A Letter from the Board of Trustees

Dear Member:

The Board of Trustees is pleased to provide you with this Answerbook...an updated description of your TeamstersCare benefits. The benefits described in this booklet, although authorized by the Trustees and administered by our TeamstersCare staff, are benefits that you have earned—and continue to earn—over the course of your working years.

The Trustees are committed to providing you and your eligible family members with high-quality healthcare coverage—as well as weekly disability and other benefits.

Besides these basic coverages, you and your family have access to local TeamstersCare in-house clinical services at our Charlestown, Chelmsford, and Stoughton facilities. Services include the Employee Assistance Program (EAP), prescription drug, dental, and audiology services in supportive surroundings and at the hands of our own dedicated TeamstersCare healthcare professionals.

Your new Answerbook is a Summary Plan Description (SPD), a document designed to outline the basic details of your TeamstersCare benefits. The Board of Trustees is the Plan Sponsor and Plan Administrator of the benefits according to the terms of this SPD and the Agreement and Declaration of Trust of the Teamsters Union 25 Health Services & Insurance Plan.

The Answerbook describes the benefits and services available if you or one of your eligible dependents is sick or injured, needs preventive care, or suffers an unexpected loss. Please read this booklet carefully and make certain your family understands how they can use the Answerbook to find important information, both routinely and in case of emergency.

If you have questions on any aspect of your benefits visit us in person at any of our facilities, check our website at www.teamsterscare.com or contact TeamstersCare through Charlestown Member Services, at the following numbers:

    local: 617-241-9220, ext 2,
    toll free in MA: 800-442-9939, ext 2,
    toll free outside MA: 800-225-6135, ext 2.

Remember:

No question you or a dependent may have is too basic to ask—or too much trouble for us to answer.

Sincerely,

Board of Trustees
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Introduction

The Teamsters Union 25 Health Services & Insurance Plan, more commonly called TeamstersCare, offers you and your family the security of quality health care and a measure of financial protection through disability, life, and accident insurance plans.

If you’re an eligible TeamstersCare member, you, your spouse and your dependent children have the following health benefits:

- medical care and hospitalization
- behavioral health benefits
- pharmacy and prescription drugs
- dental care
- vision care
- hearing care
- employee assistance program (EAP)

As a member, you also have the additional financial protection provided by these TeamstersCare benefits:

- weekly disability benefits—replacement income if you can’t work because you’re sick or injured—for the member
- life insurance—for the member and dependents
- accidental death and dismemberment (AD&D) insurance—extra life and accident protection—for the member

Certain bargaining agreements may provide different benefits. If you are covered under one of these agreements, you’ll receive additional information specific to your benefits.

As a reference, this booklet contains quite a bit of detail about your benefits. You should share the information in this booklet with your family.

If you have questions regarding specific benefits that you can’t find described in this benefit booklet, don’t hesitate to call Charlestown Member Services. See page 75 for these and other important phone numbers.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

In March 2010, Congress passed and the President signed into law the Affordable Care Act. As a result of the Act, TeamstersCare is required to provide you with certain health care coverages and information.

Grandfathered Plan under the Affordable Care Act

TeamstersCare believes that our plan is a “grandfathered health plan” under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. A grandfathered health plan can preserve certain basic health coverage that was already in effect when the law was enacted. Being a grandfathered plan means that TeamstersCare may not include certain consumer protections of the Act that apply to other plans. For example, we are not required to follow the provision of preventive health services without any cost sharing. However, grandfathered health plans must comply with certain other consumer protections in the Act, such as the elimination of lifetime dollar limits for benefits.
Questions regarding which protections apply and which protections do not apply to a grandfathered health plan and what might cause the plan to change status can be directed to the TeamstersCare Executive Director, at 617-241-9220 ext. 244. You may also contact the Employee Benefits Security Administration, US 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.

**Participation in the Early Retiree Reinsurance Program**

You are a plan participant, or are being offered the opportunity to enroll as a plan participant, in an employment-based health plan (TeamstersCare) that is certified for participation in the Early Retiree Reinsurance Program (ERRP). The Early Retiree Reinsurance Program is a Federal program that was established under the Affordable Care Act. Under the Program, the Federal government reimburses a plan sponsor of an employment-based health plan for some of the costs of health care benefits paid on behalf of, or by, early retirees and certain family members of early retirees participating in the plan. By law, the program expires on January 1, 2014.

