

# INDIANA LABORERS WELFARE FUND

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This letter serves as a summary of material modifications of the Plan. Please keep this with your Summary Plan Description.

## \* Important Welfare Benefit Changes \*

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To All Participants of the Indiana Laborers Welfare Fund

#### **SUMMARY OF MODIFICATION TO THE PLAN**

The Trustees of the Indiana Laborers Welfare Fund wish to announce the following changes to the Plan:

### Life Insurance Increase - Class A Active Employees

Effective January 1, 2024, the life insurance benefit for Class A Active Employees increased to \$15,000.

#### **Dental Care Benefit Update**

Effective January 1, 2025, your Dental Benefits are improving. The annual maximum will increase from \$750 to \$1,000. Preventive and Diagnostic Services will no longer accumulate to the annual maximum. The Plan will cover Dentures at 70%, Implants at 70%, and Orthodontia at 50% (up to age 19 with \$1,000 lifetime maximum). The Plan previously did not cover Dentures, Implants, or Orthodontia.

Please keep this SMM with your Summary Plan Description (SPD)/Plan Rules and Regulations for easy reference to all Plan provisions. If you have any questions regarding this notice or any other benefits covered by the Plan, you can contact the Fund Office at (800) 962-3158.

Sincerely, **Board of Trustees** 

## STATEMENT REGARDING STATUS AS A GRANDFATHERED HEALTH PLAN

This group health plan believes this Plan is a "grandfathered health plan" under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (the Affordable Care Act). As permitted by the Affordable Care Act, a grandfathered health plan can preserve certain basic health coverage that was already in effect when that law was enacted. Being a grandfathered health plan means that your Plan may not include certain consumer protections of the Affordable Care Act that apply to other plans, for example, the requirement for the provision of preventive health services without any cost sharing. However, grandfathered health plans must comply with certain other consumer protections in the Affordable Care Act, for example, the elimination of lifetime limits on benefits.

Questions regarding which protections apply and which protections do not apply to a grandfathered health plan and what might cause a plan to change from grandfathered health plan status can be directed to the Fund Office at 1-800-962-3158. You may also contact the Participant Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor at 1-866-444-3272 or www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform. This website has a table summarizing which protections do and do not apply to grandfathered health plans.

■ Officers-Board of Trustees ≡



## IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT YOUR TELEHEALTH BENEFIT

The use of the telehealth option is at NO COST to you for both medical and behavioral health services. You can access this Telehealth Benefit at <a href="https://www.livehealthonline.com">www.livehealthonline.com</a> or search for "LiveHealth Online" on a smart phone or tablet to download our app for free.

The LiveHealth Online program gives covered non-Medicare persons the capability to speak with a certified physician online (with a webcam) or through a smartphone in order to get quick access to certain prescriptions or other advice regarding a medical situation. This online doctor visit benefit is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

<u>Classes C & D Medicare Retirees and their Eligible Dependents</u> will need to pay the full cost of the visit using a credit card through the website or smartphone application at the time of service. You can then submit a claim to the Fund Office for a full reimbursement of the fee.

<u>Class CP Medicare Retirees and Eligible Dependents</u> should call the Labor First Advocacy team at (812) 238-2551 or (800) 962-3158 using Option 5 for more information on telehealth benefits.

The information on the following page is an illustrative example of the types of providers and typical conditions that are treated as well as the average cost of care for each type of medical provider. As you can see if you do not have a true emergent medical condition you can be treated at a much lower cost than the Emergency Room.

# A GUIDE FOR WHERE TO GO WHEN YOU NEED MEDICAL CARE\*

Telehealth	Nurse Practitioner					
LiveHealth Online	Retail Clinic	Doctor's Office	Urgent Care Center	<b>Emergency Room</b>		
Access telehealth services to treat minor medical conditions. Connect with a board-certified doctor via video or phone when, where, and how it works best for you. Go to the following website www.livehealthonline.com or call toll-free at (888) 548-3432.	Treats minor medical concerns. Staffed by nurse practitioners and physician assistants. Located in retail stores and pharmacies. Often open nights and weekends.	The place to go for routine or preventive care, to keep track of medications, or for a referral to see a specialist.	For conditions that aren't life threatening. Staffed by nurses and doctors and usually have extended hours.	For immediate treatment of critical injuries or illness. Open 24/7. If a situation seems life-threatening, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room. "Freestanding" emergency room (ER) locations are becoming more common in many areas. Because these ERs are not inside hospitals, they may look like urgent care centers. When you receive care at an ER, you're billed at a much higher cost than at other health care facilities		
Typical Conditions Treated:						
Colds and flu Rashes or skin conditions Sore throats, ear ache, sinus pain Headaches Stomachaches Fever Allergies Acne UTIs and more	Colds and flu Rashes or skin conditions Sore throats, ear ache, sinus pain Minor cuts and burns Pregnancy testing Vaccines	General health issues Preventive care Routine checkups Immunization and screenings	Fever and flu symptoms Minor cuts, sprains, burns, rashes Headaches Lower back pain Joint pain Minor respiratory symptoms UTIs	Sudden numbness, weakness Uncontrolled bleeding Seizure or loss of consciousness Shortness of breath Chest pain Head injury/major trauma Blurry or loss of vision Severe cuts or burns Overdose Broken bones		
Your Time:						
No need to leave home or work. Use of mobile device, tablet or computer for virtual visit. Typically answered within minutes.	No appointment needed.	Appointment times required. Shorter wait times than an emergency room.	Walk in scheduling. No appointments taken and wait time will vary.	No appointments taken and wait times can be long and be up to many hours before you are seen.		

<sup>\*</sup> The information provided here is intended to be general information on how you can get the most out of your plan and your health care dollars. It is not intended as medical advice. You should consider all relevant factors and to consult with your treating doctor when selecting a health care professional or facility for care. During a medical emergency, go to the nearest hospital or call 911.

## **Lower Costs**

Higher Costs

Telehealth LiveHealth Online	Nurse Practitioner Retail Clinic Average Cost per Vis	Doctor's Office	Urgent Care Center	Emergency Room		
\$67 per visit*	\$63 per visit*	\$170 per visit*	\$170 per visit*	\$2,561 per visit*		
Your Cost after Health and Welfare Fund Payment (assuming In Network provider and your deductible is met):						
\$0 copayment	\$15.75 co-insurance**	\$42.50 co-insurance**	\$42.50 co-insurance**	\$640.25 co-insurance**		

<sup>\*</sup> Provided by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

<sup>\*\*</sup> This represents the average cost of each visit and will vary by provider. Additional \$70 deductible applies to emergency room visits per person per visit, including observation, unless life threatening sickness,

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