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

#### Re: Summary of Benefits and Coverage – Medicare Premium Reimbursement for the School Division

#### Date: December 28, 2012

Enclosed you will find the Summary of Benefits and Coverage ("SBC") for the Health and Benefit Trust Fund of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 94-94A-94B, AFL-CIO ("Fund") that pertains to the Medicare premium reimbursement coverage option offered to eligible retirees in the School Division. Accordingly, this SBC summarizes the benefits that are available for this Medicare premium reimbursement coverage option; and is intended to comply with the applicable disclosure requirements under the Patient Protection Affordable Care Act ("ACA" or the "Affordable Care Act"). Please share this SBC with your family members who are eligible for this health coverage under the Fund.

# Please note that if you have coverage under a different coverage option available under the Fund, you will receive a separate SBC describing that coverage. As such, there are separate SBCs that describe the Fund's benefits for the Commercial Division (Active and PPO Retirees), School Division (Active), Commercial Medicare Retirees, Commercial Division Basic Retirees, and School Division Basic Retirees.

The federal government developed a model SBC form primarily to help people who will be shopping for individual health coverage when the health care exchanges open in 2014. The SBC is designed so that individuals can conduct an "apples to apples" assessment of the material benefits and costs when comparing different health plan coverage. For that reason, we were not allowed to customize much of the enclosed SBC and, therefore, some aspects of it may not be relevant to the Fund's Medicare premium reimbursement benefit coverage option available for eligible retirees in the School Division.

#### SBC Disclosure Requirement under ACA

Generally speaking, the Affordable Care Act has some very strict disclosure requirements for the SBC—the maximum number of pages, the font size, the colors, etc. To best understand the benefits provided by the Fund's Medicare premium reimbursement coverage option for eligible retirees in the School Division, we recommend that you refer to the benefit materials that you are use to seeing from the Fund —our website, www.local94.com, the Open Enrollment Materials, the Summary Plan Description ("SPD") and other Fund documents - in conjunction with your review of the enclosed SBC and for comparative purposes to SBCs issued by other plans or insurers.

In accordance with the applicable disclosure requirements under ACA, the SBC includes two examples—one for having a baby and one for managing type 2 diabetes. The examples show the health care costs for you and the Fund associated with each of these two situations. As you read these examples, it's very important to note that these costs are national averages; they do not reflect what the actual services might cost in your area. Similarly, your course of treatment might also be very different depending on whether you receive care from an In-Network Provider or an Out-of-Network Provider (the examples only show costs for In-Network Providers), your doctor's approach, your age, your other health issues, and many other factors. These examples are included to help someone compare how different health plans might cover the same condition—not for predicting your own actual health care expenses under the Fund's Medicare premium reimbursement option for the School Division. For example, the Fund's Medicare premium reimburses eligible retirees for Medicare Part B and D premiums up to a combined maximum limit of \$1,500 per calendar year.

You may find that the SBC discusses the Fund's benefits in ways that may seem unfamiliar to you. For instance, there may be terms you haven't seen before, or terms that you have seen before but are being used differently. The SBC also refers to a "Glossary of Health Coverage and Medical Terms," which cannot be customized for the Fund. If you read the SBC or the Glossary and find yourself confused at any time, we recommend that you refer to your

SPD, the Local 94 website (www.local94.com) and the other materials describing your benefits that you have received or may be eligible to receive from the Fund; or contact the Fund Office at (212) 541-9880.

#### For More Information

Please keep this SBC with your copy of the SPD for easy reference. Please note that receipt of this document does not constitute a determination of your eligibility for benefits under the Fund. If you have any questions about Fund-provided coverage, please call the Fund Office at (212) 541-9880. If you have general questions about the SBC or the Glossary, you may want to contact the Employee Benefits Security Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor at (866) 444-3272 or www.dol.gov/ebsa, or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at (877) 267-2323 Ext. 61565 or www.cciio.cms.gov.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE FUND'S GRANDFATHERED PLAN STATUS

The Board of Trustees believes that the Fund is a "grandfathered plan" as such term is defined under the Affordable Care Act. As permitted by this law, a grandfathered health plan can preserve certain basic health coverage that was already in effect when the Affordable Care Act 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 the Affordable Care Act 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 Fund 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. This website has a table summarizing which protections do and do not apply to grandfathered plans.