Under the Early Retiree Reinsurance Program, TeamstersCare may choose to use any reimbursements it receives from this program to reduce or offset increases in early retiree plan participants’ premium contributions, co-payments, deductibles or other out-of-pocket costs. If TeamstersCare chooses to use the ERRP reimbursements this way, you, as a plan participant, may experience changes that may be advantageous to you, in your health plan coverage terms and conditions, for so long as the reimbursements under this program are available and TeamstersCare chooses to use the reimbursements for this purpose. TeamstersCare may also use the ERRP reimbursements to reduce or offset increases in its own costs for maintaining your health benefits coverage, which may increase the likelihood that it will continue to offer health benefits coverage to its retirees and employees and their families.
United Parcel Service (UPS) Part-time Benefit Members

If you are an eligible United Parcel Service (UPS) part-time employee, your Teamsters Union 25 Health Services & Insurance Plan coverage differs from the coverage for other members in two basic ways: the benefits you receive and your eligibility rules.

UPS Part-time Benefits

If you work 225 hours or more for UPS in a three-month eligibility determination period, but fewer than 400 hours, you are eligible for the following TeamstersCare benefits:

- medical
- behavioral health
- pharmacy and prescription drugs
- dental care
- vision care
- hearing care
- employee assistance program (EAP)

However, you are not eligible for:

- weekly disability
- life insurance
- dependent life insurance
- AD&D insurance

UPS Part-time Eligibility

As a UPS part-time employee, the same eligibility rules apply to you as to full-time employees, except that you have to work 225 hours, rather than 400 hours, in a three-month eligibility determination period.

If you’re a UPS part-time employee, and you work 400 or more hours in a fixed three-month eligibility determination period, then you receive the same benefits as a full-time employee during the corresponding three-month benefit coverage period.

For more information on eligibility rules, see the description immediately following in the Eligibility section, keeping in mind that your eligibility is based on 225 hours rather than 400 hours.
Eligibility

Member Eligibility

You become eligible for TeamstersCare benefits in one of two ways:

- you begin working for an employer who is already participating with Teamsters Local 25 (or some other participating Local or organization) and who is contributing to Teamsters Union 25 Health Services & Insurance Plan (TeamstersCare)—in this case, you become an active participant as soon as you fulfill the eligibility requirements

  or

- you are already working for an employer who begins participating with Teamsters Local 25 (or some other participating Local or organization) and begins contributing to TeamstersCare—in this case, you become an active participant when your employer contributes to TeamstersCare an amount equal to the remittance rate times the required number of hours and you fulfill the eligibility requirements.

How You First Become Eligible

To become eligible for benefits once you’re covered by a contract requiring contributions on your behalf, you have to work and your employer must have remitted contributions for a total of 400 or more hours over a period of any three consecutive months. When you reach 400 hours during that three-month period, you become eligible to enroll in the Plan. After you enroll, coverage for you and your eligible dependents begins on the first day of the next month following the accumulation of the 400 hours.

**Initial Eligibility Example:** If you work and your employer contributes on your behalf 110 hours for March, 200 hours for April and 160 hours for May, you are eligible to enroll for benefits beginning June 1.

**Important Note:** *In this Answerbook, anytime the word “work” is used as it relates to eligibility, it means credited with required contributions according to the Collective Bargaining Agreement or by law. In this context, “required contributions” means contributions owed to the Fund for those hours—or part of hours—for which wages are paid or due figured to the nearest quarter hour, as well as hours for paid vacation, paid holiday, and other hours for which pay is due or received by the member.*

How You Continue to Remain Eligible

After you’ve become eligible for the first time (regardless of what month your eligibility starts), you remain eligible through the next January 31, or April 30, or July 31, or October 31—whichever date comes first. These dates are called eligibility review dates and they are used to determine your continuing eligibility.

**Important Note:** *Under a special Plan provision, the first time you become eligible, you’re entitled to no less than three months coverage. Thus, if the period between the day you first become eligible to enroll and the following eligibility review date is less than three months, your eligibility automatically extends to the next following eligibility review date.*
On each eligibility review date, we look at the number of hours you’ve worked during a fixed three-month period. So long as you worked 400 or more hours during that fixed three-month eligibility determination period, you continue to be eligible, from the review date on, for the next three months going forward. If you do not have 400 or more hours, you may continue eligibility if your employer has made contributions of 1800 or more hours in the previous 12 months, and you have worked at least one hour in the current eligibility determination period, and we have proof that you continue to work for a contributing TeamstersCare employer.

Here’s how the eligibility cycle works:

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*You must provide proof of continued employment in either the month before the eligibility coverage period or the first month of the new eligibility coverage period to be eligible for the 1800 hour look-back rule.

**Important Note:** If you’re a UPS part-timer and you work at least 225 hours (but less than 400) in a fixed three-month period, you’re eligible for all TeamstersCare benefits except weekly disability, life, dependent life, and AD&D. If you work 400 or more hours, you’re eligible for all benefits in the corresponding three-month coverage period, just as though you were a full-time employee.

