



## Food Service Plan

*Plan Unit 376*



**Summary Plan Description**  
*Your Health and Welfare Benefits*

## Your Fund is taking care of you during the national coronavirus emergency!

Until the end of the national coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency as declared by the Department of Health and Human Services, you will not pay any cost-sharing (copays, deductibles, or coinsurance) for:

- Medically appropriate COVID-19 testing that is ordered by a healthcare provider. (“Testing” includes both tests to determine if you currently have the virus, or if you have antibodies to the virus.) In addition, if the primary purpose is to get the testing, you will not pay any cost-sharing for items and services related to the test, including, for example, in-person or telehealth office visits, urgent care center visits, and emergency room visits. However, your normal cost-sharing applies to visits, items, and services (other than the COVID-19 test), if the primary purpose of your visit isn’t to get or determine if you need to get a COVID-19 test.
- Covered immunizations include ACIP-recommended coronavirus vaccines at network providers, and until the end of the public health emergency for the coronavirus pandemic, non-network providers.

When the Department of Health and Human Services declares the national emergency related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) has ended, these temporary special benefit changes made to support you and your family during the national emergency will also end. After the national emergency is over, the regular rules (including what cost-sharing you must pay, network requirements, and what’s not covered) will again apply.

Because of the pandemic, you generally have more time to do certain things, like file or appeal a claim, enroll your new dependent, or elect COBRA and make COBRA payments. Call us at **(833) 637-3519** for more information.

# UNITE HERE HEALTH

## Summary Plan Description Food Service Plan Plan Unit 376

*Effective January 1, 2022*

*This Summary Plan Description supersedes and replaces all materials previously issued.*

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# ***Using this book***

## Learn:

- What UNITE HERE HEALTH is.
- What this book is and how to use it.
- How your benefit options affect this book.

### Please take some time to review this book.

**If you have dependents, share this information with them, and let them know where you put this book so you and your family can use it for future reference.**

## What is UNITE HERE HEALTH?

UNITE HERE HEALTH (the Fund) was created to provide benefits for you and your covered dependents. UNITE HERE HEALTH serves participants working for employers in the hospital-ity industry and is governed by a Board of Trustees made up of an equal number of union and employer trustees. Each employer contributes to UNITE HERE HEALTH according to a specific contract, called a Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA), between the employer and the union.

Your coverage is being offered under the Food Service Plan (Plan Unit 376), which has been adopted by the Trustees of UNITE HERE HEALTH to provide medical and other health and welfare benefits through the Fund. Other SPDs explain the benefits for other Plan Units.

## What is this book and why is it important?

This book is your Summary Plan Description (SPD). Your SPD helps you understand what your benefits are and how to use your benefits. It is a summary of the Plan's rules and regulations and describes:

- What your benefits are.
- How you become eligible for coverage.
- When your dependents are covered.
- Limitations and exclusions.
- How to file claims.
- How to appeal denied claims.

*In the event of a conflict between this Summary Plan Description and the Plan Document governing the Plan, the Plan Document will govern.*

*No contributing employer, employer association, labor organization, or any person employed by one of these organizations has the authority to answer questions or interpret any provisions of this Summary Plan Description on behalf of the Fund.*

## How do I use my SPD?

This SPD is broken into sections. You can get more information about different topics by carefully reading each section. A summary of the topics is shown at the start of each section. When you have questions, you should always contact the Fund at **(833) 637-3519**. They can help you understand how your benefits work.

Read your SPD for important information about what your benefits are, how your benefits are paid, and what rules you may need to follow. You can find more information about a specific benefit in the applicable section. For example, if you want to know more about your life or AD&D

benefits, read the section titled “Life and AD&D Benefits.” If you want more information about your medical benefits, read the applicable medical benefit section in which you enrolled.

Some terms are defined for you in the section titled “Definitions” starting *on page J-2*. The SPD will also explain what some commonly used terms mean. When you have questions about what certain words or terms mean, contact the Fund at **(833) 637-3519**.

## How do my benefit options affect this SPD?

The benefits described in this SPD describe the terms of all of the benefit options available under Plan Unit 376. However, your employer’s CBA and your own election choices determine which benefit option you and your family are covered under. For example:

- If you chose the PPO medical benefits, the portion of this SPD describing the PPO medical and prescription drug benefits will apply to you. The portion describing the Kaiser HMO will not apply to you.
- If you chose the HMO medical benefits, the portion of this SPD describing the HMO medical benefits will apply to you. The portion describing the PPO medical and prescription drug benefits will not apply to you.
- If you chose the basic vision benefit, the information about the free family vision or the vision+ benefits will not apply to you.

The benefits you elect apply to both you and any dependents you enroll. You cannot elect coverage for your dependents only. You must elect coverage for yourself in order to elect coverage for your dependents. When you have questions about your benefit options, contact the Fund at **(833) 637-3519**.

Not all of the options described in this SPD will be available to employees of all employers. Your CBA will determine which benefit options are available to you. You may not be able to elect all of the benefit options shown in this SPD. Contact your employer or the Fund for more information about what your benefit options are.





# ***How can I get help?***

Learn:

- ▶ Where to call for help.

## How can I get help?

Call the Fund at **(833) 637-3519**:

- When you have questions about your benefits or your available benefit options.
- When you have questions about your eligibility for enrollment or benefits.
- When you have questions about self-payments.
- To update your address.
- To report changes in your family status, such as divorce or a new child.
- To request new ID cards.
- To get forms or a new SPD.

You can also visit [www.uhh.org/fsp](http://www.uhh.org/fsp) to sign up for the member portal and get forms, an electronic copy of your SPD, and other information.

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# ***How do I get the most from my benefits?***

## Learn:

- ▶ Why you should get a primary care provider.
- ▶ Why you should get preventive healthcare.
- ▶ How to reduce your costs for urgent care.
- ▶ How to get prior authorization for your care.
- ▶ How to use network providers to save time and money.

## How do I get the most from my benefits?

### Get a primary care provider

You and each of your dependents should have a primary care provider (also called a “PCP”). You should get to know your PCP so he or she can help you get, and stay, healthier. Your PCP can help you find potential problems as early as possible and coordinate your specialist care.

Your PCP also helps you keep track of when you need preventive healthcare. ***If you are in the Kaiser HMO option, you may need a referral from your PCP for certain types of care.***

- ✓ **If you are in a PPO option:** Call the Fund at **(833) 637-3519** to get help finding a PCP or a specialist.
- ✓ **If you are in a Kaiser option:** Visit [www.kp.org/searchdoctors](http://www.kp.org/searchdoctors) to get help finding a PCP, or call Kaiser:

	Kaiser Member Services
<b>Kaiser California</b>	<b>(800) 464-4000</b>
<b>Kaiser Colorado</b>	<b>(800) 218-1059</b>
<b>Kaiser Georgia</b>	<b>(888) 865-5813</b>
<b>Kaiser Mid-Atlantic:</b> Inside Washington, D.C. Outside Washington, D.C. ( <i>Maryland, Virginia</i> )	<b>(301) 468-6000</b> <b>(800) 777-7902</b>

### Get preventive healthcare

Your Plan pays 100% for most types of preventive healthcare when you use network providers. Getting preventive healthcare helps you stay healthy by looking for signs of serious medical conditions. If preventive healthcare or tests show there is a problem, the sooner you get diagnosed, the sooner you can start treatment. ***Be sure to use a network provider.*** Your Plan won't pay for preventive healthcare if you use a non-network provider.

- ✓ **If you are in a PPO option:** *See page B-32 and page J-6* for more information about preventive healthcare.
- ✓ **If you are in a Kaiser option:** Visit [www.kp.org](http://www.kp.org) for more information about preventive care or call Kaiser at the number shown above for your area.

### Re-think emergency room care

Is it really an emergency? If you don't need emergency services, you pay less when you go to an urgent care center or your PCP.

**If you need emergency care, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room.**

### Get prior authorization for your care

You or your provider must get prior authorization before you get certain types of care.

- ✓ **If you are in a PPO option:**

To get prior authorization for	Call
Outpatient diagnostic imaging, cardiology, radiation therapy, and genetic testing	<b>eviCore</b> (866) 496-6200
Hospital pre-admission review (medical/surgical and behavioral health), emergency admission review, and certain outpatient services and supplies	<b>Horizon</b> (866) 899-0626

- ✓ **If you are in a Kaiser option:** Your Kaiser PCP usually gets prior authorization for you.

### Use network providers

- ✓ In some cases, benefits will be paid only if you use a network provider. For example, ***if you are in a Kaiser HMO option and the dental HMO option, only urgent and emergency care will be covered out of network.***

### Reduce your costs with a network provider

You generally pay less out-of-pocket if you choose a network provider than if you choose non-network care. You only have to pay the difference between the network provider's discounted rate (the allowable charge) and what this Plan pays for covered services. The network provider cannot charge you for the difference between the allowable charge and his or her actual charges for your covered expenses (sometimes called balance billing).

## *How do I get the most from my benefits?*

### **How do I stay in the network?**

If you need help finding a network provider, go to the part of your SPD that explains your specific healthcare benefits. The information in that part of your SPD will tell you how to stay in network. You can also go to [www.uhh.org/fsp](http://www.uhh.org/fsp) for links to your provider networks.

If you have questions about your benefits or benefit options, call the Fund at **(833) 637-3519**.

# ***Kaiser HMO medical and prescription drug benefits***

Learn about your benefits:

- Using your Kaiser HMO benefits.
- Using this SPD if you choose the HMO option.
- Getting more information if you choose the HMO option.

*This section only applies to you if you choose a Kaiser HMO medical option. If you choose one of the PPO medical options, please see the applicable section starting on [page B-9](#) and [page B-41](#) for information about your PPO medical and prescription drug benefits.*

## Kaiser HMO medical and prescription drug benefits

UNITE HERE HEALTH contracts with Kaiser Permanente (Kaiser) to provide the HMO medical and prescription drug benefits. If you have questions about your HMO option, how to pick a primary care provider, or have any questions about how your benefits work, contact Kaiser. Your home Kaiser depends on where you (the employee) live or work. Your dependents' home Kaiser is your home Kaiser, even if they live somewhere else.

### Kaiser Permanente

[www.kp.org](http://www.kp.org)

Home Kaiser	Member Services	Kaiser Advice Nurse
<b>Kaiser California</b>	<b>(800) 464-4000</b>	Southern California: <b>(833) 574-2273</b> Northern California: <b>(866) 454-8855</b>
<b>Kaiser Colorado</b>	<b>(800) 218-1059</b>	<b>(800) 218-1059</b>
<b>Kaiser Georgia</b>	<b>(888) 865-5813</b>	<b>(800) 611-1811</b>
<b>Kaiser Mid-Atlantic:</b> Inside Washington, D.C. Outside Washington, D.C. ( <i>Maryland, Virginia</i> )	<b>(301) 468-6000</b> <b>(800) 777-7902</b>	<b>(703) 359-7878</b> <b>(800) 777-7904</b>

Kaiser administers its benefits in accordance with applicable state and federal law. You'll be given a detailed document that provides information about your cost-sharing and the rules governing your Kaiser benefits. The contract with Kaiser governs how your benefits are paid; however, UNITE HERE HEALTH still determines who is and who is not eligible. You should contact the Fund with any eligibility or enrollment questions. However, if you have any questions about how your Kaiser HMO benefits work, please contact Kaiser.

## Using your benefits if you chose a Kaiser HMO option

If you enroll in a Kaiser HMO option, you must choose a primary care provider (PCP). You may choose any available Kaiser provider. You may also choose a Kaiser pediatrician as the PCP for a child.

Your PCP will help you get care through Kaiser. For example, if you need a referral for certain types of care, (your PCP should provide any referrals you need. You do not need a referral or prior authorization to receive obstetrical or gynecological care from a Kaiser healthcare professional who specializes in obstetrics or gynecology. The healthcare professional, however, may be required to comply with certain procedures, including getting prior authorization for certain services, following a pre-approved treatment plan, or following procedures to get referrals.



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Except in emergencies, you usually have to use a Kaiser provider, hospital, or other facility in order to receive benefits under the HMO option. Kaiser will normally not pay any benefits for care you get from a non-network provider—you will have to pay the entire cost yourself.

You can get more information about how your benefits work by reading your benefits description. You can get your benefits description by contacting Kaiser or UNITE HERE HEALTH.

### **Using this SPD if you chose a Kaiser HMO option**

The contract between UNITE HERE HEALTH and Kaiser Permanente will govern how Kaiser benefits are paid and administered. If there is any discrepancy between any information about the Kaiser benefits provided by UNITE HERE HEALTH and the Kaiser contract, the Kaiser contract will govern. The Kaiser benefits description you get when you enroll in Kaiser will explain the rules that apply to your benefits.

Some sections of this SPD do not apply to you if you are enrolled in the Kaiser HMO option, including:

- PPO medical benefits
- PPO prescription drug benefits

The following sections of this SPD do not apply to benefits Kaiser provides (but may apply to other benefits the Plan provides):

- General exclusions and limitations
- Coordination of benefits
- Subrogation
- General claim provisions
- Definitions

### **Getting more information if you chose a Kaiser HMO option**

You will receive a document containing more detailed information about your Kaiser benefits. This document provides details about your Kaiser HMO benefits, for example, what your cost-sharing is, what is covered, what is excluded, and how to use your benefits. If you need a copy of this document, you can request it by contacting Kaiser or UNITE HERE HEALTH, or by visiting [www.uhh.org/library](http://www.uhh.org/library).

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### **Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act**

Group health plans and health insurance issuers generally may not, under federal law, restrict benefits for any hospital length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or a newborn child to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery, or less than 96 hours following a Cesarean section. This protection under the Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act (NMHPA) also means your benefits are not restricted during the 48-hour period (or 96-hour period, as applicable). However, NMHPA doesn't prohibit your (or your newborn's) attending provider from discharging you or your newborn earlier than 48 hours (or 96 hours as applicable), after consulting with you first.

### **Kaiser California Arbitration**

✓ *This section only applies if you are in the Kaiser California benefit option.*

Unless there is an exception (see the next paragraph), any dispute between you, your heirs, relatives, or other associated parties on the one hand and Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc. (KFHP), any contracted health care providers, administrators, or other associated parties on the other hand, for alleged violation of any duty arising out of or related to membership in KFHP, including any claim for medical or hospital malpractice (a claim that medical services were unnecessary or unauthorized or were improperly, negligently, or incompetently rendered), for premises liability, or relating to the coverage for, or delivery of, services or items, irrespective of legal theory, must be decided by binding arbitration under California law and not by lawsuit or resort to court process, except as applicable law provides for judicial review of arbitration proceedings.

Exceptions to Kaiser's binding arbitration rules are: claims subject to the ERISA claims procedure regulations, a Medicare appeals procedure, and any other claim that cannot be subject to binding arbitration under applicable law. More information about binding arbitration and your rights and obligations to use binding arbitration are explained in your evidence of coverage.

### **Grievance, claims and appeals**

#### **If you are in the Kaiser Colorado, Kaiser Georgia, or Kaiser Mid-Atlantic benefit options**

Your evidence of coverage will explain your grievance, claims and appeals rights and procedures. You can also contact your home Kaiser for help.

### **If you are in the Kaiser California benefit option**

- ✓ *This is a summary of your rights as of the date this SPD was printed. **Please note, Kaiser may change its procedures, which supersede this summary.** Contact Kaiser or visit any member services office for more information about your rights or for help.*

[www.kp.org](http://www.kp.org)  
**(800) 464-4000 (TTY: 711)**

Kaiser providers should always file a claim for you. However, you may have to file a claim for non-Kaiser providers. You should include bills, receipts, medical records, or any other related information. Kaiser may ask for additional information; if you do not provide it, Kaiser will make the final decision with the information it has. You may review, without charge, a copy of all relevant information Kaiser has about your grievance, claim, or appeal.

If, after Kaiser pays your claim, you receive a non-Kaiser provider bill for charges other than your cost-sharing, please call Kaiser.

Another person, such as a friend, relative, or attorney, may file your claim, appeal, or grievance for you (you must inform Kaiser in writing who will represent you). You may file grievances, claims, and appeals for your minor children.

### **Filing Claims and Grievances**

**Claims** are for services you have already received, such as non-plan or out-of-area urgent or emergency services, ambulance services, post-stabilization care, or services that were not authorized by Kaiser. File these with Kaiser as soon as possible.

**Grievances** are for any expression of dissatisfaction, including prior authorization denials, requests for non-formulary drugs, services your doctor determines are not medically necessary, services that are not covered, services that you have not received, or continued coverage of ongoing courses of treatment. File within 180 days following the incident or action.

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Initial Filing		
Grievances	Non-Kaiser provider emergency services, post-stabilization care, out-of-area urgent care, or emergency ambulance services	All other services
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call member services: <b>(800) 464-4000 (TTY: 711)</b></li> <li>Visit <a href="http://www.kp.org">www.kp.org</a></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Non urgent grievances:</b> Mail or take your grievance to any member services office*</li> <li><b>Urgent grievances:</b> Mail to: Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Inc. Expedited Review Unit P.O. Box 23170 Oakland, CA 94623-0170</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mail your claim to: <i>Northern California:</i> Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Claims Administration –NCAL P.O. Box 12923 Oakland, CA 94604-2923 <i>Southern California:</i> Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Claims Administration–SCAL P.O. Box 7004 Downey, CA 90242-7004</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mail or take your claim to any member services office*</li> <li>Call member services: <b>(800) 464-4000 (TTY: 711)</b></li> <li>Visit <a href="http://www.kp.org">www.kp.org</a></li> </ul>

\* See your enrollment booklet or visit [www.kp.org](http://www.kp.org) for a directory

- For grievances for nonformulary prescription drugs, Kaiser will notify you of the decision within 72 hours (24 hours for an urgent request).
- For urgent grievances, you will receive oral notice as soon as your clinical condition requires, but within 72 hours. Contact Kaiser for information about when a grievance is urgent.

Unless you filed an urgent grievance or a grievance for nonformulary prescription drugs, Kaiser will give you its written decision within 30 days after receipt of your initial filing, but may request 15 more days for circumstances beyond its control. Kaiser will make a decision within these extra 15 days.

### Filing Appeals

You may appeal a grievance or a claim denied in full or in part within 180 days of receiving Kaiser's denial. Kaiser will send the final decision within 30 days after receiving your appeal.

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Filing an Appeal		
Appealing grievances	Appealing non-Kaiser provider emergency services, post-stabilization care, out-of-area urgent care, or emergency ambulance services	Appealing all other services
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mail or take your appeal to any member services office*</li> <li>• Call member services: <b>(800) 464-4000 (TTY: 711)</b></li> <li>• Visit <a href="http://www.kp.org">www.kp.org</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mail your appeal to: Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Special Services Unit P.O. Box 23280 Oakland, CA 94623</li> <li>• Call member services: <b>(800) 464-4000 (TTY: 711)</b></li> <li>• Visit <a href="http://www.kp.org">www.kp.org</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mail or take your appeal to any member services office*</li> <li>• Call member services: <b>(800) 464-4000 (TTY: 711)</b></li> <li>• Visit <a href="http://www.kp.org">www.kp.org</a></li> </ul>

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### Internal review organization (IRO) reviews for nonformulary prescription drugs

You may request an IRO review of a denied nonformulary drug within 180 days of receiving the denial.

- Call **(888) 987-7247 (TTY: 711)** or fax: **(888) 987-2252**
- Visit any member services office (see your enrollment booklet or visit [www.kp.org](http://www.kp.org) for a directory)
- Complete a grievance form at [www.kp.org](http://www.kp.org)
- Mail a written request to:  
Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Inc.  
Expedited Review Unit  
P. O. Box 23170  
Oakland, CA 94623-0170

You will receive a decision within 72 hours for non-urgent reviews (24 hours for urgent reviews). If the IRO does not decide in your favor, you may request independent medical review or submit a complaint to the California Department of Managed Healthcare.

### Independent medical review

Independent medical review is available if you believe that Kaiser improperly denied, modified, or delayed services or payment of services, and that either (1) the denial was based on a finding that the services are not medically necessary, or (2) for life-threatening or seriously debilitating

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**B** conditions, the requested treatment was denied as experimental or investigational. Also, if you file a grievance and you later need help with it because your grievance is an emergency, it hasn't been resolved to your satisfaction, or it's unresolved after 30 days, you may call the California Department of Managed Health Care toll free at **(888) HMO-2219** and a TDD line **((877) 688-9891)** for the hearing and speech impaired for assistance.

### **Additional appeal rights**

You may have additional rights beyond your Kaiser internal and external appeals. Contact Kaiser for more information.

**Kaiser**  
**(800) 464-4000** (TTY: 711)  
[www.kp.org](http://www.kp.org)

If you need help with a grievance involving an emergency or a grievance unresolved after 30 days, contact the California Department of Managed Health Care:

**California Department of Managed Health Care**  
**(888) HMO-2219** TDD: **(877) 688-9891**  
[www.dmhc.ca.gov](http://www.dmhc.ca.gov)

# ***PPO medical benefits***

Learn about your benefits:

- ▶ What you pay for medical healthcare.
- ▶ When to call for prior authorization.
- ▶ How to use your medical benefits.
- ▶ How the out-of-pocket limits protect you from large out-of-pocket expenses.
- ▶ What types of medical healthcare are covered.
- ▶ What types of medical healthcare are not covered.

*This section only applies to you if you choose one of the PPO benefit options. If you choose a Kaiser HMO benefit option, please see the section starting on page B-1 for information about your medical benefits.*

## PPO medical benefits

Your CBA will determine which benefit options are available to you. You will not be able to elect all of the benefit options shown in this SPD.

Please call the Fund with questions about your benefits: (833) 637-3519.

### PPO MEDICAL BENEFIT OPTIONS

In general, what you pay for medical care is based on which medical option you enroll in, what kind of care you get, where you get your care, and whether you go to a network or a non-network provider. For example, you pay less if you use an urgent care center instead of going to the emergency room for non-emergency care.

<i>If you are enrolled in</i>	<i>Your medical &amp; prescription drug benefits summary starts on</i>
Platinum+ PPO	<i>See page B-11</i>
Platinum PPO	<i>See page B-15</i>
Gold+ PPO	<i>See page B-19</i>
Silver+ PPO	<i>See page B-23</i>

This section shows what you pay for your medical care (called your “cost-sharing”). You pay any copays, deductibles, your coinsurance share, amounts over a maximum benefit, and expenses that are not covered, including any charges that are more than the allowable charge when you use a non-network provider (*see page J-2*).

If you do not call Horizon for prior authorization, your claim could also be denied entirely. *See page A-9* for more information.

#### **Commencement of Legal Action**

Neither you, your beneficiary, nor any other claimant may commence a lawsuit against the Plan (or its Trustees, providers or staff) for benefits denied until the Plan’s internal appeal procedures have been exhausted. This requirement does not apply to your rights to an external review by an independent review organization (IRO) under the Affordable Care Act.

If you finish all internal appeals and decide to file a lawsuit against the Plan, that lawsuit must be commenced no more than 12 months after the date of the appeal denial letter. If you fail to commence your lawsuit within this 12-month time frame, you will permanently and irrevocably lose your right to challenge the denial in court or in any other manner or forum. This 12-month rule applies to you and to your beneficiaries and any other person or entity making a claim on your behalf.



## Platinum+ PPO Medical Benefits

### PLATINUM+ PPO MEDICAL BENEFITS—What You Pay.

	Network Provider	Non-Network Provider
<b>Calendar Year Deductibles</b>		
Calendar Year Deductibles	None	
<b>Annual Out-of-Pocket Limits for Medical Care</b>		
<b>For Network Medical Care</b> <i>The most you pay out-of-pocket for deductibles, copays, and coinsurance for certain covered network medical expenses in a calendar year</i>	\$5,000/person & \$10,000/family	n/a
<b>Office Visits</b>		
<b>Preventive Healthcare Services—</b> <i>See page B-32 and page J-6</i>	\$0	Not covered <i>(except for non-hospital grade breast pumps and related supplies)</i>
<b>Primary Care Provider (PCP) Office Visit</b>	\$10 copay/visit	50%
<b>Specialist Visit</b>	\$20 copay/visit	50%
<b>Mental Health/Substance Abuse Office Visits</b>	\$10 copay/visit	
<b>Chiropractic Care —</b> <i>up to 24 visits per person per year</i>	\$10 copay/visit	Not covered
<b>Routine Podiatry Visits—</b> <i>up to 4 visits per person per year</i>		
<b>Acupuncture—</b> <i>up to 12 visits per person per year</i>		
<b>Non-Routine Podiatry</b>	\$20 copay/visit	50%
<b>Allergy Injections in an Office</b>	\$0 copay/visit	
<b>Urgent and Emergency Care</b>		

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<b>PLATINUM+ PPO MEDICAL BENEFITS—What You Pay.</b>		
	<b>Network Provider</b>	<b>Non-Network Provider</b>
<b>Urgent Care Center</b>	\$25 copay/visit	50%
<b>Hospital Emergency Room</b>	\$100 copay/visit <i>waived if admitted</i>	
<b>Hospital Emergency Room for Non-Emergency Care</b>	50%	50%
<b>Professional Ambulance Services</b>	\$50 copay/trip <i>waived if admitted</i>	
<b>Laboratory and Imaging Services</b>		
<b>Laboratory Services:</b>		
Office/Non-Hospital	\$0	
Hospital Outpatient	\$30 copay/visit	
<b>Radiology Services:</b>		
Office/Non-Hospital	\$0	50%
Hospital Outpatient	\$30 copay/visit	
<b>Diagnostic Imaging &amp; Cardiac Testing:</b>		
Office/Non-Hospital	\$0	
Hospital Outpatient	\$50 copay/visit	
<b>Outpatient Services</b>		
<b>Outpatient Surgery:</b>		
Ambulatory Surgical Center	\$25 copay/visit	50%
Hospital Outpatient	\$75 copay/visit	
<b>Physical, Speech, or Occupational Therapy:</b>		
Office/Non-Hospital	\$10 copay/visit	50%
Hospital Outpatient	\$30 copay/visit	
<i>Up to 60 total visits per person each year for physical and occupational therapies combined, and up to 30 total visits per person each year for speech therapy.</i>		

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**PLATINUM+ PPO MEDICAL BENEFITS—What You Pay.**

	Network Provider	Non-Network Provider
<b>Kidney Dialysis:</b>		
Home/Office/Non-Hospital	\$0	Not covered
Hospital Outpatient	\$25 copay/visit	
<b>Chemotherapy or Infusion Medication:</b>		
Home	\$0	
Office/Non-Hospital Infusion Center	\$10 copay/visit	
Hospital Outpatient	\$25 copay/visit	50%
<b>Radiation Therapy</b>	\$0	
<b>Habilitative Therapy for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder — certain limits apply (see page B-34)</b>	\$10 copay/day of treatment	
<b>Diabetes Education</b>		
<b>Nutritional Counseling — up to 4 visits per person per year</b>	\$0	Not covered
<b>Inpatient Treatment</b>		
<b>Inpatient Hospitalization</b>		
<b>Inpatient Hospitalization for Mental Health/Substance Abuse Treatment (including residential treatment)</b>	\$100 copay/day (\$200 maximum copay per admission)	50%
<b>Shore Medical Center Only (in Somers Point, NJ)</b> Non-pediatric inpatient treatment for orthopedic knee, hip, and spine surgery only — see page B-39	\$0	\$0
<b>Skilled Nursing Facility — up to 60 total days per person each year</b>	\$200 copay/admission	50%

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<b>PLATINUM+ PPO MEDICAL BENEFITS—What You Pay.</b>		
	<b>Network Provider</b>	<b>Non-Network Provider</b>
<b>Other Services and Supplies</b>		
<b>Podiatric Orthotics—</b> <i>up to \$500 per person every 24 months</i>	\$0	Not covered
<b>Home Healthcare Services —</b> <i>up to 60 total visits per person each year</i>	\$0	50%
<b>Hospice Care</b>		
<b>Partial Hospitalization, Intensive Outpatient, or Ambulatory Detoxification Treatment</b>	\$0	50%
<b>Durable Medical Equipment</b>	\$0	Not covered
<b>Prosthetics and Orthotics</b> <i>(other than podiatric orthotics)</i>	\$0	50%
<b>Travel and Lodging—</b> <i>See page B-36 for information</i>	Plan pays 100% up to \$10,000 per episode of care, including up to \$250 per day for lodging and meals	
<b>Medical Foods—</b> <i>See page B-36 for information</i>	Plan reimburses you 100%	
<b>MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper for certain covered care for a cancer diagnosis—</b> <i>See page B-38 for information</i>	\$0	N/A
<b>All services available at the Atlantic City UNITE HERE HEALTH—Health Center</b>	\$0	N/A
<b>All Other Covered Expenses</b>	\$0	50%