This notice and the enclosed SBC contain highlights of certain features of the Fund's Medicare premium reimbursement coverage option for eligible retirees in the School Division. Full details of these benefits are contained in the Fund's SPD and other official plan documents (collectively "Official Plan Documents"). If there is a discrepancy between the attached SBC (or this letter) and the Official Plan Documents, the Official Plan Documents will govern in all cases. The Trustees have the sole an absolute discretion and reserve the right to amend, modify, or terminate the Fund at any time.

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### Health & Benefit Trust Fund of the IUOE Local 94-94A-94B Fund: School Medicare Premium Reimbursement Covera

Summary of Benefits and Coverage: What this Plan Covers & What it Costs

Coverage Period: 01/01/2013 -12/31/2013

Coverage for: Individual and Spouse | Plan Type: Indemnity

**This is only a summary.** If you want more detail about your coverage and costs, you can get the complete terms in the policy or plan document at www.Local94.com or by calling 1-212-541-9880.

Important Questions	Answers	Why this Matters:
What is the overall <u>deductible</u> ?	N/A. This plan only reimburses the Medicare Part B and Part D premiums to a combined member and spouse maximum of \$1,500/year.	See the chart starting on page 2 for your costs for services this plan covers.
Are there other <u>deductibles</u> for specific services?	N/A. This plan only reimburses the Medicare Part B and Part D premiums to a combined member and spouse maximum of \$1,500/year.	You don't have to meet <u>deductibles</u> for specific services, but see the chart starting on page 2 for other costs for services this plan covers.
Is there an <u>out–of– pocket</u> <u>limit</u> on my expenses?	N/A. This plan only reimburses the Medicare Part B and Part D premiums to a combined member and spouse maximum of \$1,500/year.	There's no limit on how much you could pay during a coverage period for your share of the cost of covered services.
What is not included in the <u>out–of–pocket</u> <u>limit</u> ?	N/A. This plan only reimburses the Medicare Part B and Part D premiums to a combined member and spouse maximum of \$1,500/year.	Not applicable because there's no <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> on your expenses.
Is there an overall annual limit on what the plan pays?	N/A. This plan only reimburses the Medicare Part B and Part D premiums to a combined member and spouse maximum of \$1,500/year.	The chart starting on page 2 describes any limits on what the plan will pay for <i>specific</i> covered services, such as office visits.
Does this plan use a <u>network</u> of <u>providers</u> ?	N/A. This plan only reimburses the Medicare Part B and Part D premiums to a combined member and spouse maximum of \$1,500/year.	This plan treats <b>providers</b> the same in determining payment for the same services.
Do I need a referral to see a <u>specialist</u> ?	N/A. This plan only reimburses the Medicare Part B and Part D premiums to a combined member and spouse maximum of \$1,500/year.	You can see the <b><u>specialist</u></b> you choose without permission from this plan.
Are there services this plan doesn't cover?	Yes.	All of the services this plan doesn't cover are listed on page 2. See your SPD for additional information about <b>excluded services</b> .

Questions: Call 1-212-541-9880 or visit us at www.Local94.com.

If you aren't clear about any of the underlined terms used in this form, see the Glossary. You can view the Glossary at **www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform** or call **1-212-541-9880** to request a copy.



- <u>Copayments</u> are fixed dollar amounts (for example, \$15) you pay for covered health care, usually when you receive the service.
- <u>Coinsurance</u> is *your* share of the costs of a covered service, calculated as a percent of the <u>allowed amount</u> for the service. For example, if the plan's <u>allowed amount</u> for an overnight hospital stay is \$1,000, your <u>coinsurance</u> payment of 20% would be \$200. This may change if you haven't met your <u>deductible</u>.
- The amount the plan pays for covered services is based on the <u>allowed amount</u>. If an out-of-network <u>provider</u> charges more than the <u>allowed amount</u>, you may have to pay the difference. For example, if an out-of-network hospital charges \$1,500 for an overnight stay and the <u>allowed amount</u> is \$1,000, you may have to pay the \$500 difference. (This is called <u>balance billing</u>.)
- Your cost sharing does not depend on whether a provider is in a network.