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## Buying-up Hours

If you fall short of 400 hours in a fixed three-month period, or you do not have 1800 hours in the 12 month look-back period, we check to see if you worked more than the required 400 hours in each of three consecutive calendar quarters, but then fell short of 400 hours in the most recent quarter. If this happens, you’re eligible to continue coverage by “buying-up” the number of hours you need to remain eligible. To be eligible for the buy-up, the following conditions must apply:

- you must have worked at least 400 hours in each of the three consecutive quarters immediately preceding the quarter in which you have the shortfall;
- you must work at least one hour in the quarter you’re buying up;
- you must provide proof of continued employment in either the month before the eligibility coverage period or the first month of the new eligibility coverage period;
- the buy-up rate is your employer’s contracted hourly remittance rate that is in place during the quarter you have the shortfall;
- the amount you pay is your buy-up rate times the number of hours you fall short of the required 400 hours;
- there’s a $1,000 maximum on the amount you’re required to pay in order to buy-up in any given quarter—once you reach this $1,000 cap, you do not have to pay any additional amount for that quarter; and
- you pay for your hours directly to TeamstersCare by check or money order.
Once you buy-up for a particular quarter, you cannot count that same quarter as the first in a new series of consecutive three-month periods. In other words, once you buy-up for one quarter, you must then work—and have remittances paid on your behalf by your employer—for three consecutive quarters before you again have the opportunity to buy-up. If you are not eligible under the 400 hour rule, the 1800 hour look-back or the buy-up option, you may have the option to continue coverage under COBRA.

### How to Reinstate Lost Eligibility

If for some reason you do not meet the eligibility requirements and you are not eligible to buy-up (or you decline), then you lose TeamstersCare coverage. In order to reinstate your eligibility, you must work at least 400 hours in a rolling three-month reinstatement period that occurs either before or within 12 months after you’ve lost coverage. Once you’re ineligible for more than 12 months, you have to reinstate just as though you were a new member. (See How You First Become Eligible on page 10.)

When reinstating, you can work your 400 hours before or after the date on which your eligibility ends. The number of months you lose coverage, and the number of months of eligibility you earn when you reinstate, both depend on the relationship between the date you lose eligibility and the three-month rolling reinstatement period when you work your 400-hours. Once you become ineligible, you must always lose at least one month of coverage before you can regain eligibility.

**Reinstatement Example.** If you lose your eligibility on April 30th, regardless of how or when you reinstate, you must lose coverage for at least the month of May. The earliest three-month period you can use to reinstate is February/March/April. So, on April 30th, you look back at those three months; if you reached 400 hours during that period, you lose coverage for May, but reinstate as of June 1st.

However, if you don’t make your 400 hours in February/March/April, you then “roll” forward to the next three-month period, March/April/May. On May 31st, you look back on that period to see if you’ve worked 400 or more hours. If yes, your eligibility reinstates on June 1st; if no, then you “roll” forward to the next three-month period, April/May/June...and so on, from one three-month period to the next, until you work 400 or more hours in any three-consecutive month period.

### Supplemental Reinstatement/Eligibility Rules

**Construction Industry Rules –**

When a TeamstersCare member works for a construction industry employer with a Collective Bargaining Agreement requiring that the employer contribute for all hours worked, up to 2080 hours in a calendar year, and the member reaches 2080 hours of contributions in that calendar year, eligibility continues for the February, March and April eligibility period of the following year.

**Movie Industry Rules–**

Due to the contractual hours remitted in the movie industry (up to 65 hours/week) members in the Movie Referral System (seniority or casual list), who have received at least 65 hours of movie contributions in the
past twelve months, are granted eligibility for the buy-up rule and for the 1800 hour extended coverage rule and do not need to show proof of continued employment.

### Oil Industry Rules –

Members working for the oil industry who lose eligibility on October 31st can reinstate coverage December 1st if they work 100 or more hours in October. The member must lose one month of coverage (November); all contribution hours must be from a TeamstersCare oil industry employer; and the member must continue to work each month of the next quarter. This rule does not supersede the 1800 hour or buy-up provision rules.

### Dependent Eligibility

#### When Your Dependents Are Eligible

Once your own eligibility begins, your dependents also become eligible for TeamstersCare medical, prescription drug, dental, vision, hearing, and behavioral health benefits.

**Important Note:** For purposes of TeamstersCare eligibility, once your dependent is enrolled, and so long as your dependent meets the Plan’s definition of “eligible dependent,” you cannot terminate coverage for that dependent.