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## Platinum PPO Medical Benefits

### PLATINUM PPO MEDICAL BENEFITS—What You Pay

	Network Provider	Non-Network Provider
<b>Calendar Year Deductibles</b>		
Calendar Year Deductibles	None	
<b>Annual Out-of-Pocket Limits for Medical Care</b>		
For Network Medical Care <i>The most you pay out-of-pocket for deductibles, copays, and coinsurance for certain covered network medical expenses in a calendar year</i>	\$5,000/person & \$10,000/family	n/a
<b>Office Visits</b>		
Preventive Healthcare Services— <i>See page B-32 and page J-6</i>	\$0	Not covered <i>(except for non-hospital grade breast pumps and related supplies)</i>
Primary Care Provider (PCP) Office Visit	\$10 copay/visit	50%
Specialist Visit	\$25 copay/visit	
Mental Health/Substance Abuse Office Visits	\$10 copay/visit	
Chiropractic Care — <i>up to 12 visits per person per year</i>	\$15 copay/visit	Not covered
Routine Podiatry Visits— <i>up to 4 visits per person per year</i>		
Acupuncture— <i>up to 12 visits per person per year</i>		
Non-Routine Podiatry	\$25 copay/visit	50%
Allergy Injections in an Office	\$0 copay/visit	
<b>Urgent and Emergency Care</b>		
Urgent Care Center	\$30 copay/visit	50%

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<b>PLATINUM PPO MEDICAL BENEFITS—What You Pay</b>		
	<b>Network Provider</b>	<b>Non-Network Provider</b>
<b>Hospital Emergency Room</b>	\$100 copay/visit <i>waived if admitted</i>	
<b>Hospital Emergency Room for Non-Emergency Care</b>	50%	50%
<b>Professional Ambulance Services</b>	\$100 copay/trip <i>waived if admitted</i>	
<b>Laboratory and Imaging Services</b>		
<b>Laboratory Services:</b>		
Office/Non-Hospital	\$15 copay/visit	
Hospital Outpatient	\$75 copay/visit	
<b>Radiology Services:</b>		50%
Office/Non-Hospital	\$15 copay/visit	
Hospital Outpatient	\$75 copay/visit	
<b>Diagnostic Imaging &amp; Cardiac Testing:</b>		
Office/Non-Hospital	\$100 copay/visit	
Hospital Outpatient	\$200 copay/visit	
<b>Outpatient Services</b>		
<b>Outpatient Surgery:</b>		50%
Ambulatory Surgical Center	\$100 copay/visit	
Hospital Outpatient	\$200 copay/visit	
<b>Physical, Speech, or Occupational Therapy:</b>		50%
Office/Non-Hospital	\$15 copay/visit	
Hospital Outpatient	\$35 copay/visit	
<i>Up to 60 total visits per person each year for physical and occupational therapies combined, and up to 30 total visits per person each year for speech therapy.</i>		

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<b>PLATINUM PPO MEDICAL BENEFITS—What You Pay</b>		
	<b>Network Provider</b>	<b>Non-Network Provider</b>
<b>Kidney Dialysis:</b>		
Home/Office/Non-Hospital	\$0	Not covered
Hospital Outpatient	20% (\$200 maximum copay per visit)	
<b>Chemotherapy or Infusion Medication:</b>		
Home	\$0	
Office/Non-Hospital Infusion Center	\$10 copay/visit	50%
Hospital Outpatient	20% (\$200 maximum copay per visit)	
<b>Radiation Therapy</b>	20%	50%
<b>Habilitative Therapy for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder — certain limits apply (see page B-34)</b>	\$15 copay/day of treatment	50%
<b>Diabetes Education</b>		
<b>Nutritional Counseling — up to 4 visits per person per year</b>	\$0	Not covered
<b>Inpatient Treatment</b>		
<b>Inpatient Hospitalization</b>		
<b>Inpatient Hospitalization for Mental Health/Substance Abuse Treatment (including residential treatment)</b>	\$200 copay/day (\$400 maximum copay per admission)	50%
<b>Shore Medical Center Only (in Somers Point, NJ)</b> <i>Non-pediatric inpatient treatment for orthopedic knee, hip, and spine surgery only — see page B-39</i>	\$0	\$0
<b>Skilled Nursing Facility — up to 60 total days per person each year</b>	\$200 copay/admission	50%

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<b>PLATINUM PPO MEDICAL BENEFITS—What You Pay</b>		
	<b>Network Provider</b>	<b>Non-Network Provider</b>
<b>Other Services and Supplies</b>		
<b>Podiatric Orthotics—</b> <i>up to \$500 per person every 24 months</i>	\$0	Not covered
<b>Home Healthcare Services—</b> <i>up to 60 total visits per person each year</i>	\$0	50%
<b>Hospice Care</b>	\$0	
<b>Partial Hospitalization, Intensive Outpatient, or Ambulatory Detoxification Treatment</b>	\$30 copay/day (\$400 maximum copay per episode of care)	
<b>Durable Medical Equipment</b>	20%	Not covered
<b>Prosthetics and Orthotics</b> <i>(other than podiatric orthotics)</i>	20%	50%
<b>Travel and Lodging—</b> <i>See page B-36 for information</i>	Plan pays 100% up to \$10,000 per episode of care, including up to \$250 per day for lodging and meals	
<b>Medical Foods—</b> <i>See page B-36 for information</i>	Plan reimburses you 100%	
<b>MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper for certain covered care for a cancer diagnosis—</b> <i>See page B-38 for information</i>	\$0	N/A
<b>All services available at the Atlantic City UNITE HERE HEALTH—Health Center</b>	\$0	N/A
<b>All Other Covered Expenses</b>	20%	50%



## Gold+ PPO Medical Benefits

### GOLD+ PPO MEDICAL BENEFITS—What You Pay

	Network Provider	Non-Network Provider
<b>Calendar Year Deductibles</b>		
Calendar Year Deductibles	None	
<b>Annual Out-of-Pocket Limits for Medical Care</b>		
<b>For Network Medical Care</b> <i>The most you pay out-of-pocket for deductibles, copays, and coinsurance for certain covered network medical expenses in a calendar year</i>	\$5,000/person & \$10,000/family	n/a
<b>Office Visits</b>		
<b>Preventive Healthcare Services—</b> <i>See page B-32 and page J-6</i>	\$0	Not covered <i>(except for non-hospital grade breast pumps and related supplies)</i>
<b>Primary Care Provider (PCP) Office Visit</b>	\$20 copay/visit	50%
<b>Specialist Visit</b>	\$40 copay/visit	
<b>Mental Health/Substance Abuse Office Visits</b>	\$20 copay/visit	
<b>Chiropractic Care—</b> <i>up to 12 visits per person per year</i>	\$20 copay/visit	Not covered
<b>Routine Podiatry Visits—</b> <i>up to 4 visits per person per year</i>		
<b>Acupuncture—</b> <i>up to 12 visits per person per year</i>		
<b>Non-Routine Podiatry</b>	\$40 copay/visit	50%
<b>Allergy Injections in an Office</b>	\$0 copay/visit	
<b>Urgent and Emergency Care</b>		
<b>Urgent Care Center</b>	\$40 copay/visit	50%

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<b>GOLD+ PPO MEDICAL BENEFITS—What You Pay</b>		
	<b>Network Provider</b>	<b>Non-Network Provider</b>
Hospital Emergency Room	\$150 copay/visit <i>waived if admitted</i>	
Hospital Emergency Room for Non-Emergency Care	50%	50%
Professional Ambulance Services	\$150 copay/trip	
<b>Laboratory and Imaging Services</b>		
<b>Laboratory Services:</b>		50%
Office/Non-Hospital	\$20 copay/visit	
Hospital Outpatient	\$80 copay/visit	
<b>Radiology Services:</b>		
Office/Non-Hospital	\$20 copay/visit	
Hospital Outpatient	\$80 copay/visit	
<b>Diagnostic Imaging &amp; Cardiac Testing:</b>		
Office/Non-Hospital	\$150 copay/visit	
Hospital Outpatient	\$250 copay/visit	
<b>Outpatient Services</b>		
<b>Outpatient Surgery:</b>		50%
Ambulatory Surgical Center	\$150 copay/visit	
Hospital Outpatient	\$250 copay/visit	
<b>Physical, Speech, or Occupational Therapy:</b>		50%
Office/Non-Hospital	\$20 copay/visit	
Hospital Outpatient	\$40 copay/visit	
Up to 60 total visits per person each year for physical and occupational therapies combined, and up to 30 total visits per person each year for speech therapy.		

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<b>GOLD+ PPO MEDICAL BENEFITS—What You Pay</b>		
	<b>Network Provider</b>	<b>Non-Network Provider</b>
<b>Kidney Dialysis:</b>		
Home/Office/Non-Hospital	\$0	Not covered
Hospital Outpatient	20% (\$200 maximum copay per visit)	
<b>Chemotherapy or Infusion Medication:</b>		
Home	\$0	50%
Office/Non-Hospital Infusion Center	\$20 copay/visit	
Hospital Outpatient	20% (\$200 maximum copay per visit)	
<b>Radiation Therapy</b>	20%	50%
<b>Habilitative Therapy for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder — certain limits apply (see page B-34)</b>	\$20/day of treatment	50%
<b>Diabetes Education</b>		
<b>Nutritional Counseling — up to 4 visits per person per year</b>	\$0	Not covered
<b>Inpatient Treatment</b>		
<b>Inpatient Hospitalization</b>		
<b>Inpatient Hospitalization for Mental Health/Substance Abuse Treatment (including residential treatment)</b>	\$250 copay/day (\$750 maximum copay per admission)	50%
<b>Shore Medical Center Only (in Somers Point, NJ)</b> <i>Non-pediatric inpatient treatment for orthopedic knee, hip, and spine surgery only — see page B-39</i>	\$0	\$0
<b>Skilled Nursing Facility — up to 60 total days per person each year</b>	\$250 copay/admission	50%

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<b>GOLD+ PPO MEDICAL BENEFITS—What You Pay</b>		
	<b>Network Provider</b>	<b>Non-Network Provider</b>
<b>Other Services and Supplies</b>		
<b>Podiatric Orthotics—</b> <i>up to \$500 per person every 24 months</i>	\$0	Not covered
<b>Home Healthcare Services—</b> <i>up to 60 total visits per person each year</i>	\$0	50%
<b>Hospice Care</b>	\$0	
<b>Partial Hospitalization, Intensive Outpatient, or Ambulatory Detoxification Treatment</b>	\$40 copay/day (\$750 maximum copay per episode of care)	
<b>Durable Medical Equipment</b>	25%	Not covered
<b>Prosthetics and Orthotics</b> <i>(other than podiatric orthotics)</i>	20%	50%
<b>Travel and Lodging—</b> <i>See page B-36 for information</i>	Plan pays 100% up to \$10,000 per episode of care, including up to \$250 per day for lodging and meals	
<b>Medical Foods—</b> <i>See page B-36 for information</i>	Plan reimburses you 100%	
<b>MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper for certain covered care for a cancer diagnosis—</b> <i>See page B-38 for information</i>	\$0	N/A
<b>All services available at the Atlantic City UNITE HERE HEALTH—Health Center</b>	\$0	N/A
<b>All Other Covered Expenses</b>	20%	50%

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## Silver+ PPO Medical Benefits

### SILVER+ PPO MEDICAL BENEFITS—What You Pay

	Network Provider	Non-Network Provider
<b>Calendar Year Deductibles</b>		
Calendar Year Deductibles	\$1,500/person & \$3,000/family	
<b>Annual Out-of-Pocket Limits for Medical Care</b>		
<b>For Network Medical Care</b> <i>The most you pay out-of-pocket for deductibles, copays, and coinsurance for certain covered network medical expenses in a calendar year</i>	\$5,000/person & \$10,000/family	n/a
<b>Office Visits</b>		
<b>Preventive Healthcare Services—</b> <i>See page B-32 and page J-6</i>	\$0	Not covered <i>(except for non-hospital grade breast pumps and related supplies)</i>
<b>Primary Care Provider (PCP) Office Visit</b>	\$25 copay/visit	50% after deductible
<b>Specialist Visit</b>	\$50 copay/visit	
<b>Mental Health/Substance Abuse Office Visits</b>	\$25 copay/visit	
<b>Chiropractic Care—</b> <i>up to 12 visits per person per year</i>	\$25 copay/visit	Not covered
<b>Routine Podiatry Visits—</b> <i>up to 4 visits per person per year</i>		
<b>Acupuncture—</b> <i>up to 12 visits per person per year</i>		
<b>Non-Routine Podiatry Visits</b>	\$50 copay/visit	50% after deductible
<b>Allergy Injections in an Office</b>	\$0 copay/visit	50% after deductible
<b>Urgent and Emergency Care</b>		
<b>Urgent Care Center</b>	\$50 copay/visit	50% after deductible
<b>Hospital Emergency Room</b>	\$200 copay/visit <i>waived if admitted</i>	\$200 copay/visit <i>waived if admitted</i>

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<b>SILVER+ PPO MEDICAL BENEFITS—What You Pay</b>		
	<b>Network Provider</b>	<b>Non-Network Provider</b>
<b>Hospital Emergency Room for Non-Emergency Care</b>	50% after deductible	50% after deductible
<b>Professional Ambulance Services</b>	30% after deductible	
<b>Laboratory and Imaging Services</b>		
<b>Laboratory Services:</b>		50% after deductible
Office/Non-Hospital	\$25 copay/visit	
Hospital Outpatient	\$100 copay/visit	
<b>Radiology Services:</b>		
Office/Non-Hospital	\$25 copay/visit	
Hospital Outpatient	\$100 copay/visit	
<b>Diagnostic Imaging &amp; Cardiac Testing:</b>		
Office/Non-Hospital	\$175 copay/visit	
Hospital Outpatient	\$300 copay/visit	
<b>Outpatient Services</b>		
<b>Outpatient Surgery:</b>		50% after deductible
Ambulatory Surgical Center	20% after deductible	
Hospital Outpatient	30% after deductible	
<b>Physical, Speech, or Occupational Therapy:</b>		50% after deductible
Office/Non-Hospital	\$30 copay/visit	
Hospital Outpatient	\$60 copay/visit	
<i>Up to 60 total visits per person each year for physical and occupational therapies combined, and up to 30 total visits per person each year for speech therapy.</i>		
<b>Kidney Dialysis:</b>		Not covered
Home/Office/Non-Hospital	\$0	
Hospital Outpatient	30% after deductible (\$250 maximum copay per visit)	

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<b>SILVER+ PPO MEDICAL BENEFITS—What You Pay</b>		
	<b>Network Provider</b>	<b>Non-Network Provider</b>
<b>Chemotherapy or Infusion Medication:</b>		
Home	\$0	
Office/Non-Hospital Infusion Center	\$25 copay/visit	50% after deductible
Hospital Outpatient	30% after deductible (\$250 maximum copay per visit)	
<b>Radiation Therapy</b>	30% after deductible	50% after deductible
<b>Habilitative Therapy for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder — certain limits apply (see page B-34)</b>	\$20/day of treatment	50%
<b>Diabetes Education</b>		
<b>Nutritional Counseling — up to 4 visits per person per year</b>	\$0	Not covered
<b>Inpatient Treatment</b>		
<b>Inpatient Hospitalization</b>		
<b>Inpatient Hospitalization for Mental Health/Substance Abuse Treatment (including residential treatment)</b>	30% after deductible	50% after deductible
<b>Shore Medical Center Only (in Somers Point, NJ)</b> <i>Non-pediatric inpatient treatment for orthopedic knee, hip, and spine surgery only — see page B-39</i>	\$0	\$0
<b>Skilled Nursing Facility — up to 60 total days per person each year</b>	30% after deductible	50% after deductible
<b>Other Services and Supplies</b>		
<b>Podiatric Orthotics— up to \$500 per person every 24 months</b>	\$0	Not covered

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<b>SILVER+ PPO MEDICAL BENEFITS—What You Pay</b>		
	<b>Network Provider</b>	<b>Non-Network Provider</b>
Home Healthcare Services— <i>up to 60 total visits per person each year</i>	\$0	50% after deductible
Hospice Care	\$0	
Partial Hospitalization, Intensive Outpatient, or Ambulatory Detoxification Treatment	\$0	
Durable Medical Equipment	25% after deductible	Not covered
Prosthetics and Orthotics <i>(other than podiatric orthotics)</i>	30% after deductible	50% after deductible
Travel and Lodging— <i>See page B-36 for information</i>	Plan pays 100% up to \$10,000 per episode of care, including up to \$250 per day for lodging and meals	
Medical Foods— <i>See page B-36 for information</i>	Plan reimburses you 100%	
MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper for certain covered care for a cancer diagnosis— <i>See page B-38 for information</i>	\$0	N/A
All services available at the Atlantic City UNITE HERE HEALTH—Health Center	\$0	N/A
All Other Covered Expenses	30% after deductible	50% after deductible



## Prior Authorization

The prior authorization program is designed to help make sure you and your dependents get the right care in the right setting. It helps make sure you don't get unnecessary medical care and helps you manage complex or long-term medical conditions. The prior authorization program includes mandatory prior authorization of certain types of care to help you make decisions about your healthcare, and a case management program.

To get prior authorization for	Call
Outpatient diagnostic imaging, cardiology, radiation therapy, and genetic testing	<b>eviCore</b> (866) 496-6200
Hospital pre-admission review (medical/surgical and behavioral health), emergency admission review, and certain outpatient services and supplies	<b>Horizon</b> (866) 899-0626

The prior authorization program is not medical advice. You are still responsible for making any decisions about medical matters. UNITE HERE HEALTH, your health fund (“the Fund”), is not responsible for any consequences resulting from decisions you or your provider make based on the prior authorization program or the Plan’s determination of the benefits it will pay.

### Get prior authorization for medical and surgical treatment

You or your healthcare provider must get prior authorization before you get any of the types of care listed in “When to call for prior authorization.” When you use a Horizon network provider (a network provider located in New Jersey), he or she is required to get the prior authorization for you.

If you use a BlueCard network provider (a network provider located outside of New Jersey) or a non-network provider, you are responsible for getting the prior authorization. If you don't get prior authorization before getting these types of care, your claim may be denied. Making sure you get prior authorization first helps you avoid surprise medical bills. **If you get treatment, services, or supplies that are not approved, not covered, or are not medically necessary, you pay 100% of your care.**

EviCore may reach out to you to help you schedule your appointment at the best-value imaging location nearest you. You can also call eviCore and get help scheduling basic radiology services that don't require prior authorization.

- ✓ *Prior authorization does not guarantee eligibility for benefits. The payment of Plan benefits is subject to all Plan rules, including but not limited to eligibility, cost sharing, and exclusions.*

### When to call for prior authorization

You or your healthcare provider must contact Horizon or eviCore, as applicable, before getting any of the following types of services and supplies, or being admitted as an inpatient. This list changes from time to time. Contact the Fund at **(833) 637-3519** for the most up-to-date information.

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Horizon (866) 899-0626	eviCore (866) 496-6200
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any inpatient admission, regardless of the type of facility or care, including but not limited to skilled nursing facility care, hospice, and residential treatment</li> <li>• Non-emergent air ambulance transportation</li> <li>• Bariatric/gastric bypass and morbid obesity procedures</li> <li>• Clinical trials</li> <li>• Cosmetic or potentially cosmetic procedures, including dermatology and varicose vein services</li> <li>• Durable medical equipment over \$500 (including breast pumps costing over \$500)</li> <li>• Gender reassignment surgical services and certain hormone therapy</li> <li>• Habilitative therapy for children with autism spectrum disorder</li> <li>• Home health care services, including all skilled services in the home</li> <li>• Home hospice services</li> <li>• Home infusion services</li> <li>• Hyperbaric oxygen therapy</li> <li>• Medical foods</li> <li>• The following behavioral health services:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Electroconvulsive therapy (ECT)</li> <li>➤ In-home services</li> <li>➤ Partial hospitalization (PHP) &amp; intensive outpatient treatment (IOP)</li> <li>➤ Psychological testing</li> <li>➤ Transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Prosthetics and orthotics over \$500</li> <li>• Specialty pharmaceuticals (certain medical injectables)</li> <li>• Transplant services, except for corneal transplants</li> <li>• Travel and lodging</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Radiology services:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ CT and CTA scans (computed tomography and computed tomography angiography)</li> <li>➤ MRA and MRI (magnetic resonance imaging or magnetic resonance angiography)</li> <li>➤ PET and PET-CT (positron emission tomography)</li> <li>➤ Nuclear medicine</li> <li>➤ Nuclear cardiac imaging</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Cardiology services:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Diagnostic heart catheterization</li> <li>➤ Cardiac CT and MRI</li> <li>➤ Echocardiography: transthoracic and transesophageal</li> <li>➤ Myocardial perfusion imaging (SPECT and PET)</li> <li>➤ Stress testing</li> <li>➤ Stress echocardiography</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Radiation therapy</li> <li>• Genetic testing (molecular and genomic testing)</li> </ul>

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For emergency admissions, be sure to call no later than the first business day following the admission. No prior authorization is required for emergency medical treatment you get in an emergency room or while you are in observation in the hospital.

If you are hospitalized because you are having a baby, you do not need to call Horizon for prior authorization unless your stay will be longer than 48 hours following a vaginal childbirth, or 96 hours following a Cesarean section. This protection under the Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act (NMHPA) also means your benefits are not restricted during the 48-hour period (or 96-hour period, as applicable). However, NMHPA doesn't prohibit your (or your newborn's) attending provider from discharging you or your newborn earlier than 48 hours (or 96 hours as applicable), after consulting with you first.

*See page I-7* for information about when Horizon or eviCore must respond to your request for prior authorization and for information about how to appeal a prior authorization denial.

### **Case management program**

You and your dependents may be eligible for the case management program under certain circumstances, including if you have a complex or chronic medical condition. You may be contacted to participate in case management, but you or your healthcare provider can also request case management services. Horizon provides case management services.

If you are selected for the case management program, a case manager will work with you and your healthcare providers to create a treatment plan and help you manage your care. The goal of case management is to make sure that your healthcare needs are met while helping you work toward the best possible health outcome, and managing the cost of your care.

The case manager may recommend treatments, services, or supplies that would not normally be covered but are medically appropriate and more cost-effective than the original treatment proposed by your healthcare provider. UNITE HERE HEALTH, at its discretion and in its sole authority, may approve coverage for those alternatives, even if the treatment, service, or supply would not normally be covered.

In some cases, case management may be required. For example, you may be required to use the case management program in order to get benefits for transplants or travel and lodging costs. If you do not use the case management program when required, Plan benefits may not be payable. Unless specified as mandatory, it is your choice whether or not to join the case management program and whether or not to follow the program's recommendations.

### Network providers

Benefits are paid based on whether you use a network provider or a non-network provider. Treatment by a non-network provider is generally reimbursed at a lower level. To find a network provider, contact:

(800) 810-2583 <a href="http://www.horizonblue.com">www.horizonblue.com</a>		
	If you (the employee) live <b>INSIDE</b> New Jersey	If you (the employee) live <b>OUTSIDE OF</b> New Jersey
<b>Your network for care INSIDE New Jersey</b>	Horizon Direct Access	Horizon PPO
<b>Your network for care OUTSIDE New Jersey</b>	BlueCard PPO	BlueCard PPO

In some special circumstances, the Plan will pay for non-network services at the network cost share. The circumstances are:

- Non-network emergency treatment.
- Professional ambulance transportation.
- Treatment provided by non-network healthcare providers who specialize in emergency medicine, radiology, anesthesiology, or pathology.
- In-hospital consultations with non-network providers.
- When the network doesn't have a provider in the required specialty.

The Plan will still use the allowable charge based on the network or non-network status to determine the amount paid. Remember, you can be balanced billed for—and you may have to pay—the difference between the Plan payment and the non-network provider's charges.

*See page A-9* for more information about how staying in the network can help you save money.

### What you pay

You must pay any cost share (such as copays, coinsurance, or deductibles) for your share of covered expenses. You must also pay any expenses that are not covered expenses (*see page B-37* for information about what's not covered), including any amounts over the allowable charge when you use non-network providers, or charges once a maximum benefit or limitation has been met.

See the summary of benefits for your medical benefit option at the beginning of this section.

### Deductibles—Silver+ PPO option only

Your calendar year deductible applies to both network and non-network expenses. You only have to pay the deductible once each year. Once you have paid your deductible (sometimes called “satisfying your deductible”), you do not have to make any more payments toward your deductible for the rest of that year. The \$1,500 individual deductible applies to each person covered by the Plan. However, once your \$3,000 family deductible has been satisfied, no one else in your family has to pay deductibles for the rest of that year.

Your \$1,500 individual and \$3,000 family deductibles only apply to the medical benefits (including mental health and substance abuse benefits). Amounts you pay for prescription drugs, vision care, or dental care will not apply toward the deductibles. In addition, the deductibles do not apply to certain medical benefits. See the Silver+ benefit summary starting on [see page B-23](#) to see which services require the deductible and which services are covered before you satisfy the deductible.

Any allowable charges applied to your calendar year deductible during October, November, or December will also apply to your deductible for the next calendar year.

### Copays

You pay copays for certain types of care (see your Summary of Benefits). Your copay is your only cost-sharing for all of the healthcare you receive during the visit. The copay covers your cost sharing for all of the healthcare you receive during a network office visit or urgent care center visit (or any other place which has a copay). For example, you only pay one office visit copay for all healthcare you receive during the office visit, even if you received other services at the same time.

If you are in the Silver PPO benefit option, in certain situations, you may pay the cost-sharing (deductible, coinsurance, copay) required for each of the services you receive. Sometimes this means you pay both a copay and coinsurance. However, you will never be required to pay multiple copays—you pay the highest copay amount. This could apply when you go to an office, but don't see the doctor or your doctor doesn't bill an office visit.

[See page J-2](#) for more information about what a copay is.

## **Out-of-Pocket limit for covered network expenses**

Your out-of-pocket cost-sharing (deductibles, coinsurance, and copays) for most covered network medical (including mental health/substance abuse) expenses is limited to \$5,000 per person (\$10,000 per family) each calendar year. Once your out-of-pocket costs for covered expenses meet these limits, the Plan will usually pay 100% for your (or your family's) network medical covered expenses during the rest of that calendar year.

Amounts you pay out-of-pocket for prescription drug expenses under the section of this SPD titled “PPO prescription drug benefits” ***do not*** count toward this out-of-pocket limit. (There is a

separate out-of-pocket limit for your prescription drug cost-sharing—[see page B-44.](#))

[See page J-6](#) for more information about what an out-of-pocket limit is.

### What's covered

The Plan will only pay benefits for injuries or sicknesses that are not related to your job. Benefits are determined based on allowable charges for covered services resulting from medically necessary care and treatment prescribed or furnished by a healthcare provider.

- **Preventive healthcare services** ([see page J-6](#)) when a network provider is used. Non-network preventive care is not covered. However, non-hospital grade breast pumps (limited to one per pregnancy) and breast pump supplies will be covered when obtained from a non-network provider. Certain limits or rules may apply to when and how you get preventive healthcare based on your gender, age, and health status.
  - PSA tests for men are covered annually for men ages 40 through 69.
  - Cervical cancer screenings (pap smear and human papillomavirus screening) are covered annually for women, regardless of age.
  - Routine mammogram screenings are covered once each calendar year for women age 35 and older, and are covered once each calendar year for women under age 35 who are at high risk for breast cancer.
- **Professional services** of a healthcare provider.
- **General nursing services.**
- **Injectable medications**, including immunizations provided by a healthcare provider.
- Treatment of **mental health conditions and substance abuse**, including inpatient and residential treatment, outpatient care, partial hospitalization, intensive outpatient care, and ambulatory detoxification.
- **Acupuncture services** provided by a network provider, up to a total of 12 visits per person each year.
- **Routine podiatry** provided by a network provider, up to a total of 4 visits per person each year.
- **Non-routine podiatry.**
- **Chiropractic care**, provided by a network provider, up to 24 visits per person each year for the Platinum+ medical benefit, and up to 12 visits per person each year for the Platinum, Gold+, and Silver+ medical benefits.
- **Outpatient services** in a clinic or urgent care center.