Common Medical Event	Service You May Need	Your Cost if You Use a Provider	Limitations & Exceptions
	Primary care visit to treat an injury or illness	Not applicable	Not applicable. This plan only reimburses the Medicare Part B and Part D premiums to a combined member and spouse maximum of \$1,500/year.
If you visit a health	Specialist visit	Not applicable	
care <u>provider's</u> office or clinic	Other practitioner office visit	Not applicable	
	Preventive care/ screening/immunization	Not applicable	
If you have a test	Diagnostic test (x-ray, blood work)	Not applicable	Not applicable. This plan only reimburses the Medicare Part B and Part D premiums to a combined member and spouse maximum of \$1,500/year.
	Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs)	Not applicable	
If you need drugs to treat your illness or condition	Generic drugs	Not applicable	Not applicable. This plan only reimburses the Medicare Part B and Part D premiums to a combined member and spouse maximum of \$1,500/year.
	Preferred brand drugs	Not applicable	
	Non-preferred brand drugs	Not applicable	
	Specialty drugs	Not applicable	
If you have outpatient surgery	Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory surgery center)	Not applicable	Not applicable. This plan only reimburses the Medicare Part B and Part
	Physician/surgeon fees	Not applicable	D premiums to a combined member and spouse maximum of \$1,500/year.

Common Medical Event	Service You May Need	Your Cost if You Use a Provider	Limitations & Exceptions
If you need immediate medical attention	Emergency room services	Not applicable	Not applicable. This plan only reimburses the Medicare Part B and Part D premiums to a combined member and spouse maximum of \$1,500/year.
	Emergency medical transportation	Not applicable	
	Urgent care	Not applicable	
If you have a hospital stay	Facility fee (e.g., hospital room)	Not applicable	Not applicable. This plan only reimburses the Medicare Part B and Part D premiums to a combined member and spouse maximum of \$1,500/year.
	Physician/surgeon fee	Not applicable	
If you have mental health, behavioral health, or substance abuse needs	Mental/Behavioral health outpatient services	Not applicable	Not applicable. This plan only reimburses the Medicare Part B and Part D premiums to a combined member and spouse maximum of \$1,500/year.
	Mental/Behavioral health inpatient services	Not applicable	
	Substance use disorder outpatient services	Not applicable	
	Substance use disorder inpatient services	Not applicable	
	Prenatal and postnatal care	Not applicable	Not applicable. This plan only reimburses the Medicare Part B and Part D premiums to a combined member and spouse maximum of \$1,500/year.
If you are pregnant	Delivery and all inpatient services	Not applicable	
	Home health care	Not applicable	Not applicable. This plan only reimburses the Medicare Part B and Part D premiums to a combined member and spouse maximum of \$1,500/year.
If you need help	Rehabilitation services	Not applicable	
	Habilitation services	Not applicable	
	Skilled nursing care	Not applicable	
	Durable medical equipment	Not applicable	
	Hospice service	Not applicable	
If your child needs dental or eye care	Eye exam	Not applicable	Not applicable. This plan only
	Glasses	Not applicable	reimburses the Medicare Part B and Part D premiums to a combined member and spouse maximum of \$1,500/year.
	Dental check-up	Not applicable	

#### **Excluded Services & Other Covered Services:**

Services Your Plan Does NOT Cover (This isn't a complete list. Check your policy or plan document for other excluded services.)		
• Acupuncture	• Hearing aids	• Private-duty nursing
• Bariatric surgery	• Infertility treatment	• Routine eye care (Adult)
• Chiropractic care	• Long-term care	• Routine foot care
• Cosmetic surgery	• Non-emergency care when traveling outside the	• Weight loss programs
• Dental care (Adult)	U.S.	

**Other Covered Services** (This isn't a complete list. Check your policy or plan document for other covered services and your costs for these services.)

●None

#### Your Rights to Continue Coverage:

If you lose coverage under the plan, then, depending upon the circumstances, Federal laws may provide protections that allow you to keep health coverage. Any such rights may be limited in duration and will require you to pay a **premium**. Other limitations on your rights to continue coverage may also apply.

For more information on your rights to continue coverage, contact the Fund Office at 1-212-541-9880. You may also contact the U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration at 1-866-444-3272 or www.dol.gov/ebsa, or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at 1-877-267-2323 x61565 or www.cciio.cms.gov.