“Eligible dependents” include:

- your current spouse, or an ex-spouse who was covered by the Plan when you divorced, or an ex-spouse who was an eligible and enrolled dependent when a new employer begins contributing to the Plan, in cases where:
  - you have a divorce decree requiring you to cover your ex-spouse, and
  - you decline coverage for your current spouse (in order to maintain coverage for your ex-spouse) and your current spouse agrees in writing to waive all current and future coverage from Teamsters Union 25 Health Services & Insurance Plan and provides proof of other coverage. (*Note:* new members working for a regular contributing employer cannot cover an ex-spouse if the member was divorced or legally separated before joining the Plan)

- your children, up to age 26 provided they are not eligible for an employer provided health plan

- your unmarried children who are incapable of self-care because of a physical or mental disability, provided they:
  - depend on you for support, and
  - first became disabled before turning 26 and were covered by the Plan at that time.

#### Defining “Eligible Children”

“Eligible children” include your natural children; dependent children of your dependent; legally adopted children; children placed with you for adoption; stepchildren; children for whom the member has been appointed legal guardian; foster children. TeamstersCare also covers member’s children named under a
Qualified Medical Child Support Order, provided a copy of this order is filed with Teamsters Union 25 Health Services & Insurance Plan, 16 Sever Street, Charlestown, MA 02129-1305. Call Charlestown Member Services at 617-241-9220 ext. 2 for a copy of TeamstersCare’s procedures regarding Qualified Medical Child Support Orders.

**Defining “Disabled Children”**

Under certain circumstances, TeamstersCare may continue to provide medical benefits for a disabled child beyond the date dependent eligibility would normally have ended. For coverage to be extended, the child must be first disabled before they turn age 26 and, at that time, they must be:

- covered by the Plan
- currently unmarried, and
- mentally or physically disabled so as not to be able to earn his or her own living on the date eligibility would normally end.

In order for your dependent to be eligible for continued medical coverage, you must provide TeamstersCare with proof of the disability within 30 days after the disabled child turns 26.

Periodically, as required by the Medical Review Committee you will need to provide medical documentation or other information for review. The Committee will evaluate this information and determine whether the dependent is still eligible for continuing TeamstersCare coverage. Failure to provide medical documentation when requested may cause your dependent to lose eligibility. For further details, contact Charlestown Member Services at 617-241-9220 ext. 2.

**Important Note:** If you have a disabled dependent when you—as a member—first become eligible for TeamstersCare coverage, the Plan may provide medical benefits for that dependent so long as you submit proof of disability, to the TeamstersCare Medical Review Committee, within 30 days of the date you become eligible.

**Continuing TeamstersCare Coverage**

**Continuing TeamstersCare Coverage under COBRA**

In certain cases where you or your dependents would otherwise lose healthcare benefits, you may be able to continue medical coverage under the Federal law known as COBRA (see page 46 for details on COBRA coverage).

**Dependent Coverage when Eligibility Ends**

Your dependents lose coverage at the same time your own eligibility ends. Individual dependents can also lose coverage if they no longer meet the definition of an eligible dependent; however they may be able to continue medical coverage through COBRA (see page 48 for details on COBRA coverage for dependents).

**Family Coverage in Case of Your Death**

If you die while covered by the TeamstersCare Program, TeamstersCare will continue to provide your family with medical, behavioral health, prescription drug, dental, vision, hearing, and the Employee Assistance Program. These extended benefits can apply for up to three months beyond the benefit coverage period when your dependents would otherwise lose eligibility. After three months, your family will have the option of continuing coverage under COBRA, or, if eligible, may be able to join a
TeamstersCare Retiree Program. When extending benefits under any of these options, certain conditions may apply. For more information, call Charlestown Member Services at 617-241-9220 ext. 2.

**Continuing Coverage if You’re Disabled**

If you’re disabled and are receiving either TeamstersCare Weekly Disability benefits (for a non-work-related disability) or Workers’ Compensation (for a work-related disability), you may be able to continue receiving TeamstersCare medical benefits during the period of your disability. In either case, you must meet all of the Plan’s eligibility rules.

If your disability is caused by a job-related sickness or injury and you’re receiving Workers’ Compensation benefits, your employer may be required to contribute to TeamstersCare at a rate of 32 hours a week for up to 12 months, if specified in your Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA).

**Continuing Coverage for Your Spouse after Legal Separation or Divorce**

In the event of divorce or legal separation, a court might order you to provide medical coverage for your former spouse and eligible dependents. In certain cases, TeamstersCare may extend the same coverage to which your ex-spouse had been previously entitled, except for life insurance. To be eligible, your ex-spouse must have been covered by the Plan at the time of your divorce. You will need to provide Charlestown Member Services with the effective date of the divorce and documentation of the court order within 30 days of your divorce becoming final.

If coverage is extended, but your ex-spouse subsequently remarries, then the extended coverage ends on the date of remarriage. You, as the member, are responsible for notifying TeamstersCare within 31 days of this change in family status. If you remarry, you may elect to continue coverage for your ex-spouse—instead of your new spouse—provided your new spouse agrees in writing to waive all current and future coverage from Teamsters Union 25 Health Services & Insurance Plan and provides proof of other health coverage. Under the Plan, you cannot cover a spouse and an ex-spouse at the same time.