- Hospital **emergency room** services.
- Transportation by a **professional ambulance service** to an area medical facility that is able to provide the required treatment.

If you have no control over whether the ambulance was called, for example when the ambulance is called by a healthcare professional, employer, law enforcement, school, etc., the ambulance will be considered medically necessary. Contact the Fund if you had no control over an ambulance being called.

- **Ambulatory surgical facility services**, including general supplies, anesthesia, drugs, and operating and recovery rooms. If you have multiple surgeries, covered expenses are limited to charges for the primary surgery.
- **Radiology services**, including but not limited to x-rays, ultrasounds, and fetal monitoring.
- **Diagnostic imaging**, including but not limited to MRIs, MRAs, CT scans, PET scans, and cardiac imaging.
- **Laboratory services**.
- **Radiation therapy**.
- **Dialysis**, when provided by a network provider.
- **Chemotherapy and infusion services**.
- **Hospital charges** for room and board, and other inpatient or outpatient services.
- **Treatment of pregnancy** and pregnancy-related conditions, including childbirth, miscarriage, or abortions, for employees and spouses. Generally, no benefits are payable for pregnancy or pregnancy-related conditions for a dependent child, unless the care is considered preventive healthcare. Non-preventive healthcare services for a dependent child's pregnancy, including but not limited to ultrasounds, charges associated with a high-risk pregnancy, abortions, and delivery charges will not be covered.
- **Mastectomies**, including all stages of surgery to rebuild the removed breast (reconstruction) surgery and reconstruction on the other breast so the breasts look even, breast implants and prostheses, and treatment of physical health problems from a mastectomy, including swollen lymph glands (lymphedema).
- **Medical services for organ transplants** if the following rules are all met:
  - The transplant must be covered by Medicare, including meeting Medicare's clinical, facility, and provider requirements.
  - You must use any case management program recommended by the Fund or its representative.
  - You must get prior authorization for the transplant.

- ▶ Donor expenses for your transplant are only covered if the donor has no other coverage.
- ▶ Transplant coverage does not include your expenses if you are giving an organ instead of getting an organ.
- **Facility charges**, including anesthesia and other ancillary services, and charges for the administration of anesthesia by an anesthesiologist, for dental procedures requiring an institutional setting to safely administer the care, including for treatment if you are suffering from medical or behavioral conditions, such as autism or Alzheimer's, that severely limit your ability to cooperate with the necessary care. This covered expense only applies to the extent the treatment would otherwise be covered under a dental benefit.
- **Jaw reduction**, open or closed, for a fractured or dislocated jaw.
- **LeFort type operations** when intended to repair birth defects of the mouth, conditions of the mid-face (over or under development of facial features), or damage caused by accidental injury.
- **Skilled nursing facility care**, up to a total of 60 days per person each year, as long as you are under the care of a doctor, and are confined as a regular bed patient.
- **Blood and blood plasma**, and their administration.
- **Oxygen**, including administration of oxygen.
- **Home healthcare services**, up to a total of 60 visits per person each year. General housekeeping services or custodial care is not covered.
- Inpatient and outpatient **hospice** services and supplies if you are terminally ill.
- **Anesthesia**, and its administration.
- **Durable medical equipment**, and supplies, for all non-disposable devices or items prescribed by a healthcare provider, such as wheelchairs, hospital-type beds, respirators and associated support systems, infusion pumps, home dialysis equipment, monitoring devices, home traction units, and other similar medical equipment or devices.
  - ▶ Rental fees are covered if the DME can only be rented, and the purchase price is covered if the DME can only be bought.
  - ▶ However, if DME can be either rented or bought, and if the rental fees for the course of treatment are likely to be more than the equipment's purchase price, benefits may be limited to the equipment's purchase price.
  - ▶ If DME is bought, costs for repair or maintenance are also covered.
- **Services provided at the UNITE HERE HEALTH—Health Center (Atlantic City).**
- **Habilitative therapy** for children with autism spectrum disorder. *You must get prior*



*authorization for habilitative therapy before the Plan pays benefits.* Benefits are limited to 30 hours per person each week, and to a total of 36 months. “Habilitative therapy” includes applied behavioral analysis (ABA) therapy and similar types of treatment. It does not include physical, speech, or occupational therapy.

- ▶ Your child must be at least 2 years old, but no more than 8 years old.
- ▶ Your child must have a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder, and have a prorated mental age of at least 11 months.
- ▶ The provider supervising the habilitative therapy must be certified by the Behavioral Analyst Certification Board (BACB) as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst or Board Certified Behavior Analyst Doctorate (or is otherwise licensed to supervise this type of treatment).
- ▶ The person providing the habilitative therapy must be certified by the BACB as a Board Certified Assistant Behavioral Analyst or Registered Behavioral Technician (or is otherwise licensed to provide this type of treatment).
- ▶ Benefits will only be paid for services supplemental to any therapy for which your child is eligible through his or her school or school district. No benefits will be paid for therapy provided through the school or school district.
- ▶ The habilitative therapy and treatment plan must get prior authorization from the Fund before treatment begins. The treatment notes and treatment plan must be reviewed by the Fund at least twice a year, and must show that:
  - Your child is demonstrating improvement.
  - You are trained to, and do, participate in the habilitative therapy.
  - You follow the treatment plan.
- Outpatient rehabilitation services for **physical, speech, occupational therapy**. Benefits are limited to 60 total visits per person each year for physical and occupational therapies combined, and up to 30 total visits per person each year for speech therapy.
- Professional services for **diabetes education** and training for the care, monitoring, or treatment of diabetes provided by a network provider. Non-network services are not covered.
- Professional services for **nutrition counseling** provided by a network provider, up to a total of 4 visits per person each year. Non-network services are not covered.
- **Repair of sound natural teeth** and their supporting structures, if the covered expenses are the result of an injury. Treatment must be received while you are covered under the Fund. You may have additional dental coverage if you are enrolled in a dental benefit—see the applicable dental benefit for more information.

- **Sterilization procedures** for employees and spouses. For female dependent children, FDA-approved sterilization procedures considered preventive healthcare (*see page J-6*) are also covered.
- **Surgical supplies, surgical dressings**, casts, splints, and trusses.
- Treatment of **tumors, cysts and lesions** not considered a dental procedure.
- **Medical foods** if you have an inborn error of metabolism (IEM). *You must get prior authorization for your medical food costs before the Plan will reimburse you.* The Plan will reimburse 100% of your costs for medical foods. To be reimbursed, the medical food must be: (1) ordered by and used under the supervision of a healthcare provider; (2) the primary source of your nutrition; and (3) labeled and used for dietary management of your IEM.
- Reimbursement for **travel, lodging, and meal costs** for transportation to get certain treatment more than 50 miles away from your home (as long as you travel within the United States). You must get prior authorization for these expenses before the Plan will reimburse you. Covered expenses only include travel, lodging and meal costs related to: (1) transplants, (2) cancer-related treatments, and (3) congenital heart defect care. The following rules apply:
  - The travel, lodging, and meal costs of one other person traveling with you will also be covered. (Two other people will be covered if the patient is a minor child.)
  - Reimbursement is limited to \$10,000 per episode of care for you and your traveling companion(s) combined. This includes up to \$250 each day for lodging and meal costs.
  - You must provide the Plan with your original receipts.
  - You must participate in any case management programs required by the Fund.
  - You cannot get reimbursed for expenses related to your participation in a clinical trial, or for an organ transplant if you are donating an organ instead of getting an organ.
  - The Fund may prearrange or prepay certain travel or lodging costs instead of requiring you to pay yourself and then file for reimbursement.

More details about the benefit are available upon request.

- **Gender reassignment surgery** for individuals with a diagnosis of gender dysphoria and related charges (e.g., laboratory work, x-rays, office visits, etc.). The Plan will cover surgical procedures, including medically necessary corrective surgeries, to change your gender once (for example, if the Plan covers procedures changing your gender from male to female, the Plan will not then pay to change your gender back to male). You must be at least 18 years of age and obtain prior authorization for surgical services.

## What's not covered

See page F-1 for a list of this Plan's general exclusions and limitations. In addition to that list, the Plan will not pay benefits for, or in connection with, the following medical treatments, services, and supplies:

- Prescription drugs and medications, other than those used where they are dispensed. Prescription drugs may be covered under the prescription drug benefit starting on [page B-41](#).
- Ambulatory surgical facility fees for procedures normally performed in a provider's office.
- Preventive healthcare services and supplies that must be purchased through the prescription drug benefits.
- Unless specifically listed as covered, dental services for or in connection with: a) routine care of the teeth and supporting oral tissues, or b) restorative services to replace natural teeth lost as a result of injury, or c) alveolar ridge augmentation or implant procedures, whether of natural or artificial materials, to stabilize or otherwise alter natural or artificial teeth, or d) dental extractions.
- Procedures for the treatment of temporomandibular joint dysfunction, craniofacial disorders or orthognathic disorders, unless prior approval has been received in writing from UNITE HERE HEALTH or its representative.
- Unless specifically listed as covered, surgery to modify jaw relationships including, but not limited to, osteoplasty and genioplasty procedures.
- Eye refractions, eyeglasses, or contact lenses. However, these expenses may be covered under the vision benefits.
- Private duty nursing care.
- Except as specifically covered under the Plan, non-healthcare items or services, including but not limited to oral nutrition or supplements, and disposable supplies, such as bandages, antiseptics, and diapers.

### Get free medical care in New Jersey

#### Use the UNITE HERE HEALTH—Health Center (Health Center)

1801 Atlantic Avenue, 3rd Floor  
Atlantic City, NJ 08401  
**(609) 570-2400**

The services at the UNITE HERE HEALTH—Health Center (Health Center) are available at no cost to you. These free services currently include primary care, laboratory services, pharmacy services, counseling services through video or in-person, physical therapy, ultrasounds, and x-rays. The Health Center also includes a pharmacy where you can get free prescription drugs. The services available at the Health Center may change from time to time. Be sure to call the Fund at **(833) 637-3519** to find out what services are currently available. Call the Health Center at **(609) 570-2400** for an appointment.

The Health Center is not available to a dependent spouse if the Plan pays secondary to the spouse's other insurance. If you are not sure if the Plan pays secondary for your spouse, call the Fund.

#### Use MD Anderson at Cooper for your cancer care and save!

If you live or work in the Atlantic City area, MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper (MD Anderson at Cooper) is the preferred provider for cancer care services. Covered care from MD Anderson at Cooper for a cancer diagnosis is free to you. You pay \$0 (no deductible, coinsurance, or copay).

Together, UNITE HERE HEALTH and MD Anderson at Cooper will help you get the broad range of services you need. When you join this cancer care program, you get care coordination and dedicated resources to help you manage your healthcare during this challenging time.

You may even be able to get free rides to certain MD Anderson at Cooper locations.

#### **Which services aren't free at MD Anderson at Cooper?**

The \$0 copay doesn't apply to the following:

- Ambulance transportation.
- Services you get from MD Anderson at Cooper that aren't for your cancer diagnosis. For example, if you go to the emergency room at MD Anderson at Cooper for treatment for a broken leg (unrelated to cancer), you will pay the Plan's usual copayment, deductible, and coinsurance required for emergency room services.

#### **Which MD Anderson at Cooper locations can I go to?**

MD Anderson at Cooper has several locations. You can get complete cancer care services in Camden, New Jersey and many services in Egg Harbor Township. Services are also available in Voorhees, Willingboro, and other local offices.

### **MD Anderson at Cooper locations:**

- Two Cooper Plaza, Camden NJ 08103
- 303 Central Ave., Suite 4, Unit B, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234
- Other offices throughout the Philadelphia-South Jersey area

### **What other important information should I know?**

The Plan's rules about what's covered, what's not covered, and any prior authorization requirements still apply to services you get from MD Anderson at Cooper.

At this time, MD Anderson at Cooper doesn't treat pediatric patients, or certain cancers like ocular cancer or bone marrow cancer.

To find out more and join the program, call the Fund at **(833) 637-3519**.

### **Use Shore Medical Center for your inpatient orthopedic surgery!**

You pay no cost-sharing (copays, deductibles, or coinsurance) for non-pediatric inpatient orthopedic surgery at Shore Medical Center in Somers Point, NJ. This means you pay \$0 for inpatient admissions (including facility services and professional fees) for knee, hip, and spine surgery. Your normal cost-sharing applies to all other services at Shore Medical Center. The Plan's rules about what's covered, what's not covered, and any prior authorization requirements still apply.

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# **PPO prescription drug benefits**

Learn about your benefits:

- ▶ What you pay for your covered prescription drugs.
- ▶ What types of prescription drugs are covered.
- ▶ How the safety and cost containment programs help save you money and help protect your health.
- ▶ How much of a prescription drug you can get at one time.
- ▶ What the mail-order pharmacy is and how to use it.
- ▶ What the specialty order pharmacy is and when you must use it.
- ▶ What types of prescription drugs are not covered.

*This section only applies to you if you choose one of the PPO benefit options. If you choose a Kaiser HMO benefit option, please see the section starting on [page B-1](#) for information about your prescription drug benefits.*

## PPO prescription drug benefits

Hospitality Rx (a subsidiary of UNITE HERE HEALTH) provides pharmacy benefit management services. Hospitality Rx contracts with several organizations to provide specialized administrative services. Benefits are only paid if you buy your prescription drugs at a pharmacy that participates in the network, like Walgreens. *Not all retail pharmacies are in your pharmacy network.*

Be sure to visit [www.hospitalityrx.org](http://www.hospitalityrx.org) to find a network pharmacy.

**If you use a pharmacy not in your network, you will have to pay 100% of the cost of the prescription drug.** The Plan will not reimburse you for the cost of any prescription drugs you buy at a non-network pharmacy.

Important contact information		
If you want to	Call	At
Find a network pharmacy or ask questions about your benefits	UNITE HERE HEALTH	(833) 637-3519 <a href="http://www.hospitalityrx.com">www.hospitalityrx.com</a>
Get prior authorization for prescription drugs or to ask which drugs require prior authorization	Hospitality Rx	(844) 813-3860 <a href="http://www.hospitalityrx.com">www.hospitalityrx.com</a>
Get a free glucometer	FreeStyle (by Abbott)  use order code U2L65MBU	(866) 224-8892 <a href="http://www.ChooseFreeStyle.com">www.ChooseFreeStyle.com</a>
	One Touch (by LifeScan)  use order code 739WDRX01	(888) 883-7091 <a href="http://www.OneTouch.orderpoints.com">www.OneTouch.orderpoints.com</a>
Order from the mail-order pharmacy	WellDyneRx Home Delivery (through Hospitality Rx)	(844) 813-3860 <a href="http://wellview.welldyne.com">wellview.welldyne.com</a>
Order from the specialty pharmacy	WellDyneRx Home Delivery	(800) 373-1879 <a href="http://www.welldynespecialty.com">www.welldynespecialty.com</a>



## What you pay

You must pay the applicable amount shown below for each fill of a prescription drug. You must also pay any expenses that are not considered covered expenses (*see page B-49* for information about what's not covered).

PPO Prescription Drug Benefits—What You Pay			
	Retail Pharmacy (up to a 34-day supply) or Mail Order Pharmacy (up to a 60-day supply)		
Formulary Prescription Drug Benefits	Per Prescription		
	Platinum+ and Platinum		Gold+ and Silver+
Preventive Healthcare Services Drugs— <i>See page J-6</i>	\$0		\$0
Generic and Some Brand Drugs	\$3		\$5
Preferred Drugs	\$15		\$15
Non-Preferred Drugs	\$30		\$30
Select Specialty and Select Biosimilar Drugs*	Generic	Brand	Generic
	\$3	25%	\$5
Non-Formulary Prescription Drugs and Supplies	Not covered, unless an exception is approved		
Annual Out-of-Pocket Limits for Prescription Drugs	\$1,600/person & \$3,200/family		
* Current pharmacy benefit provider will actively manage and determine drugs in tier. Specialty drugs are only available through the specialty mail order pharmacy. However, if you take specialty medications as part of your HIV treatment plan, you may be able to receive an exception to use your network retail pharmacy instead.			
Get free prescription drugs at the UNITE HERE HEALTH — Health Center pharmacy at 1801 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ 08401. <b>(609) 570-2400</b> <a href="http://www.uhh.org/achc">www.uhh.org/achc</a> .			

Drugs and supplies on the formulary are safe, effective, and high-quality. No benefits are paid for drugs not on the formulary unless the Fund approves the drug. Prescription drugs and supplies may be added to or removed from the formulary from time to time. Use the formulary lookup tool at [www.hospitalityrx.org](http://www.hospitalityrx.org) or call Hospitality Rx at **(844) 813-3860** if you or your healthcare provider have questions about which prescription drugs and supplies are on the formulary.

Ask your healthcare provider to prescribe a drug that is on the formulary. If your healthcare provider wants you to take a drug that is not on the formulary, he or she should reach out to Hospitality Rx at **(844) 813-3860** for a formulary exception. The formulary exception allows your healthcare provider to ask for approval for you to get coverage for a prescription drug not on the formulary. Remember, though, that the Fund will not consider a non-formulary drug for coverage

until you have tried all of the formulary prescription drug alternatives that are medically appropriate to your situation.

### Prescription drug out-of-pocket limit

Your cost-sharing for most prescription drug covered expenses is limited to \$1,600 per person (\$3,600 per family) each calendar year. Once your out-of-pocket costs for covered expenses meet these limits, the Plan will usually pay 100% for your (or your family's) prescription drug covered expenses during the rest of that calendar year.

Certain prescription drug expenses don't count toward your out-of-pocket limit. This includes any amounts you must pay in addition to your copay when you or your doctor chooses a brand name drug when a generic equivalent is available (see "Generic prescription drug policy" below). These expenses do not count toward your out-of-pocket limit and you will continue to be responsible for these expenses even if you have met the out-of-pocket limit for the year.

Amounts you pay out-of-pocket for medical expenses under the section of this SPD titled "PPO medical benefits" ([see page B-9](#)) **do not** count toward this out-of-pocket limit.

You can get more information about your out-of-pocket limits [see page J-6](#).

### What's covered

A medication or supply must be listed on the "focus" formulary in order to be covered (unless you get a formulary exception from the Plan). The Plan pays benefits only for the following formulary expenses:

- FDA-approved prescription drugs which can legally be purchased only with a written prescription from a healthcare provider. This includes oral and injectable contraceptives and drugs mixed to order by a pharmacist, as long as at least one part of the mixed-to-order drug is an FDA-approved prescription drug.
- The following diabetic supplies: insulin, diabetic test strips, control solution for glucometers, disposable syringes and needles, lancets, and lancet devices.
- Prescription and non-prescription (over-the-counter) preventive healthcare services and supplies, including immunizations. You must have a prescription for over-the-counter preventive healthcare services and supplies in order for the Fund to pay for these supplies.
- Vitamins.
- Hormone therapy as long as the hormones are FDA approved and only available by prescription. Prior authorization is required for certain hormone therapy. Hormone therapy for individuals with gender dysphoria is not subject to an age restriction; however, the prior authorization process for individuals under age 18 will include an additional requirement

that the treating physician have documentation showing sexual maturity of Tanner stage 2 or more.

- Over-the-counter drugs obtainable with a prescription and available at the Atlantic City UNITE HERE HEALTH—Health Center.

### **Free glucometers**

You can get a free glucometer every 12 months by calling either of the following phone numbers:

**(866) 224-8892** for Abbott (FreeStyle) products  
or visit [www.ChooseFreeStyle.com](http://www.ChooseFreeStyle.com)  
use order code **U2L65MBU**

**(888) 883-7091** for OneTouch (LifeScan) products  
or visit [www.OneTouch.orderpoints.com](http://www.OneTouch.orderpoints.com)  
use order code **739WDRX01**

If you don't want one of the Fund's free glucometers, you have to pay the full cost of the glucometer up front. You may submit a claim under the PPO medical benefits for the glucometer, but you may not be reimbursed for the full amount (see the cost-sharing required for durable medical equipment—see your *Summary of Benefits*.)

## **Safety and cost containment programs for prescription drugs**

The Fund provides extra protection through several safety and cost containment programs. These programs may change from time to time, and the prescription drugs or types of prescription drugs that are part of these programs may also change from time to time. You and your health-care provider can always get the most current information by contacting Hospitality Rx at **(844) 813-3860** or visiting [www.hospitalityrx.org](http://www.hospitalityrx.org).

Safety and cost containment programs help make sure you and your family get the most effective and appropriate care. These programs look at whether a prescription drug is safe for you to take. For example, some prescription drugs cannot be taken together. Safety programs help make sure you are not taking two prescription drugs in a combination that could harm you.

The programs also can help make sure your money is not wasted on prescription drugs that do not work for you. For example, some prescription drugs cause serious side effects in some patients. By limiting your prescription to a small number of pills, you can make sure the prescription drug is safe for you before you pay for a large supply of pills you will have to throw away if you get serious side effects.

If a prescription drug is subject to a safety or cost containment program, you must follow the program in order to get benefits for the drug.

**See page I-9** for information about appealing a denial for prior authorization or appealing a denial of prescription drug benefits.

### **Generic prescription drug policy**

Generics have the same active ingredient as the brand name drugs, but you pay less for them. Ask your doctor to help you save money by prescribing generic drugs when possible.

If you or your provider chooses a covered brand name prescription drug when you could get a generic equivalent instead, you pay the difference in cost between the brand name prescription drug and the generic equivalent. For example, if the brand name prescription drug costs \$80 at retail, and the Fund's cost for the generic equivalent is \$30, you must pay the \$50 difference. You will also have to pay the generic drug copay.

The generic prescription drug policy does not apply to certain prescription drugs that need to be closely monitored, or if very small changes in the dose could be harmful. The prescription drugs that are not subject to the generic prescription drug policy change from time to time. You can get up-to-date information by calling Hospitality Rx at **(844) 813-3860**. This rule will also not apply if you get an exception through a safety or cost containment program. Your healthcare provider will need to get prior approval for this exception to apply to your prescription drugs.

If you have an exception to the generic prescription drug policy, you will still have to pay the applicable copay.

### **Prior authorization**

If your healthcare provider prescribes certain drugs, he or she will need to provide your medical records to show that the prescription drug is clinically appropriate for your medical situation. The list of prescription drugs that require prior authorization changes from time to time. Call **(844) 813-3860** for a list of drugs on the prior authorization list, or to get prior authorization for a drug.

### **Step therapy**

In many cases, effective lower-cost alternatives are available for certain prescription drugs. A step therapy program will ask you to try generic or lower cost versions of a prescription drug before approving coverage for a higher cost brand name drug. If the first level prescription drug does not work for you, or causes serious side effects, you are "stepped up" to another drug option.

For example, if you need an ARB (angiotensin receptor blocker), used to treat high blood pressure, you may first be asked to try a generic version. If the generic version does not work or causes serious side effects, you may be asked to try a brand name version.

The list of prescription drugs that require step therapy changes from time to time. Contact Hospitality Rx at **(844) 813-3860** with questions about which prescription drugs require prior authorization.

### Case management

The pharmacy case managers may contact you if you take high-cost or specialty drugs or have a chronic long-term health condition. This program will help you make sure you are taking your prescription drugs the way you are supposed to take them. The case managers can also help you manage and monitor your condition, and answer questions about your prescription drugs.

Be sure you talk with the case managers if they reach out to you!

### Quantity limits

The amount of a prescription the Plan will fill at one time is limited to the lesser of:

- The amount prescribed by your healthcare professional.
- If you use a retail pharmacy, up to a 34-day supply.
- If you use the Atlantic City UNITE HERE HEALTH–Health Center, up to a 60-day supply of your drug.
- If you use the non-specialty mail-order pharmacy, up to a 60-day supply.
- The amount allowed under any safety or cost containment program. For example, most prescriptions filled through the specialty mail-order pharmacy will be limited to less than a 34-day or 60-day supply.

If your prescription is for a drug only available in 90-day quantities, or is a birth control drug that uses a steady hormone release over time (such as NuvaRing®), you can get the full 90-day amount. You will still have to pay the applicable copay based on the drug's tier (generic, brand, or specialty).

### Exceptions to the standard quantity limits

There are certain prescription drugs that many providers prescribe at higher dosages (for example, more pills taken at one time or more often during the day) than approved by the FDA. Coverage for these prescription drugs will be limited to a 30-day supply. To help protect you and your family, in these situations you may get a smaller supply of a prescription drug than as described in the previous section.

You or your healthcare provider can call for information about these quantity limits. Your healthcare provider may also call to get an exception to these rules.

### Early Refills

You generally cannot refill a prescription earlier than allowed under any applicable guidelines, safety or cost containment programs, or other Plan rules. In some cases, you may be able to refill a prescription sooner than is usually allowed. For example, you may get an early refill if:

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- You show you will be out of the country when you will run out of a prescription drug. If your refill is approved, you can get up to a 60-day supply for the applicable retail drug copay.
- Your drug is lost or stolen.
- You run out of a drug too soon because you misunderstood the instructions or accidentally used too much. You will be able to get one such early refill per lifetime for that drug.

You may be required to use the case management program in order to get an early refill.

Call Hospitality Rx at **(844) 813-3860** if you need an early refill of a drug.

### Mail-order pharmacy

You can save money by using the Hospitality Rx's mail-order pharmacy: WellDyneRx Home Delivery. If you need a prescription drug to treat a chronic, long-term health condition, you can order these prescription drugs through the mail-order pharmacy. You can get up to a 60-day supply of your prescription drug (sometimes called a "maintenance" prescription drug) for the same copay you would pay for a 34-day supply at a retail pharmacy.

You can order from Hospitality Rx's mail-order pharmacy by mail, by phone, or on the internet.

#### WellDyneRx Home Delivery

**(844) 813-3860**

[wellview.welldyne.com](http://wellview.welldyne.com)

### Specialty pharmacy

You must use the specialty pharmacy to purchase all specialty prescription drugs or visit the on-site pharmacy at the Atlantic City UNITE HERE HEALTH—Health Center. The specialty pharmacy provides prescription drugs for certain chronic or difficult to treat health conditions, such as multiple sclerosis (MS), or Hepatitis C. Specialty prescription drugs often need to be handled differently than other prescription drugs, or they may need special administration or monitoring. However, if you take specialty medications as part of your HIV treatment plan, you may be able to receive an exception to use your network retail pharmacy instead. You can get a copy by calling HospitalityRx at **(844) 484-4726**.

Using the specialty pharmacy gives you access to pharmacists and other healthcare providers who specialize in helping people with your condition. The specialty pharmacy staff can help make sure your prescription gets refilled on time, and can answer questions about your prescription drugs and your condition.

#### WellDyneRx Specialty Pharmacy

**(800) 373-1879**

[www.welldynespecialty.com/](http://www.welldynespecialty.com/)

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### What's not covered

See page F-1 for a list of this Plan's general exclusions and limitations. For example, experimental and investigative treatments, including drugs, are not covered. In addition to that list, the following types of prescription drug treatments, services, and supplies are not covered under the prescription drug benefit:

- Prescription drugs that have not been approved by the FDA. However, the Fund may cover prescription drugs not approved by the FDA in certain situations. You or your healthcare professional may ask for an exception through the Fund's prior authorization program.
- Drugs or supplies that are not listed on the formulary, unless the Fund or its designee gives prior approval for the drug or supply. You must try all medically appropriate formulary alternatives before you can get a formulary exception.
- Drugs or medications used, consumed or administered at the place where dispensed, other than immunizations. (These drugs may be covered under your PPO medical benefits.)
- Prescriptions or refills in amounts over the quantity limits (*see page B-47*).
- Vitamins, dietary supplements, or dietary aids, except those specifically included on the formulary.
- Drugs used for cosmetic reasons, including Rogaine and other drugs to prevent hair loss.
- Human growth hormone, except to treat emaciation due to AIDS.
- Drugs or other covered supplies not purchased from a network pharmacy.
- Birth control devices and implants other than over-the-counter FDA-approved female contraceptive drugs, devices, or supplies for which you have a prescription.
- Non-sedating antihistamines or histamine receptor blockers.
- Fertility drugs.
- Glucometers, other than those the Fund gives to you for free. You may be able to get a glucometer through the PPO medical benefits if you do not want one of the free ones, but you will usually have to pay part or all of the cost.
- Weight control drugs, unless for the treatment of morbid obesity under the direct supervision of a healthcare provider, and authorized in writing by the Fund or its designee.
- Preventive healthcare services and supplies that you must get through the PPO medical benefits.
- Drugs that require review under a safety or cost containment program (such as a drug that requires prior authorization, or a drug subject to the step therapy program) if that safety or cost containment program is not followed, or does not approve the drug.

