

**Health & Benefit Trust Fund
of the I.U.O.E.
Local 94-94A-94B
Commercial Division**

**Retirement Seminar
May 8, 2023**

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Commercial Division - Eligibility

Active coverage ends the last day of the month following the month in which you terminate covered employment (including retirement) or the date that your contributing Employer stops making contributions to the Plan.



Retiree Eligibility Requirements for Retiree Benefits Effective January 1, 2020

In order to be eligible for Retiree benefits under the Plan as described under Section 4 of the SPD, Retirees, **regardless of disability status**, must satisfy **all** of the following requirements:

- ❖ Must be at least age 62 on their respective retirement date under the Central Pension Fund,
- ❖ Have at least **twenty-five (25)** years of Total Credited Service (as defined in the Central Pension Plan),
- ❖ Be receiving a pension under the Central Pension Plan,
- ❖ Must have continuous coverage under the Fund for the **fifteen (15)** years immediately preceding their respective retirement date under the Central Pension Plan, and
- ❖ Must pay the required premiums set forth under Section 4 of the SPD, as amended from time to time.

Extension of Benefits for Total & Permanent Disability (Active Member Only)

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- ❖ If a member who is actively working, becomes totally and permanently disabled and not eligible for Medicare at the time eligibility terminates, the member will remain eligible for the disabling condition for 29 months, or until Medicare eligible, if earlier.
- ❖ This applies only to members with a total and permanent disability and with a Social Security Disability Award as evidence.
- ❖ COBRA – you can elect to participate and purchase COBRA for any of your eligible dependents for 18 months.

Commercial Retiree Premiums effective June 1, 2023



Retirees that meet the eligibility requirements for coverage are required to pay a premium in order to continue their Retiree health coverage.

Retiree Premiums ~ continued

- ❖ **Medicare Retirees** over or under age 65, who are eligible for Medicare, will pay \$475 for either individual or family coverage per month.
- ❖ **Basic Retirees** under age 65, who have the Basic Retiree benefits, will pay \$475 for either individual or family coverage per month.
- ❖ **PPO Retirees** under age 65, who are ineligible for Medicare and wish to purchase the PPO Retiree Benefits, will have to pay \$1,025 for either individual or family coverage per month.
- ❖ **Retiree Premiums are subject to change from time to time.**

Medicare Retirees Over or Under Age 65 & On Medicare

Medicare Retirees over or under age 65 who are eligible for Medicare will pay \$475 for either individual or family coverage per month.

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Be sure to apply for Medicare as soon as you are eligible — failure to do so may result in a delay being covered.



Medicare Retirees Over or Under Age 65 & On Medicare ~ continued

- ❖ The Fund will reimburse you for the annual deductible and the 20% co-insurance amounts applicable to expenses approved under Medicare Part “B”.
- ❖ **If you choose not to enroll in Medicare Part “B,” you will not be entitled to the supplemental benefits described above.**

Medicare Retirees Over or Under Age 65 & On Medicare ~ continued

- ❖ If you are eligible for Medicare but your spouse or eligible dependents are **not** eligible for Medicare, your spouse and eligible dependents will be eligible for either Basic Retiree benefits or PPO Retiree benefits.
- ❖ You choose the coverage you want for your dependents.
- ❖ You choose either the Basic Retiree benefits or PPO Retiree benefits.
- ❖ If you choose the PPO Retiree benefits you must pay an additional \$550 premium.

Retirees Under Age 65 Who Are Not Medicare Eligible

If you are not eligible for Medicare and meet the eligibility requirements for benefits provided to Retiree members, you and your eligible dependents will be covered for certain Retiree benefits.



Retirees Under Age 65 Who Are Not Medicare Eligible ~ continued

The two options are:

- ❖ PPO Retiree Benefits
- ❖ Basic Retiree Benefits



Retirees Under Age 65 Who Are Not Medicare Eligible-PPO Retiree Benefits

- ❖ Retirees under age 65 who are ineligible for Medicare and who wish to purchase the PPO Retiree Benefits will have to pay \$1,025 for individual or family coverage per month.
- ❖ This option enables you to continue using the Empire Blue Cross PPO and OptumRx benefits you had while an active member.

Retirees Under Age 65 Who Are Not Medicare Eligible – PPO Retiree Benefits ~ continued

- ❖ Please note that if you initially elect the PPO Retiree benefits coverage, you will have the opportunity to make a one-time election to switch to the Basic Retiree benefits coverage.
- ❖ However, after that switch, you cannot then switch back to the PPO Retiree benefits coverage.