If, upon divorce, you are not required to provide coverage for your ex-spouse, he/she may be eligible to purchase temporary extended healthcare coverage under COBRA for up to 36 months (see page 48 for details of COBRA coverage for dependents).

You, as the member, are responsible for notifying an ex-spouse of all benefit information including benefit changes, reinstatements, providing ID cards, etc. The Plan is responsible for notifying an ex-spouse of COBRA coverage upon termination of health care benefits.

**Important Note:** Divorce or legal separation is a change in family status, which—in order to ensure coverage for your eligible dependents—you must report to TeamstersCare within 31 days of the change. If you fail to do so, TeamstersCare cannot ensure continuous or timely coverage for any claims you may incur beyond that 31 day period.

**Coverage on Returning from Military Duty**

If you return to your job within 90 days of authorized military duty, your TeamstersCare coverage is reinstated immediately, provided:

- you were eligible for benefits at the time you went on duty
- you work at least one hour for a contributing employer after returning to work
- your employer provides TeamstersCare with documentation that you have returned to work, and
- you provide proof of military service listing your discharge date
Your reinstated coverage continues for the remainder of the eligibility determination period during which you were reinstated through the subsequent benefit coverage period, according to the following schedule:

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For example, if you return to work on August 20, and work at least one hour, then coverage for you and your eligible dependents begins on August 20 and continues through January 31.

While you are in the military, you and your dependents have the right to elect continued benefit coverage under COBRA for up to 24 months (see page 46 for details on COBRA coverage).

**Coverage through Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)**

If you are unable to afford the premiums, some States have premium assistance programs that can help pay for coverage. These States use funds from their Medicaid or CHIP programs to help people who are eligible for employer-sponsored health coverage, but need assistance in paying their health premiums.

If you or your dependents are already enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, you can contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office to find out if premium assistance is available.

If you or your dependents are NOT currently enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, and you think you or any of your dependents might be eligible for either of these programs, you can contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office or dial **1-877-KIDS NOW** or [www.insurekidsnow.gov](http://www.insurekidsnow.gov) to find out how to apply. If you qualify, you can ask the State if it has a program that might help you pay the premiums for an employer-sponsored plan. Go to the TeamstersCare website for a list by state with contact information for the Medicaid and CHIP Offices.

**How to Enroll in TeamstersCare Benefits**

**Information You Must Provide to Enroll in TeamstersCare Benefits**

Once you are eligible, in order to enroll in TeamstersCare benefits, we must have complete, accurate, and up-to-date information for you and your eligible dependents. You’re responsible for providing this information and for keeping the information updated.

Once you have worked the required number of hours and your employer has made the corresponding contributions, Charlestown Member Services will send you an Enrollment Package. You must complete the Enrollment Form and return it to Charlestown Member Services with the required documentation (i.e. marriage license and birth certificate for each dependent child) within 31 days of receiving the package.
**Important Note:** TeamstersCare cannot activate your benefits, which means you and your family will not have access to TeamstersCare coverage, until we have received a complete and accurate Enrollment Form and corresponding documentation. If the Enrollment Form is not received within 31 days from when we send the package, eligibility for benefits will be activated on the first day of the month that the Enrollment Form and documentation is received.

### Change in Family Status Notification

A change in family status is any event that affects the records we currently have on file for you and your dependents. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- moving out of the geographic area covered by your medical option
- a change in your address or the address of an eligible dependent
- marriage, divorce or legal separation, or the mandate of a court order
- adding a new dependent by: birth, adoption, or placement for adoption; marriage; the mandate of a Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMCSO)
- death of an eligible participant
- loss of dependent eligibility; change in physically or mentally disabled status
- returning to work after a disability
- any change in your own or your dependent’s employment-related healthcare coverage
- eligibility for Medicare and/or Social Security disability status
- coverage for you and/or any of your dependents under any group benefit plans other than TeamstersCare

**Important Note:** If you have a change in family status you—or someone acting on your behalf—must notify Charlestown Member Services by telephone or in writing within 31 days of the change (see page 75 for contact information). If you fail to do so, TeamstersCare cannot ensure continuous or timely coverage of any claims incurred beyond that 31-day time period. TeamstersCare may require that you submit certain changes in writing or proof of your change in family status, at the time you notify us of the change.

TeamstersCare manages all eligibility and enrollment issues. Anytime you provide us with eligibility-related information, we’ll notify all the vendors on your behalf.