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- New-to-market prescription drugs until the Fund or its designee has reviewed and approved the prescription drug.
- Specialty prescription drugs if you do not use the specialty pharmacy. This exclusion does not apply to HIV/AIDS drugs if you are approved to use a network retail pharmacy for these drugs.
- Over-the-counter drugs not received through the UNITE HERE HEALTH—Health Center or one of the free pharmacies.
- High-cost “me too” drugs, unless the Fund or its representative approves the drug for purchase. “Me-too” drugs usually have only very small differences in how they work, but are considered “new” drugs with no generic equivalent. Often, the manufacturer charges high prices for these drugs even though there are other drugs available that work just as well for a lower cost. You can find out if a “me too” drug is covered by contacting Hospitality Rx.
- Diagnostics (drugs used to help in the process of diagnosing certain medical conditions).
- Drugs, medications, or supplies that are not covered under the Fund’s or Fund’s designee’s claims processing guidelines or any other internal rule, including but not limited to any national guidelines used by the medical community.
- Medical foods (medical foods may be covered under the PPO medical benefits).



# ***Dental PPO benefits***

Learn about your benefits if you are enrolled in the dental PPO benefit:

- ▶ How to use your dental benefits.
- ▶ What you pay for your dental care.
- ▶ What types of dental care are covered.
- ▶ What types of dental care are not covered.

*This section only applies to you if you choose the dental PPO benefit option. If you choose the dental HMO benefit option (including the free family dental benefit), please see the section starting on [page C-13](#) for information about your dental benefits.*

## Dental PPO benefits

UNITE HERE HEALTH (the Fund) has contracted with Delta Dental of Illinois (Delta Dental) to administer dental benefits for you and your dependents if you choose this benefit option. This part of the Summary Plan Description (SPD) summarizes your dental benefits.

DENTAL PPO BENEFITS—What You Pay		
Description of Services	Delta Dental PPO Network Providers	Delta Dental Premier Dentists and Non-Network Dentists
<b>Dental Services</b>		
<b>Calendar Year Maximum Benefit for Dental (<i>non-ortho</i>) Treatment</b>	\$2,000 per person	
<b>Lifetime Maximum Benefit for Orthodontia Treatment</b>	\$2,500 per person	
<b>Calendar Year Deductible</b>	None	
<b>What You Pay for Your Covered Dental Care</b>		
<b>Diagnostic and Preventive Services—</b> <i>Example: oral exams, emergency palliative care, x-rays, routine cleaning, fluoride treatment, sealants, and space maintainers</i>	\$0	30%
<b>Minor Restorative Services—</b> <i>Example: fillings</i>	\$0	30%
<b>Endodontic Services—</b> <i>Example: root canals</i>	20%	40%
<b>Periodontic Services—</b> <i>Example: scaling and root planing, full-mouth debridement, periodontal (gum) maintenance, and certain surgical periodontal services</i>	20%	40%
<b>Oral Surgery—</b> <i>Example: extractions (simple and surgical), certain sedation procedures</i>	20%	40%
<b>Prosthetic Maintenance—</b> <i>Example: adjustments and repairs to dentures</i>	20%	40%
<b>Prosthetic Services—</b> <i>Example: complete or partial dentures, bridges</i>	50%	60%

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DENTAL PPO BENEFITS—What You Pay		
Description of Services	Delta Dental PPO Network Providers	Delta Dental Premier Dentists and Non-Network Dentists
<b>Major Restorative Services—</b> <i>Example: onlays, crowns, harmful habit appliances, athletic mouth guards</i>	50%	60%
<b>Implants</b>	50%	60%
<b>Orthodontic Treatment</b>	\$0	

### Network vs. non-network providers

The Plan pays benefits based on whether you get treatment from a network provider or a non-network provider.

- ✓ Your network is the **Delta Dental PPO Network**.
- ✓ If you choose a Delta Dental Premier dentist, your cost sharing is the non-network benefit percentages. You may still save money using Premier dentists, because they will not balance bill you. (This means they won't bill you for the difference between Delta Dental's allowable charge and the dentist's actual charge.)

To locate a network provider near you, contact:

**Delta Dental of Illinois**  
**(800) 323-1743**  
[www.deltadentalil.com](http://www.deltadentalil.com)

See [page A-9](#) for more information about how using network providers can save you time and money.

### What you pay

You must pay your cost-sharing (coinsurance) for covered expenses. You must also pay any expenses that aren't covered, including any amounts over the allowable charge that non-network dentists are allowed to bill you.

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### Maximum benefits

#### Dental care maximum benefit for non-orthodontic care

The Plan pays up to \$2,000 per person each year for dental care (network and non-network combined). Once the Plan pays this maximum benefit, it won't pay for any more dental care for the rest of that year.

#### Orthodontic care maximum benefit

The Plan pays up to a lifetime maximum of \$2,500 per person for orthodontic treatment (network and non-network combined). Once the Plan pays this maximum benefit, it won't pay for any more orthodontic treatment.

### Alternate course of treatment

If there is a different type of treatment that would be at least as effective as your dental treatment, but costs less, the allowable charge (*see page J-2*) will be based on the less expensive alternate type of treatment. This rule applies if the alternate type of dental treatment is both:

- Commonly used to treat your condition, as determined by UNITE HERE HEALTH or its representative.
- Recognized by most dentists to be appropriate based on current national dental practices.

### What's covered

Covered expenses means all allowable charges made by a dentist for the types of services and supplies listed below. In order to be considered a covered expense, Delta Dental must determine that the service or supply was based on a valid dental need and performed according to accepted standards of dental practice.

There are limits on how often certain services and supplies are covered. If the amount of time shown below has not passed since the service or supply was last provided, you may have to pay 100% of the cost. You can always contact Delta Dental at **(800) 323-1743** to find out the last time you got benefits for a certain service or supply. A time limit starts on the date you last got the service or supply. Time limits are measured in consecutive months or years.

If you need a service or supply that isn't listed below, contact Delta Dental to find out if there are any applicable limits.

#### Diagnostic and preventive services:

- Oral exams, including periodontal evaluations and problem-focused exams.
- Periodic oral exams—2 per year.

- X-rays:
  - Intra-oral periapical radiographs.
  - Bitewing x-rays—2 per year.
  - Full mouth x-rays (which include panoramic and vertical bitewing x-rays)—1 every 60 months.
- Diagnostic casts.
- Pulp vitality tests—1 per visit.
- Prophylaxes (cleaning)—2 per year.
  - ✓ If you have certain conditions, you may be eligible for additional cleanings each year. See the Enhanced Benefits Program below.
- Topical application of fluoride for persons under age 19—2 per year.
  - ✓ If you have certain conditions, you may be eligible for topical application of fluoride. See the Enhanced Benefits Program below.
- Space maintainers for children under age 14—1 per lifetime.
- Recementation of space maintainers for children under age 14—1 per lifetime.
- Sealants to the posterior teeth for children under age 16—1 per tooth per lifetime.
- Emergency palliative care (to temporarily relieve pain and discomfort).
- Consultations.

### **Minor restorative services**

- Amalgam or resin-based composite fillings—1 per surface every 12 months.

### **Endodontic services**

- Pulpal and root canal therapy.
- Pulpal therapy (resorbable filling)—1 per tooth per lifetime.

### **Periodontic services**

- Periodontal therapy, including treatment for diseases of the gums and bone supporting the teeth—1 per quadrant every 24 months.
- Gingivectomy or gingivoplasty; gingival flap procedures.

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- Clinical crown lengthening (hard tissue).
- Osseous surgery (including flap entry and closure).
- Guided tissue regeneration.
- Bone replacement and soft tissue grafts.
- Periodontal scaling and root planing.
- Full mouth debridement—1 per lifetime.
- Periodontal maintenance—2 per year.
- ✓ If you have certain conditions, you may be eligible for additional periodontal maintenance each year. See the Enhanced Benefits Program below.

### Oral surgery

- Simple extractions.
- Surgical removal of erupted tooth requiring elevation of mucoperiosteal flap and removal of bone and/or section of tooth.
- Removal of impacted tooth (soft tissue, partially bony, completely bony).
- Tooth reimplantation/stabilization of accidentally evulsed or displaced tooth and/or alveolus.
- Surgical access of an unerupted tooth.
- Biopsy of oral tissue; brush biopsy.
- Alveoloplasty.
- Surgical excision of soft tissue or intra-osseous lesions.
- Other covered surgical/repair procedures.
- Deep sedation/general anesthesia when provided in conjunction with oral surgery (other than simple extractions).
- Intravenous conscious sedation/analgesia when provided in conjunction with oral surgery (other than simple extractions).

### Prosthodontic maintenance

- Adjustments to complete and partial dentures—2 every 12 months.
- Repairs to complete and partial dentures—1 every 24 months.

- Replacement of missing or broken teeth.
- Addition of tooth or clasp to existing partial dentures—1 per lifetime.
- Replacement of all teeth and acrylic on cast-metal framework—1 per lifetime.
- Denture rebase—1 every 24 months.
- Denture relines—1 every 24 months.

### **Prosthodontic services**

- Complete and partial dentures.
- Pontics.
- Fixed partial denture retainers (inlays, onlays, crowns).
- Recement fixed partial denture—1 per lifetime.
- Fixed partial denture (bridge) repair.
- Cast or prefabricated post and core; core build-up.

### **Major restorative services**

- Onlays (permanent teeth only).
- Crowns and ceramic restorations (permanent teeth only).
- Recementation of inlays, onlays, partial coverage restorations, cast or prefabricated posts and cores, and crowns.
- Prefabricated stainless steel crowns for children under age 12.
- Sedative fillings—1 per tooth per lifetime.
- Crown repair.
- Pin retention.
- Cast or prefabricated post and core; core build-up.
- Post removal.
- Harmful habit appliance—1 per lifetime.
- Athletic mouth guards—1 every 24 months.

### **Implants**

- Implants—once every 60 months for patients age 16 and older.

### Orthodontic treatment

#### Enhanced Benefits Program

If you have certain health conditions, you may be able to get additional cleanings or fluoride treatments. Cost-sharing and maximum benefits still apply. Contact Delta Dental at (800) 323-1743 to sign up if you have any of these conditions or are getting any of these treatments:

- Periodontal (gum) disease
- Diabetes
- Pregnancy
- High-risk cardiac conditions
- Kidney failure, or dialysis
- Cancer-related chemotherapy and/or radiation
- Suppressed immune system due to: HIV, organ transplants, and/or stem cell (bone marrow) transplants

### **What's not covered**

The following types of treatments, services, and supplies are not covered:

- Pulp vitality tests billed in conjunction with any service except for an emergency exam or palliative treatment.
- Recementation of space maintainers within six months of initial placement.
- Fillings, when crowns are allowed for the same teeth.
- Replacement of any existing cast restoration (crowns, onlays, ceramic restorations) with any type of cast restoration within 60 months following initial placement of existing restoration.
- Replacement of a stainless steel crown with any type of cast restoration by the same office within 24 months following initial placement.
- Cast restorations if radiographic evidence does not show decay or missing tooth structure, or restorations placed for any other purpose, including, but not limited to, cosmetics, abrasion, attrition, erosion, restoring or altering vertical dimension, congenital or developmental malformations of teeth, or the anticipation of future fractures.
- A crown build-up if there is not radiographic evidence of sufficient vertical height (more than 3 millimeters above the crestal bone) on a tooth to support a cast restoration.
- Recementing of inlays, onlays, partial coverage restorations, cast and prefabricated posts and cores and crowns by the same office within 6 months of the initial placement.



- Additional procedures to construct a new crown under the existing partial denture framework within 6 months following initial placement.
- Sedative fillings requested or placed on the same date as a permanent filling.
- Retreatment of the same tooth within 2 years when a benefit has been issued for endodontic services.
- Endodontic procedures performed in conjunction with complete removable prosthodontic appliances.
- Surgical periodontic services not performed in association with natural teeth.
- Guided tissue regeneration billed in conjunction with implantology, ridge augmentation/sinus lift, extractions or periradicular surgery/apicoectomy.
- Crown lengthening or gingivoplasty, if not performed at least 4 weeks prior to crown preparation.
- Bone replacement grafts performed in conjunction with extractions or implants.
- Periodontal splinting to restore occlusion.
- Replacement of any existing prosthodontic appliance (cast restorations, fixed partial dentures, removable partial dentures, complete denture) with any prosthodontic appliance within 60 months following initial placement of the existing appliance.
- A fixed partial denture, when requested or placed in the same arch as a removable partial denture.
- Reline or rebase of an existing appliance within 6 months following initial placement.
- Fixed or removable prosthodontics for a patient under age 16.
- Tissue conditioning.
- A pontic when the edentulous (toothless) space between teeth is less than 50% of the size of the missing tooth.
- When performed in conjunction with other oral surgery, mobilization of an erupted or malpositioned tooth to aid eruption or placement of a device to facilitate eruption of an impacted tooth.
- Services, supplies, or treatment provided more frequently than stated as covered, or more frequently than commonly accepted according to the dental standards determined by Delta Dental, or more frequently than specified in the contract with Delta Dental.
- Any treatment, services, or supplies as set forth in the section of your SPD titled “General exclusions and limitations.”

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- Services compensable under Worker's Compensation or Employer's Liability laws.
- Services provided or paid for by any governmental agency or under any governmental program or law, except as to charges which the person is legally obligated to pay. This exception extends to any benefits provided under the U.S. Social Security Act and its Amendments.
- Services performed to correct developmental malformation including, but not limited to, cleft palate, mandibular prognathism, enamel hypoplasia, fluorosis and congenitally missing teeth. This exclusion doesn't apply to newborn infants.
- Services performed for purely cosmetic purposes, including but not limited to, tooth-colored veneers, bonding, porcelain restorations and microabrasion.
- Charges for services completed prior to the date the patient became covered under this program.
- Services for anesthetists or anesthesiologists.
- Temporary procedures.
- Any procedure requested or performed on a tooth when radiographs indicate that less than 40% of the root is supported by bone.
- Services performed on non-functional teeth (second or third molar without an opposing tooth).
- Services performed on deciduous (primary) teeth near exfoliation.
- Drugs or the administration of drugs, except for general anesthesia and intravenous conscious sedation.
- Procedures deemed experimental or investigational by the American Dental Association, for which there is no procedure code, or which are inconsistent with Current Dental Terminology coding and nomenclature.
- Services with respect to any disturbance of the temporomandibular joint (jaw joint).
- Procedures that Delta Dental considers to be included in the fees for other procedures.
- The completion of claim forms and submission of required information, not otherwise covered, for determination of benefits.
- Infection control procedures and fees associated with compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements.
- Broken appointments.
- Services and supplies for any illness or injury occurring on or after you become covered under the Plan as a result of war or an act of war.

- Services for, or in connection with, an intentional self-inflicted injury or illness while sane or insane, except when due to domestic violence or a medical (including both physical and mental) health condition.
- Services and supplies received from either your or your spouse's relative, any individual who ordinarily resides in your home, or any such similar individual.
- Services for, or in connection with, an injury or illness arising out of the participation in, or in consequence of having participated in, a riot, insurrection or civil disturbance, or the commission of a felony.
- Charges for services for inpatient/outpatient hospitalization.
- Services or supplies for oral hygiene or plaque control programs.

### Predetermination of dental benefits

If your dentist recommends dental work that is estimated to cost \$250 or more, you can ask Delta Dental to help you determine how much the Plan will pay. This is a voluntary program, but contacting Delta Dental before you have complex or expensive dental work will help you and your dentist understand what the Plan will pay for your proposed care. By contacting Delta Dental in advance, you will have a better idea of what your share of the costs will be so you don't get surprise bills.

If you take advantage of this program, Delta Dental will review your dentist's records and provide you and your dentist with an estimate of what you must pay, and what the Plan will pay.

Predetermination of benefits does not guarantee what benefits the Plan will pay or that any benefits will be paid for dental treatment or services provided. As always, any treatment decisions are between you and your dentist. All Plan rules will apply to any dental claims you file.

### Dental benefits after eligibility ends

If your coverage ends, Plan benefits will only be paid for allowable charges incurred for covered expenses before your coverage ends.

However, if your coverage ends after your treatment starts for crowns, jackets, bridges, complete dentures, or partial dentures, the Plan continues to pay benefits for these, as long as treatment is completed within 60 days of the date you lose coverage.

If coverage ends because the Plan terminates, in whole or in part, no benefits will be available for claims submitted after coverage ends.

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# ***Dental HMO benefits & Dental benefits under the free family dental/vision benefits***

Learn about your benefits if you are enrolled in the dental HMO benefit:

*This section only applies to you if you choose the dental HMO benefit option (including the free family dental benefit). If you choose the dental PPO benefit option, please see the applicable section starting on [page C-1](#) for information about your dental benefits.*

UNITE HERE HEALTH (the Fund) has contracted with Delta Dental of Illinois, doing business as DeltaCare, to provide dental benefits to you and your dependents if you choose this benefit option. This part of the SPD summarizes your dental benefits. You'll be given a detailed document that also lists any other type of dependents you can enroll in dental coverage, in addition to the dependents listed in this SPD. The rules about who your dependent is under the DeltaCare dental benefits only apply to dental benefits, and do not apply to any other benefits offered under the Plan. Call the Fund at **(833) 637-3519** if you need help understanding what dependents are eligible for DeltaCare dental coverage, since the Fund makes all eligibility decisions.

If there is any conflict between this SPD and DeltaCare documents, which contain certain state-specific rules about benefits and cost-sharing, the terms of the DeltaCare documents govern. If you have any questions about dental benefits, please contact DeltaCare. DeltaCare will send you a copy of the evidence of coverage (EOC) that describes how your DHMO works, your cost-sharing for your dental care, and other important information. This EOC generally supersedes the DHMO information in this SPD. However, your SPD explains your correct eligibility rules. Please disregard the Eligibility and Termination sections in the EOC—the Fund determines who is eligible.

**DeltaCare**

**(800) 422-4234**

[www.deltadentalins.com/deltacare](http://www.deltadentalins.com/deltacare)

# ***Vision benefits under the free family dental/vision benefits***

Learn about your vision benefits if you are enrolled in the free family dental/vision benefit:

- ▶ What you pay for your covered vision care.
- ▶ What types of vision care are covered.
- ▶ What types of vision care are not covered.

*This section only applies to you are enrolled in the free family dental/vision benefits. If you choose the basic vision or vision+ benefit option, please see the applicable section starting on [page D-13](#) or [page D-7](#) for information about your vision benefits.*

## Vision benefits under the free family dental/vision benefits

UNITE HERE HEALTH (the Fund) has contracted with Davis Vision to provide vision benefits to you and your dependents if you choose this benefit option. This part of the Summary Plan Description (SPD) summarizes your vision benefits.

If there is any conflict between this SPD and the contract, the terms of the Davis Vision contract governs. If you want to see the Fund's contract with Davis Vision, please call the Fund at (833) 637-3519. If you have any questions about your vision benefits, please contact Davis Vision.

VISION BENEFITS— <i>What You Pay</i>		
Description of Services <i>Covered once every 12 months</i>	Davis Vision Provider	Non-Network Provider
<b>Exam</b>	\$0 copay	\$0 copay Plan benefits limited to \$30
<b>Lenses</b>	\$0 copay	\$0 copay Plan benefits limited to \$175
<b>Frames</b>	\$0 copay for Davis Collection Fashion or Designer frames \$25 copay for Premier level frames \$0 for non-Davis Collection frames; Plan benefits are limited to \$150	
<b>Elective Contact Lenses</b> (instead of glasses)	\$0 copay for Davis Collection contacts \$0 copay for non-Davis Collection contacts; Plan benefits are limited to \$120	
<b>Medically Necessary Contact Lenses</b>	\$0 copay	\$0 copay Plan benefits limited to \$175 for contacts and associated exam combined

Benefits will be paid once per person every 12 months, starting from the date of service.



## Vision benefits under the free family dental/vision benefits

### Network and non-network vision providers

The Plan pays benefits based on whether you get treatment from a network provider or a non-network provider.

To locate a network provider near you, contact:

**Davis Vision**  
toll free: **(800) 999-5431**  
[www.davisvision.com](http://www.davisvision.com)  
(you have to register for an account)

At your appointment, tell them you have Davis Vision. You don't need an ID card. If you'd like a card, you can request one at [www.davisvision.com](http://www.davisvision.com). (You must register for an account.)

*See page A-9* for more information about how using network providers can save you time and money.

### What you pay

You pay any copays shown in the chart at the beginning of this section. You also pay for any expenses the Plan does not cover, including costs that are more than a particular maximum benefit.

### Upgrade options and other discounts through network providers

Although the Plan will not pay for any upgrades or options, if you use a network provider, you can get certain upgrades or options for a set fee. Common lens options include but are not limited to anti-reflective coatings, progressive lenses, polycarbonate lenses for adults, and photochromic lenses. Standard scratch resistant coatings and, for children under age 19, polycarbonate lenses, are available with no copay to you.

You can also get discounts on laser eye surgery. (Benefits are not payable for laser eye surgery.)

Get your questions about options answered by contacting Davis Vision, or by asking your network provider. Your cost or discount depends on which option(s) or upgrade(s) you pick.

### What the Plan pays

The Plan pays 100% of covered expenses after you make any applicable copay. If you use a non-network provider, the Plan only pays up to the maximum shown in the table for your vision care.

### **What's covered**

- Exams, consultations, or treatment by a licensed vision care professional. This includes low vision services if you get prior approval from Davis Vision (limits may apply to low vision services).
- Lenses, including single vision, bifocal lenses, trifocal lenses, or lenticular lenses.
- Frames.
- Contact lenses, including separate exams and fittings.

### **What's not covered**

The following treatments, services, and supplies are not covered under the vision benefit:

- Non-prescription lenses.
- Two pairs of glasses instead of bifocals.
- Any type of lenses, frames, services, supplies, or options that are not covered under the Davis Vision contract.
- Orthoptics or vision training or any associated supplemental testing.
- Low vision services or supplies that are not pre-approved, or that are more than the maximum benefits or frequency limits specified in the contract with Davis Vision.
- Replacement of lost, stolen, or broken contacts, lenses, or frames before the beginning of a 12-month benefit period.
- Frames/lenses in addition to contact lenses during the same benefit period.
- Services or materials provided in connection with special procedures such as orthoptics and visual training (including but not limited to “Corneal Refractive Therapy” (“CRT), or “orthokeratology”), or in connection with medical or surgical treatment (including laser vision correction).
- Materials which do not correct vision.
- Sickness or injury covered by a workers’ compensation act or other similar legislation.
- Incurred as a direct or indirect result of war (declared or undeclared).
- Incurred as a result of an intentionally self-inflicted injury or injury sustained while committing a crime.
- Services or supplies furnished before your coverage begins, or after your coverage ends.
- Any medical treatment you get outside the United States or Canada.

## *Vision benefits under the free family dental/vision benefits*

- Services rendered by practitioners who do not meet Davis Vision's definition of provider.
- Expenses covered by any other group insurance.
- Expenses covered by a health maintenance organization or hospital or medical services prepayment plan available through an employer, union or association.
- Any expenses covered by any union welfare plan or governmental program or a plan required by law.
- Comprehensive low-vision evaluations, subsequent follow-up visits following such evaluation or low-vision aids for which Davis Vision did not give prior approval.
- Medically necessary contact lenses for which Davis Vision did not give prior approval.
- Refraction-only claims.



# ***Vision+ benefits***

Learn about your benefits if you are enrolled in the vision+ benefit:

- What you pay for your covered vision care.
- What types of vision care are covered.
- What types of vision care are not covered.

*This section only applies to you if you choose the vision+ option. If you are enrolled in the free family dental/ vision option or the basic vision option, please see the section starting on [page D-1](#) or [page D-13](#) for information about your vision benefits.*

## Vision+ benefits

UNITE HERE HEALTH (the Fund) has contracted with Vision Services Plan (VSP) to provide vision benefits to you and your dependents if you choose this benefit option. This part of the Summary Plan Description (SPD) summarizes your vision benefits.

If there is any conflict between this SPD and the contract, the terms of the VSP contract governs. If you want to see the Fund's contract with VSP, please call the Fund at **(833) 637-3519**. If you have any questions about your vision benefits, please contact VSP.

### VISION+ BENEFITS—*What You Pay*

Description of Services <i>Covered once every 12 months</i>	VSP Provider	Non-Network Provider
<b>Exam</b>	\$0 copay	\$0 copay Plan benefits limited to \$45
<b>Lenses</b>	\$25 copay Plan benefits limited to \$175 allowance for frames (lenses are covered in full)	\$25 copay Plan benefits limited to: \$30 for single vision lenses \$50 for bifocal lenses \$65 for trifocal lenses \$100 for lenticular lenses
<b>Frames</b>		\$25 copay Plan benefits limited to \$70
<b>Elective Contact Lenses</b> (instead of glasses)	100% of the exam (up to \$50)  \$0 copay for the contacts; Plan benefits limited to \$175 allowance for contacts	\$0 copay Plan benefits limited to \$120
<b>Medically Necessary Contact Lenses</b>	\$0 copay	\$0 copay Plan benefits limited to \$210

Benefits will be paid once per person every 12 months, starting from the date of service.

## Network and non-network vision providers

The Plan pays benefits based on whether you get treatment from a network provider or a non-network provider.

To locate a network provider near you, contact:

**VSP**  
toll free: **(800) 877-7195**  
[www.vsp.com](http://www.vsp.com)  
(You must register for an account.)

At your appointment, tell them you have VSP. You don't need an ID card. If you'd like a card as a reference, you can print one on [www.vsp.com](http://www.vsp.com).

*See page A-9* for more information about how using network providers can save you time and money.

## What you pay

You pay any copays shown in the chart at the beginning of this section. You also pay for any expenses the Plan does not cover, including costs that are more than a particular maximum benefit.

### Upgrade options and other discounts through network providers

Although the Plan will not pay for any upgrades or options, if you use a network provider, you can get certain upgrades or options for a set fee. Common lens options include but are not limited to anti-reflective coatings, progressive lenses, polycarbonate lenses for adults, and photochromic lenses. Standard scratch resistant coatings and, for children under age 26, polycarbonate lenses, are available with no copay to you.

You can also get discounts on laser eye surgery. (Benefits are not payable for laser eye surgery.)

Get your questions about options answered by contacting VSP, or by asking your network provider. Your cost or discount depends on which option(s) or upgrade(s) you pick.

## What the Plan pays

The Plan pays 100% of covered expenses after you make any applicable copay. If you use a non-network provider, the Plan only pays up to the maximum shown in the table for your vision care.

### What's covered

- Exams, consultations, or treatment by a licensed vision care professional.
- Lenses, including single vision, lined bifocal lenses, lined trifocal lenses, or lenticular lenses.
- Frames.
- Contact lenses. You must get prior approval from VSP in order to get medically necessary contacts.

You can also get low vision services if a network provider believes you need additional treatment. VSP must pre-approve any low vision services. Generally, regardless of whether you use a network or a non-network provider, low vision benefits include:

- Low vision tests:
  - Up to 2 tests during a 2-year period, and
  - Limited to \$125/exam if you use a non-network provider (otherwise unlimited).
- 75% for supplemental aids, up to \$1,000 every 2 years.

Your VSP provider must prescribe the low vision services, and you must meet VSP's criteria for eligibility for low level vision services. Contact VSP for more information about low vision services.

### What's not covered

The following treatments, services, and supplies are not covered under the vision benefit:

- Non-prescription lenses.
- Two pairs of glasses instead of bifocals.
- Any type of lenses, frames, services, supplies, or options that are not covered under the VSP contract.
- Exams or eyewear required for employment.
- Missed appointment charges.
- Orthoptics or vision training or any associated supplemental testing.
- Medical or surgical treatment of the eyes.
- Contact lens modification, polishing or cleaning.
- Low vision services or supplies that are not pre-approved, or that are more than the maximum benefits or frequency limits specified in the contract with VSP.



- Replacement of lost or broken contacts, lenses, or frames before the beginning of a 12-month benefit period.
- Frames/lenses in addition to contact lenses during the same benefit period.
- Any other service or supply excluded under the VSP contract.
- Refitting of contact lenses after the initial 90-day fitting period.
- Services associated with corneal refractive therapy (CRT) or orthokeratology.



