Treasury Board.

For more information, refer to the PDSP Communiqué number 11 on Contribution Rate Changes – June 2010 at: [www.sunlife.ca/pdsp](http://www.sunlife.ca/pdsp).

The chart below illustrates the new PDSP contribution rates effective October 1, 2017.

Category of Coverage	Previous member monthly contribution rates	Member monthly contribution rates effective October 1, 2017
<b>Category I</b> Pensioner only	\$16.00	\$17.46
<b>Category II</b> Pensioner and one eligible family member	\$31.96	\$36.85
<b>Category III</b> Pensioner and more than one eligible family member	\$47.96	\$44.38

Contribution rates for dependants of veterans with coverage under the Veterans Affairs Canada Dental Services Program will also change. Please contact your Pension Office for additional information.

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