### Suspension of Benefits

There are certain instances where, although you may be otherwise eligible for TeamstersCare benefits, your benefits and those of your dependents could be suspended until such time as the situation causing your suspension is remedied. A member’s suspension could result from:

- not responding to a request to repay an overpayment of a disability claim
- not repaying a lien after you receive a monetary award
- not repaying the Plan after you have received proceeds from a third party
- not responding to a request for information
- not submitting an Enrollment Form when TeamstersCare requires you to do so
- enrolling an ineligible dependent
- committing fraud or misrepresenting information to TeamstersCare
- a check for a buy-up, COBRA payment, or TeamsterShare Payment is returned from your bank as unpaid

A member, who is suspended on the date a qualifying event is sustained, will not be extended COBRA coverage.
TeamstersCare Benefits

Medical Benefit

TeamstersCare provides medical benefits through an HMO and an Out of Area Option:

- TeamstersCare HMO Blue New England Option
- TeamstersCare Blue Care Elect Preferred Out of Area Option

Each of these options offers a wide range of health services, including coverage of doctors’ visits, hospitalization, surgery, maternity care, behavioral health—and many other medical products and services.

Your choice depends on where you live. To participate in the HMO, you must live within that HMO’s network service area. If you or any one of your eligible dependents permanently lives in an area not covered by the HMO, then you and all your dependents will automatically be covered by the TeamstersCare Blue Care Elect Preferred Out of Area Option. You cannot elect the Out of Area Option if you and all your eligible dependents permanently reside in the TeamstersCare HMO Blue New England service area.

If you’re a member of TeamstersCare HMO Blue New England, you will need to select a Primary Care Physician (PCP) for yourself and for each covered family member. Your individual PCP will coordinate all your routine care and guide you through any referrals you may need for specialized services. If you’re a member of the Out of Area Option, you do not have to select a PCP. When you use a participating network provider, the Out of Area Option covers most services in full, after you make certain copays. If you use a non-network provider, most expenses are covered at 80% of reasonable and customary amounts after a $250 individual/$500 family deductible. The out of network calendar year coinsurance maximum is $1,000 per individual/$2,000 per family.

If you’re currently enrolled in TeamstersCare’s HMO Blue New England, and you or an eligible dependent permanently moves out of the HMO’s service area, or you are enrolled in the Blue Care Elect Preferred Out of Area Option and you and all your dependents permanently live in the New England area, then you must call Charlestown Member Services to discuss changing your medical benefit option.

The only exception to this rule is if a dependent (for example a college student) temporarily moves out of the HMO service area. In this case, your dependent will continue to be covered by your HMO option.

TeamstersCare HMO Blue New England:

For specific details of your HMO coverages, refer to your HMO booklet. In general:

- You’ll select a Primary Care Physician (PCP)—the individual professional who’s principally responsible for coordinating your medical care. Check online at [www.bluecrossma.com](http://www.bluecrossma.com) for physicians in your area. Your current doctor might already be a PCP in the Blue Cross network.
- Each of your family members chooses a PCP and receives medical care from his or her individual PCP.
- When specialized care is needed, your PCP coordinates all referrals to practitioners within the HMO network. It’s especially important to be in contact with your PCP.
• Except for life-threatening emergencies—and other specific circumstances, HMO’s pay benefits for services only when provided or referred by an individual’s PCP.

• HMO’s will not cover the expense of any non-emergency services you receive outside the HMO’s network.

• You do not have to pay deductibles or coinsurance or fill out claim forms—though in most cases you will be responsible for making a copay.

**Important Note:** *If you’re a new Plan member, your HMO coverage begins on the date you become eligible to enroll for TeamstersCare benefits as long as we receive your completed Enrollment Form and documentation within 31 days of the date we sent your Enrollment Package. Your eligible dependents are covered as of that same date unless you enroll a dependent at a later date.*

*If the Enrollment Form is not received within 31 days from when we send the package, eligibility for benefits will be activated on the first day of the month that the Enrollment Form and documentation is received.*

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**TeamstersCare Blue Care Elect Preferred Out of Area Option**

If you or your eligible dependents **permanently** reside outside the HMO’s service area, TeamstersCare provides your basic medical coverage through Blue Care Elect Preferred. For more details on the Blue Care Elect Preferred provider network and facilities, call **1-800-810-2583** or visit [www.bluecross.com](http://www.bluecross.com).

When you or a dependent receives covered medical services from a Blue Care Elect Preferred provider, in most cases your only cost will be the copay you make directly to your provider.

**Non-Network Medical Coverage under the Out of Area Option**

If you do not have convenient access to a Blue Care Elect Preferred provider, you can go to any other non-network provider of your choice. In this case, TeamstersCare will pay 80% of reasonable and customary costs for covered services, after a $250 individual /$500 family annual deductible, and you will be responsible for the balance. The out of network calendar year coinsurance maximum is $1,000 per individual /$2,000 per family. (These are the maximum amounts you will pay out of your pocket each year.)