# ***Basic vision benefits***

Learn about your benefits if you are enrolled in the basic vision benefit:

- What you pay for your covered vision care.
- What types of vision care are covered.
- What types of vision care are not covered.

*This section only applies to you if you choose the basic vision option. If you are enrolled in the free family dental/vision option or the vision+ option, please see the section starting on [page D-1](#) or [page D-7](#) for information about your vision benefits.*

## Basic vision benefits

### VISION CARE BENEFITS—What the Plan Pays

**Vision Care Services and Supplies—**  
*available every 24 months*

Plan pays 100% up to \$200 per person every 24 months starting January 1 of even-numbered years  
*Maximum benefit does not apply to the following services for persons under age 19: eye exams or eyeglass lenses*

### What the Plan pays

- ✓ When you get vision care, you will have to pay your provider out-of-pocket. Then submit a claim form to the Fund to get reimbursed for covered expenses.

The Plan pays up to \$200 per employee for all covered services during a 24-month period. Each 24-month period begins on January 1 of even-numbered years, and ends on December 31 of odd-numbered years. For example, if covered expenses are first furnished February 20, 2022, the 24-month benefit period would begin again January 1, 2024.

The \$200 benefit maximum does not apply to the following vision care covered expenses for persons under age 19: eye examinations or eyeglass lenses. However, the Plan will cover each of these services only once every calendar year.

### What's covered

- Vision exams, limited to once every calendar year.
- Single vision, bifocal, trifocal, or lenticular eyeglass lenses, limited to once every calendar year.
- Daily or extended wear contact lenses.
- Metal or plastic frames, including oversize and designer frames.
- The following lens options:
  - Anti-reflective coatings
  - Hi-index lenses
  - Plastic photosensitive lenses
  - Polarized lenses
  - Progressive addition lenses
  - Scratch resistant coatings/protection
  - Tinting of plastic lenses
  - Ultraviolet coating

### What's not covered

See page F-1 for a list of this Plan's general exclusions and limitations. In addition to that list, the following types of vision care are not covered under the vision benefit:

- Services and supplies not specifically listed as covered.
- Non-prescription lenses.
- Two pairs of spectacle lenses instead of bifocals.
- Replacement of lost or broken lenses or frames before the beginning of a new 24-month benefit period.



# ***Short-term disability benefit***

Learn about your benefits if you are enrolled in the short-term disability benefit:

- How the Plan determines your short-term disability benefit.
- What isn't covered under the short-term disability benefit

## Short-term disability benefit

**This benefit is available for employees only.  
No short-term disability benefits are payable for dependents.**

Your CBA will determine which benefit option(s) are available to you. You may not be able to elect all of the benefit option(s) described below.

<i>SHORT-TERM DISABILITY BENEFITS</i> <i>What the Plan Pays—Employees only</i>	
<b>\$200 Option</b>	
Amount of Benefit	\$200/week for up to 26 weeks
Day Benefits Start:	
Due to Injury	1st day
Due to Sickness	8th day
<b>\$300 Option</b>	
Amount of Benefit	\$300/week for up to 26 weeks
Day Benefits Start:	
Due to Injury	1st day
Due to Sickness	8th day
<b>\$400 Option</b>	
Amount of Benefit	\$400/week for up to 26 weeks
Day Benefits Start:	
Due to Injury	1st day
Due to Sickness	8th day

Short-Term disability (STD) provides money when you cannot work due to non-work-related illness or injury. (For work-related illness or injury, you may be able to file for Workers' Compensation through your employer.) You must submit a completed short-term disability claim form, and your doctor must certify your disability BEFORE benefits will be paid. The maximum benefit period for a disability is 26 weeks. The actual number of weeks you can get disability benefits depends on your specific illness/injury.

No benefits are available for any period of continuous disability beginning:

- Before initial eligibility is established; or
- After employment terminates.



You are considered disabled if you are prevented by injury or sickness from engaging in any occupation for wages or profit, for which you are reasonably qualified by education, training, or experience. You must submit a completed application for benefits and a doctor's statement establishing total disability before benefits can begin. Contact the Fund for the required forms, or visit [www.uhh.org/fsp](http://www.uhh.org/fsp).

### What the Plan pays

The Plan pays the applicable weekly benefit for as long as you are disabled—up to 26 weeks during any 1 period of disability. If disability benefits are paid for less than a full week, a daily rate equal to 1/7th of the weekly benefit will be paid for the partial week. Benefits begin on:

- The 1st day of disability caused by injury; or
- The 8th day of disability caused by sickness.

Social Security taxes (FICA) will be withheld from any benefits paid.

### Multiple periods of disability

Periods of disability due to the same cause will be treated as 1 period of disability unless you have returned to work for at least 2 weeks.

Periods of disability due to unrelated causes will be treated as 1 period of disability unless you have returned to work for at least 1 day.

### What's not covered

No short-term disability benefits are provided under any of the conditions or circumstances listed in the general exclusions and limitations section (*see page F-1*). In addition, no short-term disability benefits are provided if you are not under the regular care of a healthcare professional.



# ***Life and AD&D benefits***

## Learn:

- What your life insurance benefit is.
- How you can continue your coverage if you are disabled.
- How to convert your life insurance to an individual policy if you lose coverage.
- What your AD&D benefit is.
- How to tell the Fund who should get these benefits if you die.
- Additional benefits under the life and AD&D benefit.

## Life and AD&D benefits

**Life and AD&D benefits are for employees only.  
Dependents are not eligible for life and AD&D benefits.**

Your CBA will determine which benefit option(s) are available to you. You may not be able to elect all of the benefit option(s) described below.

Event	Amount of Benefit	Who Receives
<b>\$10,000 Option</b>		
Life Insurance	\$10,000	Your beneficiary
AD&D Insurance ( <i>full amount</i> )		You (or your beneficiary if you die)
<b>\$20,000 Option</b>		
Life Insurance	\$20,000	Your beneficiary
AD&D Insurance ( <i>full amount</i> )		You (or your beneficiary if you die)
<b>\$30,000 Option</b>		
Life Insurance	\$30,000	Your beneficiary
AD&D Insurance ( <i>full amount</i> )		You (or your beneficiary if you die)
<b>\$50,000 Option</b>		
Life Insurance	\$50,000	Your beneficiary
AD&D Insurance ( <i>full amount</i> )		You (or your beneficiary if you die)

Life insurance and AD&D insurance benefits are provided under an insured group insurance policy issued to UNITE HERE HEALTH by Dearborn Life Insurance Company, branded as Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois (BCBSIL). The terms and conditions of your and your dependents' life and AD&D insurance coverage are contained in a certificate of insurance. The certificate describes, among other things:

- How much life and AD&D insurance coverage is available.
- When benefits are payable.
- How benefits are paid if you do not name a beneficiary or if a beneficiary dies before you do.
- How to file a claim.

The terms of the certificate are summarized below. If there is a conflict between this summary and the certificate of insurance, the certificate governs. You may request a copy of the certificate of insurance free of charge by contacting UNITE HERE HEALTH.

### Life insurance benefit

Your life insurance benefit depends on which option is available to you under your CBA. The options are shown in the table on the previous page. Your life insurance benefit will be paid to your beneficiary(ies) if you die while you are eligible for coverage or within the 31-day period immediately following the date coverage ends.

#### Continuation if you become totally disabled

If you become totally disabled before age 62 and while you are eligible for coverage, your life benefits will continue if you provide satisfactory proof of your total disability. Your benefits will continue until the earlier of the following dates:

- Your total disability ends.
- You fail to provide satisfactory proof of continued disability.
- You refuse to be examined by the doctor chosen by UNITE HERE HEALTH.
- Your 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.

For purposes of continuing your life insurance benefit, you are totally disabled if an injury or a sickness is expected to prevent you from engaging in any occupation for which you are reasonably qualified by education, training, or experience for at least 12 months.

You must provide a completed application for benefits plus a doctor's statement establishing your total disability. The form and the doctor's statement must be provided to UNITE HERE HEALTH within 12 months of the start of your total disability. (Forms are available from the Fund.)

UNITE HERE HEALTH must approve this statement and your disability form. You must also provide a written doctor's statement every 12 months, or as often as may be reasonably required based on the nature of the total disability. During the first two years of your disability, UNITE HERE HEALTH has the right to have you examined by a doctor of its choice as often as reasonably required. After two years, examinations may not be more frequent than once a year.

#### Converting to individual life insurance coverage

If your insurance coverage ends, you may be able to convert your group life coverage to an individual policy of whole life insurance by submitting a completed application and the required premium to BCBSIL within 31 days after the date your coverage under the Plan ends. Even if you decide to elect COBRA for your health benefits, the 31-day deadline for life insurance applies to you.

Premiums for converted coverage are based on your age and the amount of insurance you select. Conversion coverage becomes effective on the day following the 31-day period during which you could apply for conversion if you pay the required premium before then. If you think you might want to convert your group life insurance to an individual policy you pay for yourself, go to [www.uhh.org/conversion](http://www.uhh.org/conversion) to get the "Application to Convert Group Life Insurance" form. You can also

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get the form by calling Member Services. For more information about conversion coverage, contact BCBSIL:

**BCBSIL**  
701 E. 22nd St., Suite 300  
Lombard, IL 60148  
**(800) 348-4512**

### Terminal illness benefit

If you have a terminal illness (an illness so severe that you have a life expectancy of 24 months or less or if you are continuously confined in an eligible institution, as defined by BCBSIL, because of a medical condition and you are expected to remain there until your death), your life insurance pays a cash lump sum up to 75% of the death benefit in force on the day you were diagnosed with a terminal illness. The remaining portion of your death benefit will be paid to your named beneficiaries after your death. Certain exceptions may apply. See your certificate or call BCBSIL for more details.

### Accidental death & dismemberment insurance benefit

If you die or suffer a covered loss within 365 days of an accident that happens while you are eligible for coverage, AD&D benefits will be paid as shown below. However, the total amount payable for all losses resulting from one accident is your full amount (the amount your beneficiary would receive if you died).

Your AD&D Benefit for a loss (death or dismemberment) within 365 days of an accident					
Event	\$10,000 Option	\$20,000 Option	\$30,000 Option	\$50,000 Option	Who Receives
Death	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$50,000	Your beneficiary
Loss of both hands or feet	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$50,000	You
Loss of sight in both eyes					
Loss of one hand and one foot					
Loss of one hand and sight in one eye					
Loss of one hand or one foot	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$25,000	
Loss of the sight in one eye	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$12,500	
Loss of index finger and thumb on same hand					

### AD&D exclusions

AD&D benefits do not cover losses resulting from or caused by:

- Any disease, or infirmity of mind or body, and any medical or surgical treatment thereof.
- Any infection, except an infection of an accidental injury.
- Any intentionally self-inflicted injury.
- Suicide or attempted suicide while sane or insane.
- While you are under the influence of narcotics or other controlled substances, gas or fumes.
- A direct result of your intoxication.
- Your active participation in a riot.
- War or an act of war while serving in the military, if you die while in the military or within 6 months after your service in the military.

See your certificate for complete details.

### Additional accidental death & dismemberment insurance benefits

The additional insurance benefits described below have been added to your AD&D benefits. The full terms and conditions of these additional insurance benefits are contained in a certificate made available by BCBSIL. If there is a conflict between these highlights and the certificate, the certificate governs.

- **Education Benefit**—If you have children in college at the time of your death, your additional AD&D coverage pays a benefit equal to 3% of the amount of your life insurance benefit, with a maximum of \$3,000 each year. Benefits will be paid for up to four years per child. If you have children in elementary or high school at the time of your death, your additional AD&D coverage pays a one-time benefit of \$1,000.
- **Seat Belt Benefit**—If you are wearing a seat belt at the time of an accident resulting in your death, your additional AD&D coverage pays a benefit equal to 10% of the amount of your life insurance benefit, with a minimum benefit of \$1,000 and a maximum benefit of \$25,000. If it is not clear that you were wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident, your additional AD&D coverage will only pay a benefit of \$1,000.
- **Air Bag Benefit**—If you are wearing a seat belt at the time of an accident resulting in your death and an air bag deployed, your additional AD&D coverage pays a benefit equal to 5% of the amount of your life insurance benefit, with a minimum benefit of \$1,000 and a maximum benefit of \$5,000. If it is not clear that the air bag deployed, your additional AD&D coverage will only pay a benefit of \$1,000.
- **Transportation Benefit**—If you die more than 75 miles from your home, your additional AD&D coverage pays up to \$5,000 to transport your remains to a mortuary.

### Naming a beneficiary

Your beneficiary is the person or persons you want BCBSIL to pay if you die. Beneficiary designation forms are available on [www.uhh.org/fsp](http://www.uhh.org/fsp) or by calling the Fund. You can name anyone you want and you can change beneficiaries at any time. However, beneficiary designations will only become effective when a completed form is received.

If you don't name a beneficiary, death benefits will be paid to your first surviving relative in the following order: your spouse; your children in equal shares; your parents in equal shares; your brothers and sisters in equal shares; or your estate. However, BCBSIL may pay benefits, up to any applicable limits, to anyone who pays expenses for your burial. The remainder will be paid in the order described above.

If a beneficiary is not legally competent to receive payment, BCBSIL may make payments to that person's legal guardian.

### Additional services

In addition to the benefits described above, BCBSIL has also made the following services available. These services are not part of the insured benefits provided to UNITE HERE HEALTH by BCBSIL but are made available through outside organizations that have contracted with BCBSIL. They have no relationship to UNITE HERE HEALTH or the benefits it provides.

#### Travel Resources Services

Your life insurance benefits include medical emergency and travel emergency assistance programs when you're traveling 100 or more miles from home.

- **Medical Emergency Assistance** helps you and your dependents get care and support during a medical emergency. Examples of services currently offered include:
  - Medical referrals.
  - Medical monitoring.
  - Medical evacuation.
  - Foreign hospital admission assistance.
  - Prescription assistance.
- **Travel Emergency Assistance** helps you and your dependents get assistance if you have an emergency while traveling. Examples of services currently offered include:
  - Travel for a companion to join you if you're hospitalized alone.
  - Emergency minor childcare if you are injured.



- ▶ Transportation for a companion if you need to be transported for medical care.
- ▶ Transportation for your body if you die.
- ▶ Other services, including return of your vehicle, legal and interpreter referrals, emergency cash and bail coordination, and pre-trip planning information.

All services must be arranged by Assist America and limits may apply.

**Assist America**  
(800) 872-1414 (toll free in the U.S.)  
(609) 986-1234 (outside the U.S.)  
[medservices@assistamerica.com](mailto:medservices@assistamerica.com)  
Reference number: 01-AA-TRS-12201  
You can also get the mobile app

### **Beneficiary Resource Services**

- **Beneficiary Resource Services** provides grief counseling, online will preparation, help planning a funeral, and other services to your beneficiaries (and to you if you are eligible for the terminal illness benefit). Services are provided by telephone, face-to-face contact, online, or through referrals to local resources. Limits may apply to certain services. Beneficiary resources are provided by Morneau Shepell.

**Morneau Shepell**  
(800) 769-9187  
[www.beneficiaryresource.com](http://www.beneficiaryresource.com)  
(username: beneficiary)



# ***John Wilhelm Scholarship***

## Learn:

- What the John Wilhelm Scholarship is.
- Who can apply.
- How to apply.

## John Wilhelm Scholarship

The John Wilhelm Endowed Scholarship Benefit (John Wilhelm Scholarship) helps you or your dependents get an undergraduate degree (bachelor's degree) in the health sciences field at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV).

### Who is eligible

You or your dependents must meet the following rules in order to be eligible to apply for the scholarship.

You must meet the following requirements:

- Fund eligibility. You must either be:
  - A current employee, both currently eligible under the Fund and have been eligible for at least 36 continuous months. (You may meet this rule based on months you were eligible under any plan or fund that merges into UNITE HERE HEALTH.)
  - An eligible dependent of a current employee who meets the above rule.
- Be admitted to UNLV, and pursuing an undergraduate degree in Public Health, Nursing, or other major within the School of Allied Health Sciences.
- Have a 3.0 or higher cumulative grade point average (GPA).
- Be enrolled as a part-time or full-time student, and have a class standing of a junior or higher.

### How to apply

You may apply for the scholarship through the UNLV financial aid and scholarship office by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and any other required materials. Contact UNLV for help getting or completing the required application materials, or for information on application deadlines.

You must apply for the scholarship each year, even if you have received it in the past. You may re-apply each year, even if you did not receive it in prior years.

### Scholarship decisions

Based on numerous factors, the Fund will determine the amount and number of scholarships, if any, awarded for each academic year. The Fund will also determine if you meet the Fund eligibility requirement described above. Determinations regarding the eligibility requirement will be made in the sole and independent discretion of the Fund and shall be final and binding for all persons who apply for the scholarship.

UNLV will select the final scholarship recipients and will give preference based on financial need and past receipt of the scholarship. All decisions regarding the recipients will be made in the sole and independent discretion of UNLV and shall be final and binding for all persons who apply.

### Other important information

- The scholarship may only be used for tuition at UNLV. You cannot use the scholarship for registration fees, student body fees, activity fees, books, supplies, equipment, tools, meals, lodging, parking, or transportation.
- The scholarship cannot be applied towards post-graduate degrees.
- Scholarships are not guaranteed each year and may not be awarded in any particular year.
- Scholarship amounts will be applied to tuition only after all other financial aid, such as public or private financial assistance, fellowships, scholarships, or grants, is applied.

### Appeal rights

If you or your dependent(s) do not get the scholarship benefit because you do not meet the Fund eligibility requirement described in “Who is eligible,” you may appeal the denial within 60 days of receiving the denial notice. Submit your appeal to:

The Appeals Subcommittee  
UNITE HERE HEALTH  
711 N. Commons Drive  
Aurora, Illinois 60504-4197

*See page I-15* for more information about the subcommittee’s review of your appeal, and when you will be notified of the Appeal Subcommittee’s decision.



# ***General exclusions and limitations***

Learn:

- ▶ The types of care not covered by the Plan.

## General exclusions and limitations

**This section does not apply to benefits provided under any Kaiser HMO benefits, the Dental HMO, vision benefits under the free family dental/vision benefits, or the vision+ benefits.**

Each specific benefit section has a list of the types of treatment, services, and supplies that are not covered. In addition to those lists, the following types of treatment, services and supplies are also excluded for the PPO medical benefits, PPO prescription drug benefits, dental PPO benefits, basic vision benefit and short-term disability benefits. No benefits will be paid under this Plan for charges incurred for or resulting from any of the following:

- Any bodily injury or sickness for which the person for whom a claim is made is not under the care of a healthcare provider.
- Any injury, sickness, or dental or vision treatment which arises out of or in the course of any occupation or employment, or for which you have gotten or are entitled to get benefits under a workers' compensation or occupational disease law, whether or not you have applied or been approved for such benefits.
- Any treatment, services, or supplies:
  - For which no charge is made.
  - For which you, your spouse or your child is not required to pay.
  - Which are furnished by or payable under any plan or law of a federal or state government entity, or provided by a county, parish, or municipal hospital when there is no legal requirement to pay for such treatment, services, or supplies.
- Any charge which is more than the Plan's allowable charge (*see page J-2*).
- Treatment, services, or supplies not recommended or approved by your healthcare provider, or not medically necessary in treating the injury or sickness as defined by UNITE HERE HEALTH (*see page J-5*).
- Experimental treatment (*see page J-4*), or treatment that is not in accordance with generally accepted professional medical or dental standards as defined by UNITE HERE HEALTH.
- Any expense or charge for failure to appear for an appointment as scheduled, or charge for completion of claim forms, or finance charges.
- Any treatment, services, or supplies provided by an individual who is related by blood or marriage to you, your spouse, or your child, or who normally lives in your home.
- Any treatment, services, or supplies purchased or provided outside of the United States (or its Territories), unless for a medical emergency. The decision of the Trustees in determining whether an emergency existed will be final.
- Any charges incurred for treatment, services, or supplies as a result of a declared or



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undeclared war or any act thereof; or any loss, expense or charge incurred while a person is on active duty or in training in the Armed Forces, National Guard, or Reserves of any state or any country.

- Any injury or sickness resulting from participation in an insurrection or riot, or participation in the commission of a felonious act or assault. This exclusion does not apply to victims of sexual assault or domestic violence.
- Any expense greater than the Plan's maximum benefit, or any expense incurred before eligibility for coverage begins or after eligibility terminates, unless specifically provided for under this Plan.
- Preventive medicine, unless specifically included as covered services.
- Any charges incurred for education or training, unless specifically included as covered services.
- Cosmetic services.
- To the extent of any penalty assessed for any treatment or services requiring prior authorization, when this mandatory program is not used as required.
- Any elective procedure (other than sterilization or abortion, or as otherwise specifically stated as covered) that is not for the correction or cure of a bodily injury or sickness.
- Procedures to reverse a voluntary sterilization.
- Treatment for or in connection with infertility, other than for diagnostic services.
- Any treatment, services or supplies for or in connection with the pregnancy or pregnancy-related conditions incurred by a dependent child except for preventive healthcare services. For example, ultrasounds, treatment associated with a high-risk pregnancy, non-preventive care, and delivery charges are not covered with respect to the pregnancy of a dependent child.
- Hospital charges for personal comfort items, including but not limited to telephone, television, cosmetics, guest trays, magazines, and bed or cots for family members or other guests.
- Supplies or equipment for personal hygiene, comfort, or convenience such as, but not limited to, air conditioning, humidifier, physical fitness and exercise equipment, tanning bed, or water bed.
- Home construction for any reason.
- Any expense or charge by a rest home, old age home, or a nursing home.
- Any charges incurred while you are confined in a hospital, nursing home, or other facility or institution (or a part of such facility) which are primarily for education, training, or custodial care.

## General exclusions and limitations

- Weight loss programs or treatment, except to treat morbid obesity if the program is under the direct supervision of a healthcare provider, or as specifically stated as covered (for example, diabetes education, nutrition counseling, or preventive healthcare services).
- Any smoking cessation treatment, drug, or device to help you stop smoking or using tobacco, other than preventive healthcare services or as otherwise stated as covered.
- Eye or hearing exams, except as specifically stated as covered, or unless the exam is for the diagnosis or treatment of an accidental bodily injury or an illness. However, eye exams may be covered under the vision benefits.
- Hearing aids.
- Eyeglasses or contact lenses, unless otherwise specifically covered under the Plan. However, eye exams may be covered under the applicable vision benefits.
- Massage therapy, rolfing, acupuncture, or biofeedback training.
- Naturopathy or naprapathy.
- Athletic training.
- Services provided by or through a school, school district, or community or state-based educational or intervention program, including but not limited to any part of an Individual Education Plan (IEP).
- Court-ordered or court-provided treatment of any kind, including any treatment otherwise covered by this Plan when such treatment is ordered as a part of any litigation, court ordered judgment or penalty.
- Treatment, therapy, or drugs designed to correct a harmful or potentially harmful habit rather than to treat a specific disease, other than services or supplies specifically stated as covered.
- Megavitamin therapy, primal therapy, psychodrama, or carbon dioxide therapy.
- Services, treatment, or supplies for Christian Science.
- Any dental treatment of teeth or their supporting structures, or services or supplies associated with such treatment, unless specifically listed as covered.
- A service or item that is not covered under the Plan's claims processing guidelines or any other internal rule, guideline, protocol or similar criterion that the Plan relies upon.
- Charges or claims incurred as a result, in whole or in part, of fraud, false information, or misrepresentation.
- Services, treatment, or supplies provided by a non-network provider when Plan benefits are only payable if such service, treatment, or supply is provided by a network provider.

# ***Coordination of benefits***

## Learn:

- ▶ How benefits are paid if you are covered under this Plan and under other plan(s).

## Coordination of benefits

These coordination of benefits provisions only apply to the benefits offered under the sections titled “PPO medical benefits,” “Dental PPO benefits,” and “Basic vision benefits.” However, coordination of benefits does not apply to the services at the UNITE HERE HEALTH—Health Center. If you have questions about how your benefits are coordinated, contact the Fund.

No coordination of benefits applies under the sections titled “PPO prescription drug benefits,” “Life and AD&D benefits,” or “Short-term disability benefits.” Coordination of benefits rules may apply to “Kaiser HMO medical and prescription drug benefits,” “Vision+ benefits,” or “Vision benefits under the free family dental/vision benefits.” Contact the applicable vendor to determine whether and how benefits are coordinated.

Delta Dental may follow its own rules to coordinate dental benefits under the dental PPO or DHMO benefits; if there is a conflict between the information described in this section, and the agreement with Delta Dental, the agreement with Delta Dental will govern. Contact Delta Dental with questions about coordination of your dental benefits.

If you or your dependents are covered under this Plan and are also covered under another group health plan, the two plans will coordinate benefit payments. Coordination of benefits (COB) means that two or more plans may each pay a portion of the allowable expenses. However, the combined benefit payments from all plans will not exceed 100% of allowable expenses.

This Plan coordinates benefits with the following types of plans:

- Group, blanket, or franchise insurance coverage.
- Group Blue Cross or Blue Shield coverage.
- Any other group coverage, including labor-management trusteed plans, employee organization benefit plans, or employer organization benefit plans.
- Any coverage under governmental programs or provided by any statute, except Medicaid.
- Any automobile insurance policies (including “no fault” coverage) containing personal injury protection provisions.

The Fund will not coordinate benefits with health maintenance organizations (HMOs) or reimburse an HMO for services provided. The Fund will also not coordinate with an individual policy.

### Which plan pays first

The first step in coordinating benefits is to determine which plan pays first (the primary plan) and which plan pays second (the secondary plan). If the Fund is primary, it will pay its full benefits. However, if the Fund is secondary, the benefits it would have paid will be used to supplement the benefits provided under the other plan, up to 100% of allowable expenses.

### Order of payment

The general rules that determine which plan pays first are summarized below.

- Plans that do not contain COB provisions always pay before those that do.
- Plans that have COB and cover a person as an employee always pay before plans that cover the person as a dependent.
- Plans that have COB and that covers a person (or dependent of such person) who is laid off, retired, or enrolled in continuation coverage offered in accordance with federal or state law will be secondary to active coverage, including self-paid coverage.
- Continuation coverage offered in accordance with federal or state law, such as COBRA, will be secondary to any non-continuation coverage, subject to the rule for military or government plans, below.
- Generally, military or government coverage will be secondary to all other coverage.
- With respect to plans that have COB and cover dependent children under age 18 whose parents are not separated, plans that cover the parent whose birthday falls earlier in a year pay before plans covering the parent whose birthday falls later in that year.
- With respect to plans that have COB and cover dependent children under age 18 whose parents are separated or divorced:
  - Plans covering the parent whose financial responsibility for the child's healthcare expenses is established by court order pay first.
  - If there is no court order establishing financial responsibility, the plan covering the parent with custody pays first.
  - If the parent with custody has remarried and the child is covered as a dependent under the plan of the stepparent, the order of payment is as follows:
    - The plan of the parent with custody.
    - The plan of the stepparent with custody.
    - The plan of the parent without custody.
- With respect to plans that have COB and cover adult dependent children age 18 and older under both parents' plans, regardless of whether these parents are separated or divorced, or not separated or divorced, the plan that covers the parent whose birthday falls earlier in a year pays before the plan covering the parent whose birthday falls later in the year, unless a court order requires a different order.
- With respect to plans that have COB and cover adult dependent children age 18 and older under one or more parents' plan and also under the dependent child's spouse's plan, the plan that has covered the dependent child the longest will pay first.

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If these rules do not determine the primary plan, the plan that has covered the person for the longest period of time pays first.

### COB and prior authorization

When this Plan is secondary (pays its benefits after the other plan) and the primary plan's prior authorization or utilization management requirements are satisfied, you or your dependent will not be required to comply with this Plan's prior authorization or utilization management requirements. The Plan will accept the prior authorization or utilization management determinations made by the primary plan.

### Special rules for Medicare

#### I am an active employee

Generally, the Plan pays primary to Medicare for you and your dependents. However, there is an exception if you or your dependent has end-stage renal disease (see below).

If you are also enrolled in Medicare, Medicare will pay secondary. This means Medicare may pay for some of your expenses after the Plan pays its benefits.

#### I am an active employee, but I have, or my dependent has, end-stage renal disease (ESRD)

For the first 30 months you (or your dependent) are eligible for Medicare because of ESRD, the Plan pays primary, and Medicare pays secondary.

Medicare will pay primary for people with ESRD, regardless of their age, beginning 30 months after you become eligible for Medicare because of ESRD. The Plan pays secondary, whether or not you (or your dependent) have enrolled in Medicare.

