

**THE HEALTH AND BENEFIT TRUST FUND OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL UNION NO. 94-94A-94B, AFL-CIO**

**To: All Participants and Beneficiaries in the Health and Benefit Trust Fund of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local Union No. 94-94A-94B, AFL-CIO**

**From: The Plan Administrator of the Health and Benefit Trust Fund of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local Union No. 94-94A-94B, AFL-CIO**

**Date: November 7, 2023**

The Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (the "Act"), which was signed into law by President Clinton on October 21, 1998, provides that any group health plan or health insurance issuer that provides medical and surgical benefits with respect to a mastectomy must also provide coverage for reconstructive surgery following the mastectomy. Specifically, if a participant is receiving benefits in connection with a mastectomy, the plan must also provide coverage for:

- Reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed;
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance, and
- Protheses and physical complications at all stages of mastectomy, including lymphedemas.

Please note that this Fund already provides coverage for the items listed above subject to all of the Fund's rules regarding benefits, including the Fund's annual deductibles and coinsurance provisions. While this coverage was provided prior to the enactment of the Act and will continue to be provided, federal law requires the Health and Benefit Fund to notify you of this coverage.

If you have any questions concerning your benefits, please contact the Health and Benefit Fund office.

**IMPORTANT REQUIRED NOTICE REGARDING THE PLAN'S GRANDFATHERED PLAN STATUS**

As of the date of this Notice, the Trustees believe that the Fund is a "grandfathered plan" as such term is defined under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (more commonly known as Health Care Reform). As permitted by Health Care Reform, a grandfathered health plan can preserve certain basic health coverage that was already in effect when Health Care Reform was enacted. Being a grandfathered health plan means that the medical coverage that you have elected under the plan may not include certain consumer protections of Health Care Reform that apply to other group health plans, for example, the requirement for the provision of preventive health services without any cost sharing (*i.e.*, copayments, coinsurance, deductibles). 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 and extension of coverage to dependents until age 26. 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 Plan Administrator during normal business hours at: 331-337 West 44th Street, New York, New York, 10036, telephone number: (212) 541-9880. You may also contact the Department of Labor at (866) 444-3272 or [www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform). This website has a table summarizing which protections do and do not apply to grandfathered plans.