#### Your Grievance and Appeals Rights:

If you have a complaint or are dissatisfied with a denial of coverage for claims under the Plan, you may be able to <u>appeal</u> or file a <u>grievance</u>. For questions about your rights, this notice, or assistance, you can contact: the Health and Benefit Trust Fund of the I.U.O.E. Local 94-94A-94B, AFL-CIO, 337 West 44th Street, New York, NY 10036, (212) 541-9880. You may also contact the Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration at 1-866-444-EBSA (3272) or dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform.

#### Language Access Services:

### About these Coverage **Examples:**

These examples show how this plan might cover medical care in given situations. Use these examples to see, in general, how much financial protection a sample patient might get if they are covered under different plans.



not a cost estimator.

Don't use these examples to estimate your actual costs under this plan. The actual care you receive will be different from these examples, and the cost of that care will also be different.

See the next page for important information about these examples.

### Having a baby

(normal delivery)

- Amount owed to providers: \$7,540
- Plan pays N/A
- Patient pays N/A

#### Sample care costs:

Hospital charges (mother)	\$2,700
Routine obstetric care	\$2,100
Hospital charges (baby)	\$900
Anesthesia	\$900
Laboratory tests	\$500
Prescriptions	\$200
Radiology	\$200
Vaccines, other preventive	\$40
Total	\$7,540

#### Patient pays:

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Deductibles	N/A
Copays	N/A
Coinsurance	N/A
Limits or exclusions	N/A
Total	N/A

Not applicable. This plan only reimburses the Medicare Part B and Part D premiums to a combined member and spouse maximum of \$1,500/year.

#### Managing type 2 diabetes

(routine maintenance of

a well-controlled condition)

- Amount owed to providers: \$5,400
- Plan pays N/A
- Patient pays N/A

#### Sample care costs:

Prescriptions	\$2,900
Medical Equipment and Supplies	\$1,300
Office Visits and Procedures	\$700
Education	\$300
Laboratory tests	\$100
Vaccines, other preventive	\$100
Total	\$5,400

#### Patient pays:

Deductibles	N/A
Copays	N/A
Coinsurance	N/A
Limits or exclusions	N/A
Total	N/A

Not applicable. This plan only reimburses the Medicare Part B and Part D premiums to a combined member and spouse maximum of \$1,500/year.

### **Questions and answers about the Coverage Examples:**

# What are some of the assumptions behind the Coverage Examples?

- Costs don't include **premiums**.
- Sample care costs are based on national averages supplied by the U.S.
  Department of Health and Human Services, and aren't specific to a particular geographic area or health plan.
- The patient's condition was not an excluded or preexisting condition.
- All services and treatments started and ended in the same coverage period.
- There are no other medical expenses for any member covered under this plan.
- Out-of-pocket expenses are based only on treating the condition in the example.
- The patient received all care from innetwork providers. If the patient had received care from out-of-network providers, costs would have been higher.

## What does a Coverage Example show?

For each treatment situation, the Coverage Example helps you see how **<u>deductibles</u>**, <u>**copayments**</u>, and <u>**coinsurance**</u> can add up. It also helps you see what expenses might be left up to you to pay because the service or treatment isn't covered or payment is limited.

## Does the Coverage Example predict my own care needs?

**No.** Treatments shown are just examples. The care you would receive for this condition could be different based on your doctor's advice, your age, how serious your condition is, and many other factors.

# Does the Coverage Example predict my future expenses?

No. Coverage Examples are <u>not</u> cost estimators. You can't use the examples to estimate costs for an actual condition. They are for comparative purposes only. Your own costs will be different depending on the care you receive, the prices your <u>providers</u> charge, and the reimbursement your health plan allows.

# Can I use Coverage Examples to compare plans?

 ✓ Yes. When you look at the Summary of Benefits and Coverage for other plans, you'll find the same Coverage Examples.
When you compare plans, check the "Patient Pays" box in each example. The smaller that number, the more coverage the plan provides.

# Are there other costs I should consider when comparing plans?

 Yes. An important cost is the premium you pay. Generally, the lower your premium, the more you'll pay in out-ofpocket costs, such as <u>copayments</u>, <u>deductibles</u>, and <u>coinsurance</u>. You should also consider contributions to accounts such as health savings accounts (HSAs), flexible spending arrangements (FSAs) or health reimbursement accounts (HRAs) that help you pay out-of-pocket expenses.

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