Your ESRD Medicare coverage will usually end, and the Plan's normal coordination rules will apply again:

- 12 months after the month you stop dialysis treatments; or
- 36 months after the month you have a kidney transplant.

If you (or your dependent) have ESRD, you should enroll in Medicare to avoid getting billed for things Medicare will cover.

### **I have COBRA coverage or retiree coverage**

If you and your dependents have COBRA coverage or retiree coverage, and you (or your dependent) are eligible for Medicare, the Plan pays secondary to Medicare whether or not you (or your dependent) enroll in Medicare. The Plan won't pay amounts that can be paid by Medicare.

If you have retiree or COBRA coverage, and you do not enroll in both Medicare Part A (Hospital Benefits) and Part B (Doctor's Benefits) when you are 65, you will have to pay 100% of the costs that Medicare would have paid.

### **How to get help with Medicare**

Get help enrolling in Medicare, or get answers about Medicare, by:

- Calling **(800) 772-1213**
- Going online to [www.SocialSecurity.gov](http://www.SocialSecurity.gov)
- Contacting your local Social Security office

### **When the Plan coordinates with itself**

If you are covered under this Plan as both an employee and a dependent (for example, if you are an employee and your spouse's or your parent's dependent), or your dependents are also covered as the dependent of another employee (for example, if you and your spouse both cover your children), this Plan coordinates most of your coinsurance and copays with itself, reducing what you pay out of pocket.

- However, this Plan will not coordinate any of the following items:
- Benefit maximums (for example, visit limits or dollar maximums).
- Deductibles.
- Coinsurance and copays for non-emergency treatment at a network or out-of-network emergency room.
- Coinsurance and copays for out-of-network providers (except for in-hospital consultations or providers like anesthesiologists, pathologists, radiologist, or emergency room providers that the Plan pays as a network provider).

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# ***Subrogation***

## Learn:

- ▶ Your responsibilities and the Plan's rights if your medical expenses are from an accident or an act caused by someone else.

## Subrogation

This section does not apply to benefits provided under a Kaiser HMO option, the dental HMO option, vision benefits under the free family dental/vision benefits, the vision+ benefits, or the life and AD&D insurance benefits.

### The Plan's right to recover payments

#### When injury is caused by someone else

Sometimes, you or your dependent suffer injuries and incur medical expenses as a result of an accident or act for which someone other than UNITE HERE HEALTH is financially responsible. For benefit repayment purposes, "subrogation" means that UNITE HERE HEALTH takes over the same legal rights to collect money damages that a participant had.

Typical examples include injuries sustained:

- In a motor vehicle or public transportation accident.
- By medical malpractice.
- By products liability.
- On someone's property.

In these cases, other insurance may have to pay all or a part of the resulting medical bills, even though benefits for the same expenses may be paid by the Plan. By accepting benefits paid by the Plan, you agree to repay the Plan if you recover anything from a third party.

#### Statement of facts and repayment agreement

In order to determine benefits for an injury caused by another party, UNITE HERE HEALTH may require a signed Statement of Facts. This form requests specific information about the injury and asks whether or not you intend to pursue legal action. If you receive a Statement of Facts, you must submit a completed and signed copy to UNITE HERE HEALTH before benefits are paid.

Along with the Statement of Facts, you will receive a Repayment Agreement. If you decide to pursue legal action or file a claim in connection with the accident, you and your attorney (if one is retained) must also sign a Repayment Agreement before UNITE HERE HEALTH pays benefits. The Repayment Agreement helps the Plan enforce its right to be repaid and gives UNITE HERE HEALTH first claim, with no offsets, to any money you or your dependents recover from a third party, such as:

- The person responsible for the injury.
- The insurance company of the person responsible for the injury.
- Your own liability insurance company.

The Repayment Agreement also allows UNITE HERE HEALTH to intervene in, or initiate on your behalf, a lawsuit to recover benefits paid for or in connection with the injury.

### **Settling your claim**

Before you settle your claim with a third party, you or your attorney should contact UNITE HERE HEALTH to obtain the total amount of medical bills paid. Upon settlement, UNITE HERE HEALTH is entitled to reimbursement for the amount of the benefits it has paid or the full amount of the settlement or other recovery you or a dependent receive, whatever is less.

If UNITE HERE HEALTH is not repaid, future benefits may be applied to the amounts due, even if those benefits are not related to the injury. If this happens, no benefits will be paid on behalf of you or your dependent (if applicable) until the amount owed UNITE HERE HEALTH is satisfied.

If the Plan unknowingly pays benefits resulting from an injury caused by an individual who may have financial responsibility for any medical expenses associated with that injury, your acceptance of those benefits is considered your agreement to abide by the Plan's subrogation rule, including the terms outlined in the Repayment Agreement.

Although UNITE HERE HEALTH expects full reimbursement, there may be times when full recovery is not possible. The Trustees may reduce the amount you must repay if special circumstances exist, such as the need to replace lost wages, ongoing disability, or similar considerations.

When your claim settles, if you believe the amount UNITE HERE HEALTH is entitled to should be reduced, send your written request to:

**Subrogation Coordinator**  
**UNITE HERE HEALTH**  
P.O. Box 6020  
Aurora, IL 60598-0020

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# ***Eligibility***

## Learn:

- ▶ Who is eligible for coverage (who is considered a dependent).
- ▶ How you enroll yourself and your dependents.
- ▶ When and how you become eligible for coverage.
- ▶ How you stay eligible for coverage.

## Eligibility

You establish and maintain eligibility by working for an employer required to make contributions to UNITE HERE HEALTH on your behalf. There may be a waiting period before your employer is required to begin making those contributions. You may also have to satisfy other rules or eligibility requirements before your employer is required to contribute on your behalf. Any hours you work during a waiting period or before you meet all of the eligibility criteria before your employer is required to begin making contributions for you do not count toward establishing your eligibility under UNITE HERE HEALTH. If you have questions about when your employer will begin making contributions for you, talk to your employer or union representative.

**The eligibility rules described in this section will not apply to you until and unless your employer is required to begin making contributions on your behalf.**

The Trustees may change or amend eligibility rules at any time.

## Who is eligible for coverage

### Employees

You are eligible for coverage if you meet all of the following rules:

- You work for an employer who is required by a CBA to contribute to UNITE HERE HEALTH on your behalf.
- The contributions required by that CBA are received by UNITE HERE HEALTH. Contributions include any amounts you must pay for your share of the coverage.
- You meet the Plan's eligibility rules.

Your CBA may require you to pay a portion of your health insurance. You must make these payments by payroll deduction or other acceptable method. These payments are in addition to any cost sharing (for example, deductibles, copays, or coinsurance) you pay for specific healthcare services and supplies.

### Dependents

If you have dependents when you become eligible for coverage, you can also sign up (enroll) your dependents for coverage during your initial enrollment period. Your dependents' coverage will start when yours does (not before). You cannot decline coverage for yourself and sign up your dependents.

You can add dependents after your coverage starts, but only at certain times. [See page H-9](#) for more information about enrollment events.

You must sign up any dependent you want covered and make any required payment for your share of the cost of dependent coverage. These payments are in addition to any cost sharing you pay for your specific healthcare services and supplies. You must make these payments by payroll

deduction or other acceptable method. Contact your employer when you need more information about your payments. Contact the Fund for more information about when your dependents' coverage starts.

If you don't sign up your dependent, or don't make any required payments for your dependent, the Plan will not pay benefits for that person.

### Who your dependents are

- ✓ If you enroll in an HMO option, the definition of a dependent may be slightly different. *See page B-2* for more information.

Your **dependent** is any of the following, provided you show proof of your relationship to them:

- Your legal spouse.
  - *If and only if you are enrolled in the Kaiser California HMO option*, your domestic partner may be considered your spouse if you provide a copy of the Declaration of Domestic Partnership from the state of California. Any child of your domestic partner may also be considered a dependent if he or she meets the definition of "child" below.
  - *If and only if you are enrolled in the Kaiser Colorado HMO option*, your spouse includes a partner in a valid civil union under state law as long as you provide a copy of a valid legal certificate. Any child of your civil union partner may also be considered a dependent if he or she meets the definition of "child" below.
  - If you enroll a civil union partner or a domestic partner, you will have to pay any federal, state, or local taxes owed on the value of the civil union partner or domestic partner benefits. Contact UNITE HERE HEALTH at **(833) 637-3519** with questions about covering civil union partners or domestic partners.
- Your **children** who are under age 26, including any of the following:
  - Biological children.
  - Step-children.
  - Adopted children or children placed with you for adoption, if you are legally responsible for supporting the children until the adoption is finalized.
  - Children for whom you are the legal guardian or for whom you have sole custody under a state domestic relations law.
  - Children entitled to coverage under a Qualified Medical Child Support Order.
    - ✓ Federal law requires UNITE HERE HEALTH to honor Qualified Medical Child Support Orders. UNITE HERE HEALTH has established procedures

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for determining whether a divorce decree or a support order meets federal requirements and for enrollment of any child named in the Qualified Medical Child Support Order. To obtain a copy of these procedures at no cost, or for more information, contact the Fund.

*If you are enrolled in a PPO option:* If your child is age 26 or older and disabled, his or her coverage may be continued under the Plan. In order to continue coverage, the child must have been diagnosed with a physical or mental handicap, must not be able to support himself or herself, and must continue to depend on you for support. Coverage for a child with a disability will continue as long as all of the following rules are met:

- ▶ You (the employee) remain eligible.
- ▶ The child's handicap began before age 19.
- ▶ The child was covered by the Plan on the day prior to his or her 19th birthday.

You must provide proof of the mental or physical handicap within 30 days after the date coverage would end because the child becomes age 26. The Fund may also require you to provide proof of the handicap periodically. (Special rules apply to children with a mental or physical handicap when a new employer begins participation in the Food Service Plan. Contact the Fund with questions.) Contact the Fund for more information on how to continue coverage for a child with a serious handicap.

*If you are enrolled in an HMO option:* If your child is age 26 or older and disabled, his or her coverage may be continued under the Plan. In order to continue coverage, the child must be physically or mentally disabled according to the rules established by the Kaiser HMO and/or applicable state law. The child must receive his or her support and maintenance from you (the employee) or your spouse.

You must provide proof of the mental or physical handicap within 30 days after the date coverage would end because the child becomes age 26. You may also be required to provide proof of incapacity and dependency periodically. Contact the Fund for more information on how to continue coverage for a child with a serious handicap.

## Enrollment requirements

### Employees

You or your employer must provide the Fund with any required information before benefits will be paid on your behalf. You must provide the required information by the end of your initial enrollment period. UNITE HERE HEALTH will tell you when this information is due. You choose the level of coverage right for you:

- Coverage for just yourself (the employee)



- Coverage for yourself and your spouse
- Coverage for yourself and your children
- Coverage for yourself and your family (you, your spouse, and at least one child)

You may be able to decline coverage under UNITE HERE HEALTH. You can decline coverage when you are first given the chance to sign up for coverage. However, if you decline coverage, you must wait until an open enrollment period or special enrollment period (*see page H-9*) before you have another chance to sign up. Call the Fund when you have questions about declining coverage, or how to get coverage again if you have declined coverage.

### Dependents

- ✓ You cannot choose to cover just your dependents. You can only cover your dependents if you enroll for coverage, too.

In order to enroll your dependents, you must provide any requested information about them to UNITE HERE HEALTH during your initial enrollment period. UNITE HERE HEALTH will tell you when this information is due. If you choose to just cover yourself (no dependent coverage), or if you do not provide the required enrollment materials by the due date, you may have to wait to enroll your dependents until the next open enrollment or special enrollment period. See the section titled “If you add dependents after you become initially eligible” on *page H-7* for more information about when you can enroll dependents after you first become eligible.

You must also show that each dependent you enroll meets the Fund’s definition of a dependent. You must provide at least one of the following for each of your dependents:

- A certified copy of the marriage certificate.
- A commemoration of marriage from a generally recognized denomination of organized religion.
- A certified copy of the birth certificate.
- A baptismal certificate.
- Hospital birth records.
- Written proof of adoption or legal guardianship.
- Court decrees requiring you to provide medical benefits for a dependent child.
- Copies of your most recent federal tax return (Form 1040 or its equivalents).
- Documentation of dependent status issued and certified by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS).

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- Documentation of dependent status issued and certified by a foreign embassy.
- *If you are enrolling in the Kaiser California HMO option and have a domestic partner, you must provide the Fund with a copy of your Declaration of Domestic Partnership from California in order to enroll your domestic partner.*
- *If you are enrolling in the Kaiser Colorado HMO option and are enrolling a partner in a civil union, you must provide the Fund with a copy of your valid legal certificate of civil union.*

Your or your spouse's name must be listed on the proof document as the dependent child's parent or legal guardian.

No benefits of any kind will be paid for your dependents until they are properly enrolled.

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### When your coverage begins (initial eligibility)

Your coverage begins at 12:01 a.m. on the first day of the coverage period corresponding to the first work period for which contributions are required on your behalf. For purposes of establishing initial eligibility:

- **Work period** means the calendar month for which your employer must make contributions to UNITE HERE HEALTH on your behalf, including any amount you are required to contribute under the terms of your Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA).
- **Coverage period** means the calendar month for which coverage is in force as determined by the corresponding work period.

<i>Example: Establishing Initial Eligibility</i>	
<b>Work Period</b>	<b>Coverage Period</b>
December	January

Suppose employer contributions are first required on your behalf for your December work. Your coverage will begin on January 1 and will continue for the rest of that month.

### Continuing eligibility

Once you establish eligibility, you continue to be eligible as long as you meet the work requirements explained in your CBA.

For purposes of continuing eligibility:

- **Work period** means a calendar month for which your employer must make a contribution to UNITE HERE HEALTH on your behalf, including any amount you are required to contribute under the terms of your CBA.

- **Coverage period** means the calendar month during which coverage is in force as determined by the corresponding work period.

<i>Example: Continuing Eligibility</i>	
Work Period	Coverage Period
January	February
February	March
March	April

Suppose you became covered January 1 because your employer was required to make contributions on your behalf during the December work period. If a contribution is required on your behalf for January, your coverage continues during February. A contribution for February continues your coverage for March, March will continue your coverage for April and so on.

## When dependent coverage starts

Dependent coverage cannot start before your coverage starts. Dependent coverage cannot continue after your coverage ends.

When you become eligible for dependent coverage, you can choose coverage for just yourself, for yourself plus your children, for yourself plus your spouse, or for yourself and your family. Your cost for providing coverage may depend on which option you choose. Remember, you must enroll your dependents before the Plan will pay benefits for your dependents' claims.

### If you enroll dependents when you become initially eligible

Coverage for your dependents begins the same time yours does, as long as you provide any required enrollment materials by the deadline to enroll, plus begin making payroll deductions for the cost of your dependents' coverage.

### If you add dependents after you become initially eligible

- If you only chose coverage for yourself when you became initially eligible, you have to wait until the next open enrollment or special enrollment period (*see page H-9*) to enroll dependents.
- If you only chose coverage for yourself and your spouse when you became initially eligible, you have to wait until the next open enrollment or special enrollment period (*see page H-9*) to enroll children.
- If you only chose coverage for yourself and your children when you became initially eligible, you have to wait until the next open enrollment or special enrollment period to enroll a spouse.

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- If you elected coverage for yourself and your children, or coverage for yourself and your family, when you became initially eligible, you can add a child at any time. The child's coverage will start as explained below:
  - If you have a new child (a child is born, adopted or placed with you for adoption, or moves to the US to live with you), this is considered a special enrollment event, and the rules for special enrollment events (*see page H-9*) will determine when the child becomes covered.
  - You can enroll a child who meets the Fund's definition of "child" any time during the year. You don't have to wait for an open enrollment or special enrollment event. Your dependent will be covered the first day of the month following the date you provide the enrollment materials required by the Fund, if you provide the materials within the required time frames. Contact the Fund for more information.

### **Continued coverage for dependents**

Your dependents will remain covered as long as you remain eligible and your dependent continues to meet the definition of a dependent. You must also make any required payments for your share of your dependents' coverage, by payroll deduction or other acceptable method.

### **Self-payments during remodeling or restoration**

If your work place closes or partially closes because it's being remodeled or restored, you may make self-payments to continue your coverage until your workplace reopens. However, you may only make self-payments for up to 18 months from the date your workplace closed.

However, if the facility is not reopened, if you are not recalled, or if you decline recall, no further self-payments will be accepted to continue your coverage. Your coverage will terminate on the last day of the month for which a payment was last accepted. However, you may be eligible for COBRA coverage (*see page H-20*).

### **Self-payments during a strike**

You may also make self-payments to continue coverage if all of the following rules are met:

- Your CBA has expired.
- Your employer is involved in collective bargaining with the union and an impasse has been reached.
- The union certifies that affirmative actions are being taken to continue the collective bargaining relationship with the Employer.

You may make self-payments to continue your coverage for up to 12 months as long as you do not engage in conduct inconsistent with the actions being taken by the union.

## Enrollment periods

### Open enrollment periods

Open enrollment periods give you the chance to elect coverage for yourself and your dependents if you declined coverage. It also gives you a chance to change your coverage tier (for example, you decide to change your election from coverage for just yourself and your children to family coverage so your spouse is also covered), or if you only enrolled some of your dependents. If you want to enroll yourself or more dependents, you must provide the required enrollment material and arrange to make any required payments. Your open enrollment materials will describe the deadlines for enrollment and when coverage will start.

### Special enrollment periods

In a few special circumstances, you do not need to wait for the open enrollment period to enroll yourself or your dependents or to change your benefit options. You can enroll yourself or any dependents for coverage within 60 days after any of the following events:

- Termination of other group health coverage you (or your dependent) had when you previously became eligible for coverage (or your dependent first became eligible for coverage). If your (or your dependent's) other coverage was COBRA, you have a special enrollment right only if you (or your dependent) have exhausted the COBRA maximum continuation period.
- Your marriage.
- The birth of your child.
- The adoption or placement for adoption of a child under age 26.
- A dependent previously residing in a foreign country comes to the United States and takes up residence with you.
- The loss of your or a dependent's eligibility for Medicaid or Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP) benefits.
- When you or a dependent becomes eligible for financial assistance under Medicaid or CHIP to help pay for the cost of UNITE HERE HEALTH's dependent coverage.

As long as you enroll within 60 days and make any required payments towards the cost of coverage, coverage for your dependents will start:

- the 1st day of the month following your marriage or termination of other coverage.
- the date of event for all other special enrollment events.

If you have questions about special enrollment periods or when coverage becomes effective, contact UNITE HERE HEALTH.

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If you do not take advantage of a special enrollment period, you must wait until the next open enrollment period or special enrollment period to enroll yourself or your dependents, or change your benefit options. (*See page H-7* for an exception if you are already making payments for coverage for all of your children, or for your entire family).

# ***Termination of coverage***

Learn:

- ▶ When your coverage and your dependents' coverage ends.

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Your and your dependents' coverage continues as long as you maintain your eligibility as described *on page H-6* and you make any required payments for your share of your coverage. However, your coverage ends if one of the events described below happens. If your coverage terminates, you may be eligible to make payments to continue your coverage (called COBRA continuation coverage). *See page H-26.*

If you (the employee) are absent from covered employment because of uniformed service, you may elect to continue healthcare coverage under the Plan for yourself and your dependents for up to 24 months from the date on which your absence due to uniformed service begins. For more information, including the effect of this election on your COBRA rights, contact the Fund at **(833) 637-3519**.

### When employee coverage ends

Your (the employee's) coverage ends on the earliest of any of the following dates:

- The date the Plan is terminated.
- The last day of the coverage period for which your employer was required to make a contribution on your behalf during the corresponding work period. For example, if your employer's last required contribution on your behalf was for the January work period, your coverage continues through the end of February.
- The last day of the coverage period for which you last made any applicable payment.
- The last day of the coverage period for which you last made a timely self-payment, if allowed to do so.

### When dependent coverage ends

Dependent coverage ends on the earliest of any of the following dates:

- The date the Plan is terminated.
- Your (the employee's) coverage ends.
- The dependent enters any branch of the uniformed services.
- The last day of the month in which your dependent no longer meets the Plan's definition of a dependent (*see page H-3*).
- The date your (the employee's) eligibility would have terminated had you not died.

You may also ask the Fund to stop covering your dependent (or dependents). Contact the Fund at **(833) 637-3519** for more information about how to stop covering a dependent, or how to re-enroll a dependent if you change your mind.



### The effect of severely delinquent employer contributions

The Trustees may terminate eligibility for employees of an employer whose contributions to the Fund are severely delinquent. Coverage for affected employees will terminate as of the last day of the coverage period corresponding to the last work period for which the Fund grants eligibility by processing the employer's work report. The work report reflects an employee's work history, which allows the Fund to determine his or her eligibility.

The Trustees have the sole authority to determine when an employer's contributions are severely delinquent. However, because participants generally have no knowledge about the status of their employer's contributions to the Fund, participants will be given advance notice of the planned termination of coverage.

### Special termination rules

Your coverage under the Plan will end if any of the following happens:

**If:** Your employer is no longer required to contribute because of decertification, disclaimer of interest by the union, or a change in your collective bargaining representative,

**Then:** Your coverage ends on the last day of the month during which the decertification, disclaimer of interest, or change in your collective bargaining representative is determined to have occurred.

**If:** Your employer's Collective Bargaining Agreement expires, a new Collective Bargaining Agreement is not established, and your employer does not make contributions to UNITE HERE HEALTH,

**Then:** Your coverage ends on the last day of the coverage period corresponding to the last work period for which contributions were received.

**If:** Your employer's Collective Bargaining Agreement expires, a new Collective Bargaining Agreement is not established, and your employer continues making contributions to UNITE HERE HEALTH,

**Then:** Your coverage ends on the last day of the 12th month after the Collective Bargaining Agreement expires, unless the Trustees approve an extension.

**If:** Your employer withdraws in whole or in part from UNITE HERE HEALTH,

**Then:** Your coverage ends on the last day of the month for which your employer has an obligation to make contributions to UNITE HERE HEALTH.

You should always stay informed about your union's negotiations and how these negotiations may affect your eligibility for benefits.

## *Termination of coverage*

### **Certificate of creditable coverage**

You or your dependent may request a certificate of creditable coverage within the 24 months immediately following the date your or your dependents' coverage ends. The certificate shows the persons covered by the Fund and the length of coverage applicable to each. The Fund will only send a certificate of creditable coverage if you or your dependent request it.

Contact the Fund when you have questions about certificates of creditable coverage.

# ***Reestablishing eligibility***

## Learn:

- ▶ How you can reestablish your and your dependents' eligibility.
- ▶ Special rules apply if you are on a leave of absence due to the Family Medical Leave Act.
- ▶ Special rules apply if you are on a leave of absence due to a call to active military duty.

### Portability

If you are covered by one UNITE HERE HEALTH Plan Unit when your employment ends but you start working for an employer participating in another UNITE HERE HEALTH Plan Unit within 90 days of your termination of employment with the original employer, you will become eligible under the new Plan Unit on the first day of the month for which your new employer is required to make contributions on your behalf.

- In order to qualify under this rule, within 60 days after you begin working for your new employer, you, the union, or the new employer must send written notice to the Operations Department in the Aurora Office stating that your eligibility should be provided under the portability rules. Your eligibility under the new Plan Unit will be based on that Plan Unit's rules to determine eligibility for the employees of new contributing employers (immediate eligibility).
- If written notice is not provided within 60 days after you begin working for your new employer, your eligibility under the new Plan Unit will be based on that Plan Unit's rules to determine eligibility for the employees of current contributing employers.

### Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)

- ✓ Your eligibility will be continued during your leave of absence under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA).

If you are making payments toward the cost of your or your dependents' coverage when your FMLA leave starts, you can continue your or your dependent coverage during your leave by making any required payments. If you stop making payments, coverage under the Plan will end. Contact the Fund at **(833) 637-3519** for more information about when coverage will be reinstated after your FMLA leave.

### The effect of uniformed service

If you are honorably discharged and returning from military service (active duty, inactive duty training, or full-time National Guard service), or from absences to determine your fitness to serve in the military, your coverage and your dependents' coverage will be reinstated immediately upon your return to covered employment if all of the following are met (and any required payments for your share of the cost of coverage are made immediately upon your return to work):

- You provide your employer with advance notice of your absence, whenever possible.
- Your cumulative length of absence for "eligible service" is not more than 5 years.
- You report or submit an application for re-employment within the following time limits:

- ▶ For service of less than 31 days or for an absence of any length to determine your fitness for uniformed service, you must report by the first regularly scheduled work period after the completion of service PLUS a reasonable allowance for time and travel (8 hours).
- ▶ For service of more than 30 days but less than 181 days, you must submit an application no later than 14 days following the completion of service.
- ▶ For service of more than 180 days, you must return to work or submit an application to return to work no later than 90 days following the completion of service.

However, if your service ends and you are hospitalized or convalescing from an injury or sickness that began during your uniformed service, you must report or submit an application, whichever is required, at the end of the period necessary for recovery. Generally the period of recovery may not exceed 2 years.

No waiting periods will be imposed on reinstated coverage, and upon reinstatement coverage shall be deemed to have been continuous for all Plan purposes.

- ✓ Your rights to reinstate coverage are governed by the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA). If you have any questions, or if you need more information, contact the Fund.

## Reestablishing eligibility lost for other reasons

### Reestablishing eligibility for employees

You can reestablish your eligibility by satisfying the Plan's continuing eligibility rules (*see page H-6*).

### Reestablishing eligibility for dependents

If you remain eligible but your dependents' coverage terminates because you stop making the required payments, you will not be able to re-enroll your dependents until the next special enrollment period or the next open enrollment period (*see page H-9*), whichever happens first.

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# ***COBRA continuation coverage***

Learn:

- ▶ How you can make payments to continue your coverage.

## COBRA continuation coverage

The right to COBRA continuation coverage, which is a temporary extension of coverage under the Plan, was created by a federal law, the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA). COBRA continuation coverage can become available to you and other members of your family when group health coverage would otherwise end. This part of the SPD explains COBRA continuation coverage, when it may become available to you and your family, and what you need to do to protect your right to get it.

For more information about your rights and obligations under the Plan and under federal law, you should read this SPD or contact the Fund.

### What is COBRA continuation coverage?

COBRA continuation coverage is a continuation of Plan coverage when it would otherwise end because of a life event. This is also called a “qualifying event.” Specific qualifying events are listed later in this section. After a qualifying event, COBRA continuation coverage must be offered to each person who is a “qualified beneficiary.” You, your spouse, and your dependent children could become qualified beneficiaries if coverage under the Plan is lost because of the qualifying event. Under the Plan, qualified beneficiaries who elect COBRA continuation coverage must pay for COBRA continuation coverage.

Continuation coverage is the same coverage that the Plan gives to other participants or beneficiaries under the Plan who are not receiving continuation coverage, except that you cannot continue life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance, or short-term disability benefits. Each qualified beneficiary who elects continuation coverage will have the same rights under the Plan as other participants or beneficiaries covered under the Plan, including open enrollment and special enrollment rights.

If you’re an employee, you’ll become a qualified beneficiary if you lose your coverage under the Plan because of the following qualifying events:

- Your hours of employment are reduced;
- Your employment ends for any reason other than your gross misconduct; or
- Your employer withdraws from UNITE HERE HEALTH.

If you’re the spouse of an employee, you’ll become a qualified beneficiary if you lose your coverage under the Plan because of the following qualifying events:

- Your spouse dies;
- Your spouse’s hours of employment are reduced;
- Your spouse’s employment ends for any reason other than his or her gross misconduct;
- Your spouse’s employer withdraws from UNITE HERE HEALTH;
- Your spouse becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both); or



- You become divorced or legally separated from your spouse.

Your dependent children will become qualified beneficiaries if they lose coverage under the Plan because of the following qualifying events:

- The parent-employee dies;
- The parent-employee's hours of employment are reduced;
- The parent-employee's employment ends for any reason other than his or her gross misconduct;
- The parent-employee's employer withdraws from UNITE HERE HEALTH;
- The parent-employee becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (Part A, Part B, or both);
- The parents become divorced or legally separated; or
- The child stops being eligible for coverage under the Plan as a "dependent child."

### **When is COBRA continuation coverage available?**

The Plan will offer COBRA continuation coverage to qualified beneficiaries only after the Plan Administrator has been notified that a qualifying event has occurred. The employer must notify the Plan Administrator of the following qualifying events:

- The end of employment or reduction of hours of employment;
- Death of the employee; or
- The employee's becoming entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both).