If you’re a new Plan member, your Out of Area coverage begins on the same date that you become eligible for TeamstersCare coverage. Your eligible dependents are covered as of that same date. TeamstersCare must have a completed Enrollment Form and required documentation before your benefits can be activated.

If you change to the Blue Care Elect Preferred Out of Area Option due to a qualifying event, then your coverage in this option begins the first of the following month after you notify us.

For more information on specific coverages under the Blue Care Elect Preferred option, claims-related questions, and limitations that might apply to services call the Blue Care Elect Preferred Plan at **1-800-241-0803**.
Blue Cross Blue Shield Behavioral Health Benefit

Counseling and treatment are available for emotional difficulties, mental illness, substance abuse, family and marital problems, childhood and adolescent concerns. Benefits also include a variety of programs and services with case managers available to help members living with chronic behavioral health conditions.

To access outpatient behavioral health services, no referral or pre-authorization is necessary; you simply make an appointment to see any in-network provider and pay a $15 copay for services.

For new episodes of outpatient care, up to the first 12 visits are automatically authorized. If more than 12 visits are needed, your in-network provider will contact Blue Cross Blue Shield for additional authorization, with no action needed by you.

If you experience a behavioral health emergency situation or are in need of acute hospital care, you can work with your provider to determine an appropriate plan of care; when that’s not practical, you should proceed to any Emergency Room. No authorization is needed for emergency care, and if a hospital admission is necessary, the facility will contact Blue Cross Blue Shield for authorization.

Members and dependents can call the Blue Cross Behavioral Health Coordination line at 1-800-444-2426 (the phone number is listed on your I.D. card) and a Blue Cross Member Service Associate will assist you. You can also access their web-site at www.bcbsma.com and go to the Find-A-Doctor directory to locate a provider.

**Important Note:** Regardless of which TeamstersCare Medical Option you enroll in, your prescription, dental, vision, audiology, and Employee Assistance Program services, are provided to you through TeamstersCare, not through the HMO or the Out of Area Option.
Clinical Benefits

Your family has access to a variety of important healthcare services provided directly by TeamstersCare through its own dedicated facilities or through specialized providers.

These services include:

- pharmacy and prescription drugs
- dental care
- vision care
- hearing care
- employee assistance program (EAP)

**Important Note:** These services are made available to you through TeamstersCare—not through the HMO or the Out of Area Option.

Pharmacy Benefits

Under the TeamstersCare plan, you and your eligible dependents have four options when you need prescription drug services.

**Option #1: TeamstersCare In-House Pharmacies**

The TeamstersCare Pharmacies at Charlestown and Stoughton dispense prescriptions (for up to a 90 day supply) for you and your family for a $5 (generic)/$15 (brand name) TeamsterShare Payment per prescription. The TeamstersCare in-house pharmacies offer you an easy, cost-effective way to fill prescriptions, including those you use on an ongoing basis, such as heart or blood pressure medication and diabetic supplies.

To have a prescription filled by the TeamstersCare Pharmacies, you may:

- take your prescription to the TeamstersCare Pharmacy in Charlestown or Stoughton
- have your doctor call in the prescription to the TeamstersCare Pharmacy
- have your doctor fax the prescription to the TeamstersCare Pharmacy
- ask the TeamstersCare Pharmacist to call your doctor on your behalf

**Refilling Your Prescription at TeamstersCare is Easy**

Call ahead using Telemanger ... an automated telephone system, available to refill a prescription at the Stoughton (781-297-9764) or Charlestown (617-241-9024) TeamstersCare Pharmacies. Simply follow the phone prompts and use the keypad on your telephone to submit the information required to refill a prescription. Be sure to have your old prescription available, as you will need the 6 digit refill number.

Go online using Refill Netmanager ... available to refill your prescriptions at either of our TeamstersCare Pharmacies. Simply go to www.teamsterscare.com, and click on the TeamstersCare Pharmacy Benefit icon on the left side of the screen. This will bring you to the Refill Netmanager system where you can...
complete the Online Prescription Refill Form. Be sure to have your old prescription available, as you will need the 6 digit refill number.

Please note that the hours of operation for our two TeamstersCare in-house Pharmacies are slightly different. The hours are subject to change:

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Call ahead whenever possible so your medication will be available and ready when you arrive.

Option #2: Mail Order Prescription Service

You can have your long-term and maintenance medications filled by mail from the Express Scripts/Medco Pharmacy. The Express Scripts/Medco Pharmacy will mail up to a 90 day supply via UPS or the U.S. mail for a $5 (generic)/$15 (brand name) copayment. Effective April 2012, Medco is a part of the Express Scripts family of pharmacies.

- To get started, complete an Express Scripts/Medco Pharmacy mail order form and submit it with your prescriptions.
- You can register at www.Medco.com to
  - view plan information
  - use MY RX Choices to compare prices on-line
  - quickly refill your mail order prescriptions
  - enroll in e-checks payments

For more information or to speak with an Express Scripts/Medco Specialist Pharmacist, call Express Scripts/Medco Member Services toll free at 1-877-543-7097.