Retirees Under Age 65 Who Are Not Medicare Eligible—Basic Retiree Benefits

- ❖ If you do not elect to pay the additional premium for the PPO Retiree Benefits, then your medical, diagnostic x-rays, labs and physician's fees will be paid according to a **limited fee schedule**.
- ❖ The maximum payment you can receive for each procedure is based on a schedule of allowances for all medical, diagnostic x-rays, labs and physician's fees.
- ❖ **There is no network. You can be balance billed for services rendered.**

Retirees Under Age 65 Who Are Not Medicare Eligible

– Basic Retiree Benefits ~ continued

- ❖ Please note that if you initially elect the Basic Retiree benefits coverage, you will have the opportunity to make a one-time election to switch to the PPO Retiree benefits coverage.
- ❖ However, after that switch you cannot then switch back to the Basic Retiree benefits coverage.

All Eligible Retirees Paying a Premium: Hospital, Prescription Drug, Dental & Eye

- ❖ The monthly premium for retiree coverage includes prescription drug coverage, as well as dental and eye care benefits that you received as an eligible active member.
- ❖ The Medicare Retirees prescription vendor is UnitedHealthcare MedicareRXSM.
- ❖ The Basic Retiree Plan and the PPO Retiree Plans prescription vendor is OptumRx.
- ❖ Hospital Benefits are the same as an active member if you are not Medicare Eligible. If you are Medicare eligible, they supplement Medicare.

Summary of Eligible Commercial Retirees Benefits & Premiums

Medicare Retirees over or under age 65 who are Medicare Eligible	Medicare Retiree Benefits Supplemental to Medicare	\$475 per month for individual or family coverage
Basic Retirees Under age 65	Basic Retiree Benefits Limited coverage	\$475 per month for individual or family coverage
PPO Retirees under 65 who are not Medicare Eligible	PPO Retiree Benefits Blue Cross PPO benefits	\$1,025 per month for individual or family coverage

Death Benefit

- ❖ As long as you are eligible for Retiree Benefits, you are eligible for a \$3,000 death benefit.
- ❖ This is not a life insurance policy; it is a benefit under the Health and Benefit Fund.
- ❖ If you are not eligible for Retiree medical benefits, then you are not eligible for the death benefit.

Death Benefit continued ~ Naming Your Beneficiary

- ❖ Please make sure that you designate your beneficiary for the Health & Benefit Fund Death Benefit.
- ❖ You can designate a primary and contingent beneficiary.
- ❖ It is a good idea to review and update your beneficiary with the Health & Benefit Fund when you retire.
- ❖ Doing so will ensure that the contact information of your beneficiary is accurate at the time of your retirement.
- ❖ Please remember to update your beneficiary if the person you named as the beneficiary is deceased.

Coverage When Member is Deceased

- ❖ An eligible spouse dependent(s) continue to be eligible for health coverage for one year after the eligible Retiree member passes away.
- ❖ The Retiree premium required per month must be paid in order to continue coverage for one year.

COBRA

- ❖ If you do not meet the eligibility requirements for retiree benefits and are not eligible for Medicare, you may elect to participate in COBRA for 18 months.
- ❖ COBRA will provide you with the same coverage that you are receiving as an active member.

COBRA Premiums

COBRA premium for the Commercial Division effective January 1, 2023

- ❖ \$1,049.39 for an individual
- ❖ \$2,656.45 for family coverage

- ❖ Each January the COBRA rates are revised. The COBRA participant is notified the prior month of all premium changes.

Retiree Premium Payment Requirements & ACH Premium Payment Options

- ❖ The Retiree premium payment is due on the 20th of the prior month or the next business day for the 1st of the next month of Retiree Coverage whether you **pay by check or ACH**.
- ❖ The Fund can collect your premiums via an electronic transfer from your bank account. This will eliminate the need to remember to send the premium payment checks in.
- ❖ The Fund Office provides the ACH application in the Retiree benefit information sent to you when the Fund is notified of your Retirement.
- ❖ There is a grace period of thirty (30) days to pay the monthly Retiree premium payments whether you pay via ACH or by check.
- ❖ If payment is not made by the end of the applicable thirty (30) day grace period, your health coverage under the Plan will terminate as of the end of the last month for which you timely paid, and thereafter, cannot be reinstated.



**Retirement
Plan**

Ready to Retire?

Contact the Health & Benefit Fund Office

We highly recommend that all members contact the Fund Office to discuss exactly what benefits they may be eligible for at retirement and what the costs involved will be.



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Questions?

If you have questions regarding your eligibility and/or health care coverage options, please contact the Health & Benefit Fund Office.

Monday - Friday

8:00AM - 4:00PM

212 - 331-1800

Local 94 website at www.local94.com



Final Word

This presentation summarizes the Plan's key features. The formal terms are set forth in the official plan documents and are not changed or interpreted by this presentation. The official plan documents will govern in all cases.