UNITE HERE HEALTH uses its own records to determine when participants' coverage under the Plan ends.

**For all other qualifying events (divorce or legal separation of the employee and spouse or a dependent child's losing eligibility for coverage as a dependent child), you must notify the Plan Administrator within 60 days after the qualifying event occurs. You must provide this notice to UNITE HERE HEALTH. You must provide this notice to:**

UNITE HERE HEALTH  
Attn: COBRA Department  
P.O. Box 6557  
Aurora, IL 60589-0557

You should use the Fund's forms to provide notice of any qualifying event, if you or a dependent are determined by the Social Security Administration to be disabled, or if you are no longer disabled. You can get a form by calling the Fund at **(833) 637-3519**.

## *COBRA continuation coverage*

### **How is COBRA continuation coverage provided?**

Once the Plan Administrator receives notice that a qualifying event has occurred, it will determine if you or your dependents are entitled to COBRA continuation coverage.

- If you or your dependents are not entitled to COBRA continuation coverage, you or your dependent will be mailed a notice within 14 days after UNITE HERE HEALTH has been notified of the qualifying event. The notice will explain why COBRA continuation coverage is not available.
- If you or your dependents are entitled to COBRA continuation coverage, you or the dependent will be mailed a description of your COBRA continuation coverage rights and the applicable election forms. The description of COBRA continuation coverage rights and the election forms will be mailed within 45 days after UNITE HERE HEALTH has been notified of the qualifying event. These materials will be mailed to those entitled to continuation coverage at the last known address on file.

COBRA continuation coverage will be offered to each of the qualified beneficiaries. Each qualified beneficiary will have an independent right to elect COBRA continuation coverage. Covered employees may elect COBRA continuation coverage on behalf of their spouses, and parents may elect COBRA continuation coverage on behalf of their children.

You must complete a COBRA continuation coverage election form and submit it within 60 days from the later of the following dates:

- The date coverage under the Plan would otherwise end.
- The date the Fund sends the election form and a description of the Plan's COBRA continuation coverage rights and procedures.

If your or your dependents' election form is received within the 60-day election period, you or your dependents will be sent a premium notice showing the amount owed for COBRA continuation coverage. The amount charged for COBRA continuation coverage will not be more than the amount allowed by federal law.

- UNITE HERE HEALTH must receive the first payment within 45 days after the date it receives your election form. The first payment must equal the premiums due from the date coverage ended until the end of the month in which payment is being made. This means that your first payment may be for more than one month of COBRA continuation coverage.
- After the first payment, additional payments are due on the first day of each month for which coverage is to be continued. To continue coverage, each monthly payment must be postmarked no later than 30 days after the payment is due.

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Payments for COBRA continuation coverage can be made by check or money order (or other method acceptable to UNITE HERE HEALTH), payable to UNITE HERE HEALTH and mailed to:

**UNITE HERE HEALTH**  
Attn: COBRA Department  
P. O. Box 809328  
Aurora, IL 60680-9328

Generally, COBRA continuation coverage is a temporary continuation of coverage that lasts for up to 18 months due to employment termination or reduction of hours of work. Certain qualifying events, or a second qualifying event during the initial period of coverage, may permit a beneficiary to receive a maximum of 36 months of coverage.

There are also ways in which this 18-month period of COBRA continuation coverage can be extended.

### *Disability extension of 18-month period of COBRA continuation coverage*

If you or anyone in your family covered under the Plan is determined by Social Security to be disabled and you notify the Plan Administrator in a timely fashion, you and your entire family may be entitled to get up to an additional 11 months of COBRA continuation coverage, for a maximum of 29 months. The disability has to have started at some time on or before the 60th day of COBRA continuation coverage and must last at least until the end of the 18-month period of continuation coverage. To qualify for this special extended COBRA Coverage, the individual must send (or bring) to the Fund Office the Social Security disability determination before the initial 18 months of continuation coverage expires. After the Plan receives a copy of the disability determination, you will be notified of any increase in cost required to continue the COBRA Coverage for the extended period (the period between 18 and 29 months).

Each qualified beneficiary who has elected continuation coverage will be entitled to the 11-month disability extension if one of them qualifies. If the qualified beneficiary is determined to no longer be disabled under the SSA, you must notify the Plan of that fact within 30 days after that determination.

### *Second qualifying event extension of 18-month period of continuation coverage*

If your family experiences another qualifying event during the 18 months of COBRA continuation coverage, the spouse and dependent children in your family can get up to 18 additional months of COBRA continuation coverage, for a maximum of 36 months, if the Plan is properly notified about the second qualifying event.

This extension may be available to the spouse and any dependent children getting COBRA continuation coverage if the employee or former employee dies; becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both); gets divorced or legally separated; or if the dependent child stops being eligible under the Plan as a dependent child. This extension is only available if the second qualifying event would have caused the spouse or dependent child to lose coverage under the Plan had the first qualifying event not occurred.

## COBRA continuation coverage

### When will COBRA continuation coverage end?

COBRA continuation coverage will end when you have reached the maximum period of time for which coverage can be continued. However, continuation coverage will end sooner if any of the following occur:

- The end of the month for which a premium was last paid, if you or your dependents do not pay any required premium when due.
- The date the Plan terminates.
- The date Medicare coverage becomes effective if it begins after the person's election of COBRA (Medicare coverage means you are entitled to coverage under Medicare; you have applied or enrolled for that coverage, if application is necessary; and your Medicare coverage is effective).
- The date the Plan's eligibility requirements are once again satisfied.
- The end of the month occurring 30 days after the date disability under the Social Security Act ends, if that date occurs after the first 18 months of continuation coverage have expired.
- The date coverage begins under any other group health plan.

If termination of continuation coverage ends for any of the reasons listed above, you will be mailed an early termination notice shortly after coverage terminates. The notice will specify the date coverage ended and the reason why.

### Are there other coverage options besides COBRA continuation coverage?

Yes. Instead of enrolling in COBRA continuation coverage, there may be other coverage options for you and your family through self-pay (if you have that option), or the Health Insurance Marketplace, in Medicare, Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), or other group health plan coverage options (such as a spouse's plan) through what is called a "special enrollment period. Some of these options may cost less than COBRA continuation coverage. You can learn more about many of these options at [www.HealthCare.gov](http://www.HealthCare.gov).

You should compare your other coverage options with COBRA continuation coverage and choose the coverage that is best for you. For example, if you move to other coverage you may pay more out-of-pocket than you would under COBRA because the new coverage may impose a new deductible.

### Can I enroll in Medicare instead of COBRA continuation coverage after my group health plan coverage ends?

In general, if you don't enroll in Medicare Part A or B when you are first eligible because you are still employed, after the Medicare initial enrollment period, you have an 8-month special enrollment period to sign up for Medicare Part A or B, beginning on the earlier of:

- The month after your employment ends; or
- The month after group health plan coverage based on current employment ends.

If you don't enroll in Medicare and elect COBRA continuation coverage instead, you may have to pay a Part B late enrollment penalty and you may have a gap in coverage if you decide you want Part B later. If you elect COBRA continuation coverage and later enroll in Medicare Part A or B before the COBRA continuation coverage ends, the Plan may terminate your continuation coverage. However, if Medicare Part A or B is effective on or before the date of the COBRA election, COBRA coverage may not be discontinued on account of Medicare entitlement, even if you enroll in the other part of Medicare after the date of the election of COBRA coverage.

If you are enrolled in both COBRA continuation coverage and Medicare, Medicare will generally pay first (primary payer) and COBRA continuation coverage will pay second. Certain plans may pay as if secondary to Medicare, even if you are not enrolled in Medicare.

For more information visit <https://www.medicare.gov/medicare-and-you>.

### If you have questions

Questions concerning your Plan or your COBRA continuation coverage rights should be addressed to the contact or contacts identified below. For more information about your rights under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), including COBRA, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and other laws affecting group health plans, contact the nearest Regional or District Office of the U.S. Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) in your area or visit [www.dol.gov/ebsa](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa). (Addresses and phone numbers of Regional and District EBSA Offices are available through EBSA's website.). For more information about the Marketplace, visit [www.HealthCare.gov](http://www.HealthCare.gov).

### Keep your Plan informed of address changes

To protect your family's rights, let the Plan Administrator know about any changes in the addresses of family members. You should also keep a copy, for your records, of any notices you send to the Plan Administrator.

**Plan contact information**

UNITE HERE HEALTH  
Attn: COBRA Department  
P.O. Box 6557  
Aurora, IL 60589-0557  
**(833) 637-3519**

# ***Claim filing and appeal provisions***

Learn how you file claims and appeal a denied claim:

- What you need to do to file a claim.
- The deadline to file a claim.
- When you will get a decision on your claim.
- How to appeal if your claim is denied.
- When you will get a decision on your appeal.
- Your right to external claim review.

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*This section does not apply to claims for benefits provided through any of the HMOs (either the medical HMOs or the dental HMO, including the dental HMO under the free family dental/vision benefits).*

*If you are in a Kaiser option, see the section starting on page B-4 for more information about Kaiser's claim and appeals procedures.*

### Filing a benefit claim

Your claim for benefits must include all of the following information:

- Your name.
- Your Social Security number or member ID number.
- A description of the injury, sickness, symptoms, or other condition upon which your claim is based.

A claim for healthcare benefits should include any of the following information that applies:

- Diagnoses.
- Dates of service(s).
- Identification of the specific service(s) furnished.
- Charges incurred for each service(s).
- Name and address of the provider.
- When applicable, your dependent's name, Social Security number, and your relationship to the patient.

Claims for life or AD&D benefit claims may require a certified copy of the death certificate. All claims for benefits must be made as shown below. If you need help filing a claim, contact the Fund at **(833) 637-3519**.

#### **PPO medical benefit options: Medical/surgical and mental health/substance abuse claims**

Network providers usually will file the claim for you. However, if you need to file a claim, for example because you used a non-network provider, all claims for hospital, medical, or surgical treatment must be mailed to Horizon Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Jersey.

#### **Horizon Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Jersey**

P. O. Box 0199  
Newark, New NJ 07101-0199

However, claims for reimbursement for medical foods and travel and lodging expenses should be sent to UNITE HERE HEALTH. Be sure to include a completed claim form and itemized receipts.

**UNITE HERE HEALTH**  
Attention: Claims Manager  
P.O. Box 6020  
Aurora, IL 60598-0020



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### **PPO medical benefit options: prescription drug claims**

If you use a network pharmacy, the pharmacy should file a claim for you. No benefits are payable if you use a pharmacy that does not participate in the pharmacy network. However, if you need to file a prescription drug claim for a prescription drug or supply purchased at a network pharmacy, you should send it to:

#### **WellDyneRx Claim Reimbursement**

P.O. Box 90369  
Lakeland, FL 33804

### **Dental PPO claims**

If you use a network dentist, the dentist should file a claim for you. No benefits are payable if you use a dentist that does not participate in the network. However, if you need to file a claim, for example because you used a non-network dentist, all dental PPO dental claims must be mailed to Delta Dental:

#### **Delta Dental**

P.O. Box 5402  
Lisle, IL 60532

### **Vision claims under the free family dental/vision benefit**

Generally, if you use a Davis Vision provider, you do not need to file a claim for vision care because Davis Vision providers will file the claim on your behalf. However, if you need to file a claim because you used a provider who is not in the Davis Vision network, submit it to:

#### **Davis Vision**

Vision Care Processing Unit  
P.O. Box 1525  
Latham, NY 12110

The claim processing rules, time limits, and appeal procedures Davis Vision must follow are described in the Davis Vision contract.

### **Claims under the vision+ benefit**

Generally, if you use a VSP provider, you do not need to file a claim for vision care because VSP providers will file the claim on your behalf. However, if you need to file a claim because you used a provider who is not in the VSP network, submit it to:

#### **VSP**

P.O. Box 385018  
Birmingham, AL 35238-5018

The claim processing rules, time limits, and appeal procedures VSP must follow are described in the VSP contract.

## Claim filing and appeal provisions

### All other claims

All life or AD&D claims, short-term disability claims, claims under the basic vision option, should be mailed to UNITE HERE HEALTH. All claims, including health care claims, dental claims, vision claims, or prescription drug claims, denied because you are not eligible, should also be mailed to UNITE HERE HEALTH.

UNITE HERE HEALTH  
P.O. Box 6020  
Aurora, IL 60598-0020  
**(833) 637-3519**

If you are filing a claim for life or AD&D benefits, after you have contacted the Fund about an employee's death or dismemberment, BCBSIL will contact you to complete the claim filing process.

### Deadlines for filing a benefit claim

Only those benefit claims that are filed in a timely manner will be considered for payment. The following deadlines apply:

Deadline for filing a claim	
Type of claim	Deadline to file
Dental PPO claims	18 months following the date the claim was incurred
Vision claim under the free family dental/vision benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Notice</i> must be filed within 20 days of the date of the claim (or as soon as possible).</li><li>• <i>Proof of loss</i> must be received within 90 days of the date of the claim (or as soon as possible).</li></ul>
Vision+ claim	365 days following the date the claim was incurred
Life insurance	Within a reasonable amount of time
AD&D insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Written <i>notice</i> must be received within 31 days of loss (or as soon as possible).</li><li>• Written <i>proof of loss</i> must be received within 90 days of loss (or as soon as possible). Other deadlines may apply to your additional AD&amp;D insurance benefits—your insurance certificate provides more information.</li></ul>

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Deadline for filing a claim	
All other claims— Including PPO healthcare, PPO prescription drug, basic vision claims, and short-term disability claims	18 months following the date the claim was incurred

If you do not file a benefit claim by the appropriate deadline, your claim will be denied unless you can show that it was not reasonably possible for you to meet the claim filing requirements, and that you filed your claim as soon after the deadline as was reasonably possible.

### **Individuals who may file a benefit claim**

You, a healthcare provider (under certain circumstances), or an authorized representative acting for you may file a claim for benefits under the Plan.

#### **Who is an authorized representative?**

You may give someone else the authority to act for you to file a claim for benefits or appeal a claim denial. If you would like someone else (called an “authorized representative”) to act for you, you and the person you want to be your authorized representative must complete and sign a form acceptable to the Fund. Call UNITE HERE HEALTH to obtain a form and submit it to:

**UNITE HERE HEALTH**  
**Attention: Claims Manager**  
P.O. Box 6020  
Aurora, IL 60598-0020

In the case of an urgent care/emergency treatment claim, a healthcare provider with knowledge of your medical condition may act as your authorized representative.

If UNITE HERE HEALTH determines that you are incompetent or otherwise not able to pick an authorized representative to act for you, any of the following people may be recognized as your authorized representative without the appropriate form:

- Your spouse (or domestic partner).
- Someone who has your power of attorney, or who is executor of your estate.

Your authorized representative may act for you until the earlier of the following dates:

- The date you tell UNITE HERE HEALTH, either verbally or in writing, that you no longer want the authorized representative to act for you.
- The date a final decision on your appeal is issued.

### Determination of claims

#### Post-service healthcare claims not involving concurrent care decisions

You will be notified of the decision within a reasonable period of time appropriate to your medical circumstances, but no later than 30 days after getting your claim. In general, benefits for medical/surgical services will be paid to the provider of those services.

This 30-day period may be extended one time for up to an additional 15 days if necessary for matters beyond the Plan's control. If a 15-day extension is required, you will be notified before the end of the original 30-day period. You will also be notified why the extension is needed, and when a decision is expected. If this extension is needed because you do not submit the information needed, you have 60 days from the date you are told more information is needed to submit it. You will be told what additional information you must provide. If you do not provide the required information within 60 days, your claim will be denied, and any benefits otherwise payable will not be paid.

#### Concurrent care decisions

If your ongoing course of treatment has been approved, any decision to reduce or terminate the benefits payable for that course of treatment is considered a denial of your claim. (If the Plan is amended or terminated, the reduction or termination of benefits is not a denial.)

For example, if you are approved for a 30-day stay in a skilled nursing facility, but your clinical records on day 20 of your stay show that you only need to stay a total of 25 days, the approval for your skilled nursing facility stay may be changed from 30 days to 25 days. The final 5 days of your original 30-day stay will not be covered, and are considered a denial of your claim.

If your concurrent care claim is denied, you will be notified of the decision in time for you to appeal the denial before your benefit is reduced or terminated.

Your request that your approved course of treatment to be extended is also considered a concurrent care claim. If your request for an extension of your course of treatment is an urgent care/emergency treatment claim, a decision regarding your request will be made as soon as possible, taking into account your medical circumstances. You will be notified of the decision (whether a denial or not) no later than 24 hours after receipt of your claim.

#### Short term disability claims

In general, you will be notified of the decision on your claim for short-term disability benefits no later than 45 days after your claim is received. This 45-day period may be extended for up to an additional 30 days if special circumstances require additional time. The Fund will notify you in writing if it requires more processing time before the end of the first 45-day period.

UNITE HERE HEALTH may extend this additional 30-day period of time for up to an additional 30 days for the same reason if it notifies you prior to the expiration of the initial 30-day extension period of the circumstances requiring the extension of time and date by which UNITE HERE HEALTH expects to render a decision.

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### Life and AD&D benefit claims

In general, you will be notified of the decision on your claim for life and AD&D benefits no later than 90 days after your claim is received.

This 90-day period may be extended for up to an additional 90 days if special circumstances require additional time. BCBSIL will notify you in writing if it requires more processing time before the end of the first 90-day period.

### Rules for prior authorization of benefits

In general, your request for prior authorization must be processed no later than 15 days from the date the request is received. In the case of an emergency, your request will be processed within 72 hours.

However, the 15-day period may be extended by 15 days for circumstances beyond the control of the prior authorization company, including if you or your healthcare provider did not submit all of the information needed to make a decision. If extra time is needed, you will be informed, before the end of the original 15-day period, why more time is needed and when a decision will be made.

If you are asked for more information, you must provide it within 45 days after you are asked for it. Once you are told that an extension is needed, the time you take to respond to the request for more information will not count toward the 15-day time limit for making a decision. If you do not provide any required information within 45 days, your request for prior authorization will be denied.

In the case of emergency treatment/urgent care, you have no less than 48 hours to provide any required information. A decision will be made as soon as possible, but no later than 48 hours, after you have provided all requested information.

If you don't follow the rules for requesting prior authorization, you will be given notice how to file such a request. This notice will be provided within 5 days (24 hours in case of an urgent care claim) of the failure.

### Special rules for decisions involving urgent concurrent care

If an extension of the period of time your healthcare provider prescribed is requested, and involves emergency treatment/urgent care, a decision must be made as soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours after your request is received, as long as your request is received at least 24 hours before the end of the authorized period of time.

If your request is not made more than 24 hours in advance, the decision must be made no later than 72 hours after your request is received. If the request for an extension of the prescribed period is not a request involving urgent care, the request will be treated as a new request to have benefits prior authorized and will be decided subject to the rules for a new request.

## *Claim filing and appeal provisions*

### **If a request for prior authorization is denied**

If all or part of a request for a benefit prior authorization is denied, you will receive a written denial. The denial will include all of the information federal law requires. The denial will explain why your request was denied, and your rights to get additional information. It will also explain how you can appeal the denial, and your right to bring legal action if the denial is upheld after review.

### **Appealing a benefit prior authorization denial**

If your request for a benefit prior authorization is denied, in whole or in part, you may appeal the decision. The next section explains how to appeal a benefit prior authorization denial.

## **If a benefit claim is denied**

If your claim for benefits, or request for prior authorization, is denied, either in full or in part, you will receive a written notice explaining the reasons for the denial, including all information required by federal law. The notice will also include information about how you can file an appeal and any related time limits, including how to get an expedited (accelerated) review for emergency treatment/urgent care, if appropriate.

### **Life and AD&D claims**

You can file an appeal within 60 days of BCBSIL's decision. BCBSIL will generally respond to your appeal within 60 days (but may request a 60-day extension). If you need help filing an appeal, or have questions about how BCBSIL's claim and appeal process works, contact BCBSIL.

BCBSIL

Attn: Claim Department Appeals Specialist

P.O. Box 7070

Downers Grove, IL 60515-5591

### **Appealing claim denials (other than life and AD&D claims)**

If your claim for benefits is denied, in whole or in part, you may file an appeal. As explained below, your claim may be subject to one or two levels of appeal.

All appeals must be in writing (except for appeals involving urgent care), signed, and should include the claimant's name, address, and date of birth, and your (the employee's) Social Security number. You should also provide any documents or records that support your claim.

### Two levels of appeal for prior authorization denials under the PPO medical benefits

#### First level of appeal

All appeals for claims denied under the prior authorization program (prior authorization denials, denials based on retrospective review, or extensions of treatment beyond limits previously approved) must be sent within 12 months of your receipt of the claim denial to:

*For denials issued through eviCore:*

**eviCore**  
Attn: Clinical Appeals, Mail Stop 600  
400 Buckwalter Place Boulevard  
Bluffton, SC 29910

*For all other denials:*

**Horizon Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Jersey**  
P. O. Box 317  
Newark, NJ 07101

#### Second level of appeal

If all or any part of the original denial is upheld (meaning that the claim is still denied, in whole or in part, after your first appeal) and you still think the claim should be paid, you or your authorized representative must submit a second appeal of a prior authorization denial within 45 days of the date the first level denial was upheld to:

The Appeals Subcommittee  
UNITE HERE HEALTH  
711 N. Commons Drive  
Aurora, IL 60504-4197

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### **Two levels of appeal for prescription drug claim denials under the PPO prescription drug benefits**

#### **First level of appeal**

If a prescription drug claim, including a prior authorization claim, is denied, the claim has two levels of appeals. The first appeal of a prescription drug claim denial must be sent within 180 days of your receipt of Hospitality Rx's denial to:

**UNITE HERE HEALTH**  
Attn: Hospitality Rx  
P.O. Box 6020  
Aurora, IL 60598-0020

#### **Second level of appeal**

If all or any part of the original denial is upheld (meaning that the claim is still denied, in whole or in part, after your first appeal) and you still think the claim should be paid, you or your authorized representative must submit a second appeal within 45 days of the date the first-level denial was upheld to:

The Appeals Subcommittee  
**UNITE HERE HEALTH**  
711 N. Commons Drive  
Aurora, IL 60504-4197

### **Vision claims under the free family dental/vision benefits: one level of appeal**

Generally, if a claim is denied, you must request a review within 180 days of your receipt of the denial. Davis Vision will respond to your appeal within 60 days (120 days if there are special circumstances that require more time). If you need help filing a claim or appeal, or have questions about how Davis Vision's claim and appeal process works, contact Davis Vision.

**Davis Vision**  
Vision Care Processing Unit  
P.O. Box 1525  
Latham, NY 12110

### **Vision+ benefit option: two levels of appeal**

Generally, if a claim is denied, you must request a review within 180 days of your receipt of the denial. VSP will respond to your appeal within 30 days. If you appeal the first-level appeal, you can file a second-level appeal within 60 days of VSP's decision on your first-level appeal. VSP will generally respond to your second-level appeal within 30 days. If you need help filing a claim or appeal, or have questions about how VSP's claim and appeal process works, contact VSP.

**VSP**  
P.O. Box 385018  
Birmingham, AL 35238-5018



### **John Wilhelm Scholarship benefits: one level of appeal**

If you or your dependent(s) do not get the scholarship benefit because you do not meet the Fund eligibility requirement as described *on page E-14*, you may appeal the denial within 60 days of receiving the denial notice to:

**The Appeals Subcommittee**  
UNITE HERE HEALTH  
711 N. Commons Dr.  
Aurora, IL 60504-4197

The Fund will generally respond to your appeal within 60 days (but may request a 60-day extension).

### **All other claims: one level of appeal**

If you disagree with all or any part of a claim denial under the PPO dental benefit, basic vision benefit option, short-term disability benefits, or post-service healthcare claims under the PPO medical options and you wish to appeal the decision, you must follow the steps in this section.

You must submit an appeal within 12 months of the date you receive notice of the claim denial to:

**The Appeals Subcommittee**  
UNITE HERE HEALTH  
711 N. Commons Dr.  
Aurora, IL 60504-4197

The Appeals Subcommittee will not enforce the 12-month filing limit when:

- You could not reasonably file the appeal within the 12-month filing limit because of:
  - Circumstances beyond your control, as long as you file the appeal as soon as you can.
  - Circumstances in which the claim was not processed according to the Plan's claim processing rules.
- The Appeals Subcommittee would have overturned the original benefit denial based on its standard practices and policies.

### **Appeals involving urgent care claims**

If you are appealing a denial of benefits that qualifies as a request for emergency treatment/urgent care, you can orally request an expedited (accelerated) appeal of the denial by calling:

- (630) 699-4372 for urgent medical appeals
- (844) 813-3860 for urgent prescription drug appeals

All necessary information may be sent by telephone, facsimile or any other available reasonably effective method.

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### Appeals under the sole authority of the plan administrator

The Trustees have given the Plan Administrator sole and final authority to decide all appeals resulting from the following circumstances:

- UNITE HERE HEALTH's refusal to accept self-payments, including payments for dependent coverage, made after the due date.
- Late COBRA payments and applications to continue coverage under the COBRA provisions.
- Late applications, including late applications to enroll for dependent coverage.

You must submit your appeal within 12 months of the date the late self-payment or late application was refused to:

**The Plan Administrator**  
**UNITE HERE HEALTH**  
711 N. Commons Dr.  
Aurora, IL 60504-4197

### Review of appeals

During review of your appeal, you or your authorized representative are entitled to:

- Upon request, examine and obtain copies, free of charge, of all Plan documents, records and other information that affect your claim.
- Submit written comments, documents, records, and other information relating to your claim.
- Information identifying the medical or vocational experts whose opinion was obtained on behalf of UNITE HERE HEALTH in connection with the denial of your claim. You are entitled to this information even if this information was not relied on when your appeal was denied.
- Designate someone to act as your authorized representative (*see page I-5* for details).

In addition, UNITE HERE HEALTH will review your appeal based on the following rules:

- UNITE HERE HEALTH will not defer to the initial denial of your claim.
- Review of your appeal will be conducted by a named fiduciary of UNITE HERE HEALTH who is neither the individual who initially denied your claim, nor a subordinate of such individual.
- If the denial of your initial claim was based, in whole or in part, on a medical judgment (including decisions as to whether a drug, treatment, or other item is experimental, investigational, or not medically necessary or appropriate), a named fiduciary of UNITE HERE HEALTH will consult with a healthcare provider who has appropriate training

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and experience in the field of medicine involved in the medical judgment. This healthcare provider cannot be an individual who was consulted in connection with the initial determination on your claim, nor the subordinate of such individual.

### Notice of the decision on your appeal

You will be notified of the decision on your appeal within the following time frames, counted from the reviewing entity's receipt of your appeal:

	Emergency Treatment/ Urgent Care	Prior Authorization	All Other Healthcare Claims
<b>Subject to one level of appeal</b>	As soon as possible but not later than 72 hours	Within a reasonable time period, but not later than 30 days	Within a reasonable time period, but not later than 60 days
<b>Subject to two levels of appeal</b>	As soon as possible but not later than 72 hours for both levels of appeal combined	Within a reasonable time period, but not later than 15 days for each level of appeal	Within a reasonable time period, but not later than 30 days for each level of appeal

If your claim is denied on appeal based on a medical necessity, experimental treatment, or similar exclusion or limit, a statement that an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for the determination applying the terms of the Plan to your medical circumstances will be provided free of charge upon request.

If your appeal is denied, you will be provided with a written notice of the denial which includes all of the information required by federal law, including a description of the external review procedures (where applicable), how to appeal for external review, and the time limits applicable to such procedures.

### Independent external review procedures

Within four months after the date you receive a final notice from the Appeals Subcommittee that your appeal has been denied, you may request an external review by an independent external review organization. If you wish to have the external review organization review your claim, you should submit your request to the Plan.

The Plan will conduct a preliminary review of your eligibility for external review within five business days after receiving your request. To be eligible for external review, you must meet all of the following requirements:

- You must have been eligible for benefits at the time you incurred the medical expense.
- Your claim denial must involve a medical judgment or rescission of coverage.

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- The denial must not relate to your failure to meet the Plan's eligibility requirements (eligibility claims are not subject to external review).
- You must have exhausted your internal appeal rights.
- You must submit all the necessary information and forms.

After completing its preliminary review, the Plan has one day to notify you of its determination.

