# **Northwest Ironworkers Trust Funds**

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To: All Eligible Medicare Participants and Medicare Eligible Spouses

**Northwest Ironworkers Health and Security Trust** 

RE: Clarification of Benefit Changes and New Premium Rates Effective July 1, 2022

On May 4, 2022, you were notified that the Northwest Ironworkers Health and Security Trust (the "Trust") is changing the way it provides medical and prescription drug benefits to Medicare eligible participants and spouses.

Effective **July 1, 2022,** your medical and prescription coverage will be provided by United Healthcare Group Medicare Advantage PPO and Prescription Drug plan. These coverages will be fully insured by United Healthcare. Benefits will be similar to those currently provided by the Trust. If you are currently enrolled in the Trust's dental coverage, your dental benefits will continue and there will be no changes to your dental benefits.

#### **Vision Benefit Clarification**

Please note, your vision coverage will continue to be provided through Vision Service Plan (VSP). Your vision coverage will not be transferred to United Healthcare Group Medicare Advantage PPO.

## Retiree Rates Effective July 1, 2022

| Medical Rates*            | Northwest Retirees |                   |          | Alaska Retirees   |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Medicare                  | 1/1/2022           | New Rate 7/1/2022 | 1/1/2022 | New Rate 7/1/2022 |
| Single                    | \$329              | \$226             | \$330    | \$226             |
| Two-party                 | \$629              | \$433             | \$658    | \$433             |
| Family                    | \$867              | \$596             | \$800    | \$596             |
| Combination               |                    |                   |          |                   |
| 2-Party: 1 Medicare/1 non | \$1,021            | \$946             | \$1,098  | \$1,006           |
| 3-Party: 2 Medicare       | \$1,181            | \$1,009           | \$992    | \$823             |
| 3-Parry: 1 Medicare       | \$1,569            | \$1,522           | \$1,430  | \$1,396           |

<sup>\*</sup>Medical Rates include Vision coverage through VSP

Dental rates remain the same, \$60 per individual.

For those retirees that pay their retiree health care premiums via deduction from their monthly retirement benefit, the new contributions will automatically be withheld from your July benefit payment and no additional action is required.

## Questions?

| About                         | Contact                      | Phone Number |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Premium payments, Eligibility | WPAS – Administration Office | 866-986-1515 |
| UHC Medical Benefits          | Labor First Retiree Advocate | 855-433-1667 |
| Dental Benefits               | WPAS – Administration Office | 866-986-1515 |
| Vision Service Plan (VSP)     | VSP Customer Services        | 800-877-7195 |

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**Important Reminder** - You must advise the Administration Office of any changes in your basic demographic data, including changes in your name, marital status, dependents, other insurance coverage available, designated beneficiary, home address, email address and telephone number. Provide information changes by completing and sending a new Enrollment Form to the Administration Office. If you have a change in dependents, divorce requires a complete filed copy of your divorce decree along with any accompanying court orders including the parenting plan. A Newborn requires a copy of the birth certificate. Marriage requires a copy of your marriage certificate, the parenting plan for stepchildren and their birth certificates.

Failure to update your information on file may interfere with our ability to process your benefits and provide timely communication of important Plan information.