If you are eligible for external review, the Plan will send your information to the review organization. The external review will be independent and the review organization will afford no deference to the Plan's prior decisions. You may submit additional information to the review organization within ten business days after the review organization receives the request for review. This information may include any of the following:

- Your medical records.
- Recommendations from any attending healthcare provider.
- Reports and other documents.
- The Plan terms.
- Practice guidelines, including evidence-based standards.
- Any clinical review criteria the Plan developed or used.

Within 45 days of receiving the request for review, you will be given notice of the external review decision. The notice from the review organization will explain the decision and include other important information. The external review organization's decision is binding on the Plan. If it approves your request, the Plan will provide immediate coverage.

### **Internal appeal exception**

In certain situations, if the Plan fails to follow its claims procedures, you are deemed to have exhausted the Plan's internal appeals process and may immediately seek an independent external review or pursue legal action under Section 502(a) of ERISA. Please note this exception does not apply if the Plan's failure is de minimis; non-prejudicial; based on good cause or matters beyond the Plan's control; part of a good faith exchange of information between you and the Plan; and not reflective of a pattern or practice of plan non-compliance. If you believe the Plan violated its own internal procedures, you may ask the Plan for a written explanation of the violation. The Plan will provide you with an answer within ten (10) days. To use this exception, you must request external review or commence a legal action no later than 180 days after receipt of the initial adverse determination. If the court or external reviewer rejects your request for immediate review, the Plan will notify you (within 10 days) of your right to pursue internal appeal. The applicable time limit for you to now file your internal appeal will begin to run when you receive that notice from the Plan.

### Non-assignment of claims

You may not assign your claim for benefits under the Plan to a non-network provider without the Plan's express written consent. A non-network provider is any doctor, hospital or other provider that is not in a PPO or similar network of the Plan.

This rule applies to all non-network providers, and your provider is not permitted to change this rule or make exceptions on their own. If you sign an assignment with them without the Plan's written consent, it will not be valid or enforceable against the Plan. This means that a non-network provider will not be entitled to payment directly from the Plan and that you may be responsible for paying the provider on your own and then seeking reimbursement for a portion of the charges under the Plan rules.

Regardless of this prohibition on assignment, the Plan may, in its sole discretion and under certain limited circumstances, elect to pay a non-network provider directly for covered services rendered to you. Payment to a non-network provider in any one case shall not constitute a waiver of any of the Plan's rules regarding non-network providers, and the Plan reserves all of its rights and defenses in that regard.

### Commencement of legal action

Neither you, your beneficiary, nor any other claimant may commence a lawsuit against the Plan (or its Trustees, providers, or staff) for benefits denied until the Plan's internal appeal procedures have been exhausted. This requirement does not apply to your rights to an external review by an independent review organization ("IRO") under the Affordable Care Act.

If you finish all internal appeals and decide to file a lawsuit against the Plan, that lawsuit must be commenced no more than 12 months after the date of the appeal denial letter. If you fail to commence your lawsuit within this 12-month time frame, you will permanently and irrevocably lose your right to challenge the denial in court or in any other manner or forum. This 12-month rule applies to you and to your beneficiaries and any other person or entity making a claim on your behalf.



# Definitions

## Learn:

- ▶ A summary definition of some of the terms this Plan uses.

*These definitions explain how the Fund uses certain terms.*

*These terms may mean different things for benefits provided through the HMO option, the dental HMO (including the free family dental/vision), vision benefits under the free family dental/vision benefits, and the vision+ benefit option.*

*Call the Fund at (833) 637-3519 if you aren't sure what a word or phrase means.*

### Allowable charges

An **allowable charge** is the amount of charges for covered treatments, services, or supplies that this Plan uses to calculate the benefits it pays for a claim. If you choose a non-network provider, the provider may charge more than the **allowable charge**. You must pay this difference between the actual charges and the **allowable charges**. Any charges that are more than the **allowable charge** are not covered. Benefits are not payable for charges that are more than the **allowable charge**.

The Board of Trustees has the sole authority to determine the level of **allowable charges** the Plan will use. In all cases the Trustees' determination will be final and binding.

- **Allowable charges** for services furnished by network providers are based on the rates specified in the contract between UNITE HERE HEALTH and the provider network. Providers in the network usually offer discounted rates to you and your family. This means lower out-of-pocket costs for you and your family.
- Treatment by a non-network provider means you pay more out-of-pocket costs. Except where a different allowable charge is required by federal law for non-network emergency medical treatment, the Plan calculates benefits for non-network providers based on an independent metric, such as Medicare rates, or the contracted network rates. This Plan will not pay the difference between what a non-network provider actually charges, and what is considered an **allowable charge**. You pay this difference in cost. (This is sometimes called "balance billing.")

**A different definition may apply to benefits provided through the medical HMO, the dental HMO, vision benefits under the free family dental/vision benefits, or the vision+ benefits.**

### Copay or copayment

A fixed amount (for example, \$20) you pay for a covered health care service. You usually have to pay your **copay** to the provider at the time you get health care. The amount can vary by the type of covered health care service. Usually, once you have paid your **copay**, this Plan pays the rest of the covered expenses.

You can get more information about your medical and prescription drug copays in the appropriate section of this SPD. (See the beginning of the SPD for the table of contents.)

### Coinsurance

Your share of the costs of a covered expense, calculated as a percent (for example, 10% or 20%) of the allowable charge for the service. You pay your **coinsurance** plus any deductibles or copays.

- *If you are in a PPO option:* Your medical coinsurance applies to your medical out-of-pocket limits (*see page B-31*), and your prescription drug coinsurance applies toward your prescription drug out-of-pocket limits (*see page B-44*).



- *If you are in an HMO option:* Your medical coinsurance applies to your out-of-pocket limits (see your Kaiser benefits description for more information about your medical benefits).

### Cosmetic services

**Cosmetic services** are intended to better your appearance. “Cosmetic services” do not include reconstructive services, which are mainly to restore bodily function or to fix significant deformity caused by accidental injury, trauma, congenital condition, or previous therapeutic process.

Mastectomies, and reconstruction following a mastectomy, will not be considered a cosmetic service (*see page B-33*).

Medically necessary gender reassignment services are not cosmetic services (*see page B-36*).

**A different definition may apply to benefits provided through the medical HMO, the dental HMO, vision benefits under the free family dental/vision benefits, or the vision+ benefits.**

### Covered expense

A treatment, service or supply for which benefits are paid. **Covered expenses** are limited to the allowable charge.

### Deductible

The amount you owe for covered expenses before benefits are payable on your claims, if applicable.

Amounts you pay for care that is not a covered expense will not count toward your **deductible**. This includes but is not limited to, excluded services and supplies, charges that are more than the allowable charge, amounts over a benefit maximum or limit, and other charges for which no benefits are payable.

### Durable medical equipment (DME)

Durable medical equipment (DME) must meet all of the following rules:

- Mainly treats or monitors injuries or sicknesses.
- Withstands repeated use.
- Improves your overall medical care in an outpatient setting.

Some examples of **DME** are: wheelchairs, hospital-type beds, respirators and associated support systems, infusion pumps, home dialysis equipment, monitoring devices, home traction units, and other similar medical equipment or devices. The supplies needed to use **DME** are also considered **DME**.

### Emergency medical treatment

**Emergency medical treatment** means covered medical services used to treat a medical condition displaying acute symptoms of sufficient severity (including severe pain) that an individual with average knowledge of health and medicine could expect that not receiving immediate medical attention could place the health of a patient, including an unborn child, in serious jeopardy or result in serious impairment of bodily functions or bodily organs or body parts.

### Experimental, investigational, or unproven (experimental or investigational)

**Experimental, investigational, or unproven** procedures or supplies are those procedures or supplies which are classified as such by agencies or subdivisions of the federal government, such as the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or the Office of Health Technology Assessment of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS); or according to CMS's Medicare Coverage Issues Manual. Procedures and supplies that are not provided in accordance with generally accepted medical practice, or that the medical community considers to be experimental or investigative will also meet the definition of **experimental, investigational, or unproven**, as does any treatment, service, and supply which does not constitute an effective treatment for the nature of the illness, injury or condition being treated as determined by the Trustees or their designee.

However, routine patient costs associated with clinical trials are not considered experimental, investigational, or unproven.

**A different definition may apply to benefits provided through the medical HMO, the dental HMO, vision benefits under the free family dental/vision benefits, or the vision+ benefits.**

### Healthcare provider

A **healthcare provider** is any person who is licensed to practice any of the branches of medicine and surgery by the state in which the person practices, as long as he or she is practicing within the scope of his or her license.

A dentist is a **healthcare provider** licensed to practice dentistry or perform oral surgery in the state in which he or she is practicing, as long as he or she practices within the scope of that license. Another type of healthcare provider may be considered a dentist if the **healthcare provider** is performing a covered dental service and otherwise meets the definition of "**healthcare provider.**"

A provider may be an individual providing treatment, services, or supplies, or a facility (such as a hospital or clinic) that provides treatment, services, or supplies.

A relative related by blood or marriage, or a person who normally lives in your home, with you will not be considered a healthcare provider.

**A different definition may apply to benefits provided through the medical HMO, the dental HMO, vision benefits under the free family dental/vision benefits, or the vision+ benefits.**

### Injuries and sicknesses

Benefits are only paid for the treatment of **injuries** or **sicknesses** that are not caused by employment (non-occupational **injuries** or **sicknesses**).

**Sickness** also includes mental health conditions and substance abuse. For employees and spouses only, sickness also includes pregnancy and pregnancy-related conditions, including abortion. The Plan will also consider voluntary sterilization to be a sickness.

*If you are in a PPO option:* The Plan only pays benefits for preventive healthcare for a pregnant dependent child. Generally, maternity charges for a pregnant dependent child that are not preventive healthcare (*see page J-6*) are not covered by the Plan. “Non-preventive maternity care” includes but is not limited to ultrasounds, care for a high-risk pregnancy, and the actual child-birth and delivery. No benefits are payable for the child of your child (unless the child meets the Plan’s definition of a dependent—*see page H-3*).

Treatment of infertility, including fertility treatments such as in-vitro fertilization or other such procedures, is not considered a **sickness** or an **injury**.

**A different definition may apply to benefits provided through the medical HMO, the dental HMO, vision benefits under the free family dental/vision benefits, or the vision+ benefits.**

### Medically necessary

Medically necessary services, supplies, and treatment are:

- Consistent with and effective for the injury or sickness being treated;
- Considered good medical practice according to standards recognized by the organized medical community in the United States; and
- Not experimental or investigational (*see page J-4*), nor unproven as determined by appropriate governmental agencies, the organized medical community in the United States, or standards or procedures adopted from time-to-time by the Trustees.

However, with respect to mastectomies and associated reconstructive treatment, allowable charges for such treatment are considered **medically necessary** for covered expenses incurred based on the treatment recommended by the patient’s healthcare provider, as required under federal law.

The Board of Trustees has the sole authority to determine whether care and treatment is **medically necessary**, and whether care and treatment is experimental or investigational. In all cases, the Trustees’ determination will be final and binding. However, determinations of **medical necessi-**

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ty and whether or not a procedure is experimental or investigative are solely for the purpose of establishing what services or courses of treatment are covered by the Plan. All decisions regarding medical treatment are between you and your healthcare provider and should be based on all appropriate factors, only one of which is what benefits the Plan will pay.

**A different definition may apply to benefits provided through the medical HMO, the dental HMO, vision benefits under the free family dental/vision benefits, or the vision+ benefits.**

### Out-of-Pocket limit for network care and treatment

In order to protect you and your family, the Plan limits your cost-sharing for covered network services during a calendar year. These limits are called out-of-pocket limits. Once your out-of-pocket costs for covered expenses meets the out-of-pocket limit, this Plan will usually pay 100% for your (or your family's) covered expenses during the rest of that year.

Amounts you pay out-of-pocket for services and supplies that are not covered, such as care or treatment once you have met a maximum benefit, do not count toward your **out-of-pocket limit**. Out-of-pocket costs for non-network care or treatment do not count toward your **out-of-pocket limit**. This Plan will not pay 100% for services or supplies that are not covered, or that are provided by a non-network provider, even if you have met your **out-of-pocket limit** for the year.

Out-of-pocket costs for non-network care or treatment do not count toward your out-of-pocket limit, except for emergency medical treatment, professional ambulance transportation, treatment provided by non-network healthcare providers who specialize in emergency medicine, radiology, anesthesiology, or pathology, inpatient consultations with non-network providers, and when the network doesn't have a provider in the required specialty. The Plan will not pay 100% for services or supplies that are not covered, or that are provided by a non-network provider, even if you have met your **out-of-pocket limit(s)** for the year.

You can get more information about your **out-of-pocket limits** in the medical and prescription drug benefit sections of this SPD. (See the beginning of the SPD for the table of contents.)

**If you are covered under an HMO option, see your Kaiser benefits description for more information about your out-of-pocket limit.**

### Plan Document

The rules and regulations governing the Plan of benefits provided to eligible employees and dependents participating in Plan Unit 376 (Food Service Plan).

### Preventive healthcare

Under the medical and prescription drug benefits, **preventive healthcare** is covered at 100%—there is no cost to you—when you use a network provider and meet any age, risk, or frequency

rules. **Preventive healthcare** is defined under federal law as:

- Services rated “A” or “B” by the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF).
- Routine preventive immunization recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.
- Preventive care and screenings for women as recommended by the Health Resources and Services Administration.
- Preventive care and screenings for infants, children, and adolescents provided in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration.

Certain preventive healthcare may be covered more liberally (for example, more frequently or at earlier/later ages) than required. The Plan also considers routine PSA screening tests (prostate-specific antigen tests) and preventive vitamin D to be preventive healthcare.

Contact the Fund with questions about what types of preventive healthcare is covered, and to find out if any age, risk, or frequency limitations apply. You can also go to: [www.healthcare.gov/preventive-care-benefits](http://www.healthcare.gov/preventive-care-benefits) for a summary. This website may not show all applicable limitations and may include certain services that aren't yet required to be included under your Plan. If you don't meet the criteria for preventive healthcare, it might not be covered under the Plan at all.

The list of covered **preventive healthcare** changes from time to time as **preventive healthcare** services and supplies are added to or taken off of the USPSTF's list of required **preventive healthcare**. Kaiser follows federal law that determines when these changes take effect.

**If you are covered under an HMO option, see your Kaiser benefits description for more information about preventive care.**



***Other important information***



## Other important information

### Who pays for your benefits?

In general, Plan benefits are provided by the money (contributions) employers participating in the Plan must contribute on behalf of eligible employees under the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBAs) negotiated by your union. Plan benefits are also funded by amounts you may be required to pay for your share of your or your dependent's coverage.

### What benefits are provided through insurance companies?

This Plan provides the following benefits on a self-funded basis; however, the Fund may contract with other organizations to help administer certain benefits. Self-funded means that none of these benefits are funded through insurance contracts. Benefits and associated administrative expenses are paid directly from UNITE HERE HEALTH.

- PPO medical benefits. Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield (Horizon) provides prior authorization and other utilization review services, case management, and chronic condition management.
- Prescription drug benefits. These benefits are administered by Hospitality Rx, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of UNITE HERE HEALTH.
- Basic vision benefits.
- Short-term disability benefits.
- Dental PPO benefits. Dental PPO benefits are administered by Delta Dental of Illinois.

The following benefits are provided on a fully insured basis. This means that the benefits are funded and guaranteed under group policies underwritten by an entity other than UNITE HERE HEALTH.

- Life insurance benefits through Dearborn National (branded as BCBSIL).
- HMO medical and prescription drug options through: Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc. Northern California Region, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc. Southern California Region, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Colorado, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Georgia, and Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Mid-Atlantic States, Inc.
- Dental HMO benefits through Delta Dental of Illinois (doing business as DeltaCare).
- Vision benefits under the free family dental/vision benefits through Davis Vision.
- Vision+ benefits through Vision Service Plan, Inc.

### Interpretation of Plan provisions

For claims subject to independent external review (*see page I-15*), the IRO has the authority to make decisions about benefits, and decide all questions about claims, submitted for independent external review.



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For benefits provided on a fully insured basis, the insurer has the sole authority to make decisions about benefits and decide all questions or controversies of whatever character with respect to the insured policy.

**All other authority rests with the Board of Trustees.** The Board of Trustees of UNITE HERE HEALTH has sole and exclusive authority to:

- Make the final decisions about applications for or entitlement to Plan benefits, including:
  - The exclusive discretion to increase, decrease, or otherwise change Plan provisions for the efficient administration of the Plan or to further the purposes of UNITE HERE HEALTH,
  - The right to obtain or provide information needed to coordinate benefit payments with other plans,
  - The right to obtain second medical or dental opinions or to have an autopsy performed when not forbidden by law;
- Interpret all Plan provisions and associated administrative rules and procedures;
- Authorize all payments under the Plan or recover any amounts in excess of the total amounts required by the Plan.

The Trustees' decisions are binding on all persons dealing with or claiming benefits from the Plan, unless determined to be arbitrary or capricious by a court of competent jurisdiction. Benefits under this Plan will be paid only if the Board of Trustees of UNITE HERE HEALTH, in their sole and exclusive discretion, decide that the applicant is entitled to them.

The Plan gives the Trustees full discretion and sole authority to make the final decision in all areas of Plan interpretation and administration, including eligibility for benefits, the level of benefits provided, and the meaning of all Plan language (including this Summary Plan Description). In the event of a conflict between this Summary Plan Description and the Plan Document governing the Plan, the Plan Document will govern.

### Restriction of Venue

Any action, claim, controversy, or dispute relating to or arising under the Fund, Plan, Summary Plan Description, and/or Trust Agreement shall be brought and resolved only in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and in any courts in which appeals from such court are heard.

### **Amendment or termination of the Plan**

The Trustees reserve the right to amend or terminate UNITE HERE HEALTH, either in whole or in part, at any time, in accordance with the Trust Agreement. For example, the Trustees may determine that UNITE HERE HEALTH can no longer carry out the purposes for which it was founded, and therefore should be terminated.

In accordance with the Trust Agreement, the Trustees also reserve the right to amend or terminate your Plan or any other Plan Unit, or to amend, terminate or suspend any benefit schedule under any Plan Unit at any time. Such termination or suspension, as well as, the termination, expiration, or discontinuance of any insurance policy under UNITE HERE HEALTH shall not necessarily constitute a termination of UNITE HERE HEALTH.

If UNITE HERE HEALTH is terminated, in whole or in part, or if your Plan, any other Plan Unit or any schedule of benefits is terminated or suspended, no employer, participant, beneficiary or other employee benefit plan will have any rights to any part of UNITE HERE HEALTH's assets. This means that no employer, plan or other person shall be entitled to a transfer of any of UNITE HERE HEALTH's assets on such termination or suspension. The Trustees may continue paying claims incurred before the termination of UNITE HERE HEALTH or any Plan Unit, as applicable, or take any other actions as authorized by the Trust Agreement. Payment of benefits for claims incurred before the termination of UNITE HERE HEALTH, any Plan Unit, or any schedule of benefits will depend on the financial condition of UNITE HERE HEALTH.

Your Plan and all other Plan Units in UNITE HERE HEALTH are all part of a single employee health plan funded by a single trust fund. No Plan Unit and no schedule of benefits shall be treated as a separate employee benefit plan or trust.

### **Free choice of provider**

The decision to use the services of particular hospitals, clinics, doctors, dentists, or other health-care providers is voluntary, and the Fund makes no recommendation as to which specific provider you should use, even when benefits may only be available for services furnished by providers designated by the Fund. You should select a provider or treatment based on all appropriate factors, only one of which is coverage under the Fund.

Providers are not agents or employees of UNITE HERE HEALTH, and the Fund makes no representation regarding the quality of service provided.

### **Workers' compensation**

The Plan does not replace or affect any requirements for coverage under any state Workers' Compensation or Occupational Disease Law. If you suffer a job-related sickness or injury, notify your employer immediately.

### Type of Plan

UNITE HERE HEALTH is a welfare plan providing healthcare and other benefits, including life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment and short-term disability protection. UNITE HERE HEALTH is maintained through Collective Bargaining Agreements between UNITE HERE and certain employers. These agreements require contributions to UNITE HERE HEALTH on behalf of each eligible employee. For a reasonable charge, you can get copies of the Collective Bargaining Agreements by writing to the Plan Administrator. Copies are also available for review at the Aurora, Illinois, Office, and within 10 days of a request to review, at the following locations: regional offices, the main offices of employers at which at least 50 participants are working, or the main offices or meeting halls of local unions.

### Employer and employee organizations

You can get a complete list of employers and employee organizations participating in the Plan by writing to the Plan Administrator. Copies are also available for review at the Aurora, IL, Office and, within 10 days of a request for review, at the following locations: regional offices, the main offices of employers at which at least 50 participants are working, or the main offices or meeting halls of local unions.

### Plan administrator and agent for service of legal process

The Plan Administrator and the agent for service of legal process is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the UNITE HERE HEALTH. Service of legal process may also be made upon any Fund trustee. The CEO's address and phone number are:

UNITE HERE HEALTH  
Chief Executive Officer  
711 North Commons Drive  
Aurora, IL 60504-4197  
**(630) 236-5100**

### Employer identification number

The Employer Identification Number assigned by the Internal Revenue Service to the Board of Trustees is EIN# 23-7385560.

### Plan number

The Plan number is 501.

## Other important information

### Plan year

The Plan year is the 12-month period set by the Board of Trustees for the purpose of maintaining UNITE HERE HEALTH's financial records. Plan years begin each April 1 and end the following March 31.

### Remedies for fraud

If you or a dependent submit information that you know is false, if you purposely do not submit information, or if you conceal important information in order to get any Plan benefit, the Trustees may take actions to remedy the fraud, including: asking for you to repay any benefits paid, denying payment of any benefits, deducting amounts paid from future benefit payments, and suspending and revoking coverage.

### Limited retroactive terminations of coverage allowed

Your coverage under UNITE HERE HEALTH may not be terminated retroactively (this is called a rescission of coverage) except in the case of fraud or an intentional misrepresentation of material fact. In this case, the Fund will provide at least 30 days advance notice before retroactively terminating coverage. You have the right to file an appeal if your coverage is rescinded.

If the Fund terminates coverage on a prospective basis, the prospective termination of coverage (termination scheduled to occur in the future) is not a rescission. The Fund may retroactively terminate coverage in any of the following circumstances, and the termination is not considered a rescission of coverage:

- Failure to make contributions or payments towards the cost of coverage, including COBRA continuation coverage, when those payments are due.
- Untimely notice of death or divorce.
- As otherwise permitted by law.

### Creditable coverage under Massachusetts law

UNITE HERE HEALTH believes the medical and pharmacy benefits under the Food Service Plan meets Massachusetts's definition of minimum creditable coverage. Because the Food Service Plan is minimum creditable coverage, you should not owe an individual mandate tax penalty to Massachusetts for months you are covered under the Food Service Plan. (UNITE HERE HEALTH is not offering tax advice or any guarantee under any tax law.)

If you live in Massachusetts and need help understanding how the Plan meets Massachusetts's rules for minimum creditable coverage, or to get a copy of your MA Form HC-1099, please call the Fund at **(833) 637-3519**.

# ***Your rights under ERISA***



## *Your rights under ERISA*

As a participant in the Plan, you are entitled to certain rights and protections under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

If you have any questions about this statement or your rights under ERISA, you should contact the nearest office of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, listed in your telephone directory, or the Division of Technical Assistance and Inquiries, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Dept. of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20210.

### **Receive information about your Plan and benefits**

ERISA provides that all Plan participants shall be entitled to:

- Examine, without charge, at the Plan Administrator's office and at other specified locations, such as work sites and union halls, all documents governing the Plan, including insurance contracts and Collective Bargaining Agreements, and a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) filed by the Plan with the U.S. Department of Labor and available at the Public Disclosure Room of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.
- Obtain, upon written request to the Plan Administrator, copies of documents governing the operation of the Plan, including insurance contracts and Collective Bargaining Agreements, and copies of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) and updated Summary Plan Description. The administrator may make a reasonable charge for copies not required by law to be furnished free-of-charge.
- Receive a summary of the Plan's annual financial report. The Plan Administrator is required by law to furnish each participant with a copy of this summary annual report.

### **Continue group health Plan coverage**

ERISA also provides that all Plan participants shall be entitled to continue healthcare coverage for themselves, their spouses, or their dependents if there is a loss of coverage under the Plan as a result of a qualifying event. You or your dependents may have to pay for such coverage. Review this Summary Plan Description and the documents governing the Plan for the rules governing your COBRA continuation coverage rights.

### **Prudent actions by Plan fiduciaries**

In addition to creating rights for plan participants, ERISA imposes duties upon the people who are responsible for the operation of the employee benefit plan. The people who operate your Plan, called "fiduciaries" of the Plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in the interest of you and other Plan participants and beneficiaries. No one, including your employer, your union, or any other person, may fire you or otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a welfare benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA.

### **Enforce your rights**

If your claim for a welfare benefit is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you have a right to know why this was done, to obtain copies of documents relating to the decision without charge, and to appeal any denial, all within certain time schedules.

Under ERISA, there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you make a written request for a copy of Plan documents or the latest annual report from the Plan and do not receive them within 30 days, you may file suit in a federal court. In such a case, the court may require the Plan Administrator to provide the materials and pay you up to \$110 a day until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the administrator.

If you have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in state or federal court. In addition, if you disagree with the Plan's decision or lack thereof concerning the qualified status of a domestic relation's order or a medical child support order, you may file suit in federal court.

If it should happen that Plan Fiduciaries misuse the Plan's money, or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor or you may file suit in federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful the court may order the person you have sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees, for example, if it finds your claim is frivolous.

### **Assistance with your questions**

If you have any questions about your Plan, you should contact the Plan Administrator.

If you have any questions about this statement or about your rights under ERISA, or if you need assistance in obtaining documents from the Plan Administrator, you should contact the nearest office of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, listed in your telephone directory or the Division of Technical Assistance and Inquiries, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. You may also obtain certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publications hotline of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.

## Important phone numbers and addresses

### **Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois (Dearborn)**

701 E. 22nd St., Suite 300  
Lombard, IL 60148  
**(800) 367-6401**  
[www.bcbsil.com/ancillary](http://www.bcbsil.com/ancillary)

### **Davis Vision**

P.O. Box 1525  
Latham, NY 121110  
**(800) 999-5431**  
[www.davisvision.com](http://www.davisvision.com)

### **Delta Dental of Illinois**

111 Shuman Blvd.  
Naperville, IL 60563  
**(800) 323-1743**  
[www.deltadentalil.com](http://www.deltadentalil.com)

### **Hospitality Rx**

P.O. Box 6020  
Aurora, IL 60598-0020  
**(844) 813-3860**  
[www.hospitalityrx.org](http://www.hospitalityrx.org)

### **Horizon Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Jersey**

3 Penn Plaza East  
Newark, NJ 07105  
**(866) 899-0626**  
[www.horizon.com](http://www.horizon.com)

### **Kaiser Permanente (Northern & Southern California)**

**(800) 464-4000**  
[www.kp.org](http://www.kp.org)

Kaiser Foundation Health Plan  
Member Case Resolution Center  
P.O. Box 9390011  
San Diego, CA 92193-90011

### **Kaiser Permanente (Colorado)**

**(800) 218-1059**  
[www.kp.org](http://www.kp.org)  
2500 South Havana Street  
Aurora, CO 80014-1622

### **Kaiser Permanente (Georgia)**

**(888) 865-5813**  
[www.kp.org](http://www.kp.org)  
Nine Piedmont Center  
3495 Piedmont Road, NE  
Atlanta, GA 30305-1736

### **Kaiser Permanente (Mid-Atlantic)**

**(800) 777-7902**

[www.kp.org](http://www.kp.org)

Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the  
Mid-Atlantic States, Inc.  
P.O. Box 371860  
Denver, CO 80237-9998

### **UNITE HERE HEALTH**

711 North Commons Drive  
Aurora, IL 60504-4197  
**(630) 236-5100**  
[www.uhh.org/fsp](http://www.uhh.org/fsp)

### **UNITE HERE HEALTH – Health Center**

1801 Atlantic Avenue, 3rd Floor  
Atlantic City, NJ 08401  
**(609) 570-2400**  
[www.uhh.org](http://www.uhh.org)

### **Vision Service Plan (VSP)**

P.O. Box 385018  
Birmingham, AL 35238-5018  
**(800) 877-7195**  
[www.vsp.com](http://www.vsp.com)



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