Option #3: Use your Express Scripts/Medco Prescription Drug card at an Express Scripts Network Pharmacy

You can use a retail network pharmacy—but you’ll have to pay a higher copay and, in some instances, coinsurance. You are limited to the lesser of a 30 day supply or 100 units. (See page 24 for a Prescription Drug Costs Chart detailing drug costs at a retail network pharmacy).

- Generic Medication: $15 copay ...up to a 30 day supply
- Brand Name Medication, when no generic is available: $25 copay ...up to a 30 day supply
- Brand Name Medication, when a generic is available: $25 copay, plus the difference between the cost of the brand name and generic...up to a 30 day supply
Option #4: Non-Network Retail Pharmacies

You can use a non-network retail pharmacy, but you’ll be required to pay the full amount of your prescription at the point of sale, including the appropriate copay. You should then:

- Submit a claim form—within 12 months—with an itemized receipt listing the amount paid to Express Scripts/Medco, PO Box 14711, Lexington KY 40512.
- Express Scripts/Medco will send you a check for the Plan’s share of the cost based on the retail network rate, less the amount of your copay.

Generic vs. Brand

You will pay less for a generic prescription than for a brand name. Be sure to ask your doctor, whenever you get a new prescription, if the prescription is a generic. If it’s not, ask if there’s a generic alternative available that might work just as well for you. In some states retail pharmacies don’t always make generic substitutions, particularly if the pharmacy doesn’t have a generic on hand.

As a way of holding down Plan costs—and your costs as well—TeamstersCare pharmacies as well as the Express Scripts/Medco mail order pharmacy, will fill prescriptions for brand name drugs only when there is no generic equivalent for a given medication. If a generic equivalent for your prescription exists, but you want the brand name, you’ll have to go to a retail network pharmacy, or to some other non-network retail pharmacy. In either case, you’ll need to pay some share of the cost. Therapeutic generic alternatives are now available for virtually every major class of brand name medication.

New Maintenance Medication at our In-house Pharmacies

Available only at the TeamstersCare Walk-in Pharmacies—When a new maintenance medication is prescribed, usually for 90 days, it may not work as anticipated. You may choose to receive up to a 30-day supply at no cost to you. If the medication works for you, you can fill the balance of the prescription, up to a 60-day supply, for a $5 (generic)/$15 (brand name) TeamsterShare Payment. If the medication doesn’t work for you, and your doctor switches you to another dosage or a new medication, you haven’t paid a TeamsterShare Payment for the initial prescription.

Medications Requiring Prior Authorization

Some medications require Prior Authorization (PA) before coverage is provided. The drug’s prescribed use is evaluated against certain criteria. Ask one of our TeamstersCare Pharmacy staff about the process for obtaining a medication PA. In most cases, your doctor will have to fax a completed PA Form to TeamstersCare at 617-241-5025 with certain information needed to make a determination. Forms are available on our website www.teamsterscare.com or at our TeamstersCare Pharmacies.

The list of drugs requiring Prior Authorization is subject to change. The following are examples of medications that currently require prior authorization:
Important Notes:
New drugs are introduced into the marketplace daily. As the FDA approves new drugs for use in the United States, TeamstersCare will assess the feasibility of covering these drugs and consider the applicability of any restrictions and/or limitations.

Specialty Medication Program
TeamstersCare has a dedicated program for specialty medications. These are certain high cost prescription medications that treat complex conditions. A list of these medications is available on our website www.teamsterscare.com or by asking a TeamstersCare Pharmacist.

These “specialty medications” are available at TeamstersCare Pharmacies for pick-up or through Accredo Specialty Pharmacy (mail-order only). These medications require a $15 copay for each 30-day supply. They are not available at retail pharmacies.

If you use the Accredo Specialty Pharmacy to fill your prescription, they will monitor the shipment of your medication, contact you via telephone to be sure you will be home to accept the shipment, and they will be available for consultation regarding your medication 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You or your doctor can reach them by telephone at 1-877-543-7097.

Prescription Drug Costs Chart

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Prescriptions Covered

In general, TeamstersCare provides prescription drug benefits that are “medically necessary”. This means that the product or service must:

- be essential for the diagnosis or treatment of the sickness or injury for which it was prescribed
- meet generally accepted standards of medical and pharmaceutical practice
- be ordered by a physician or authorized practitioner acting within their normal scope of practice

Prescriptions Not Covered

Some examples of prescriptions TeamstersCare does not cover:

- any medication available without a prescription, except insulin
- Minoxidil—or other treatments for hair loss
- Relenza
- Suboxone and Subutex
- Prozac weekly
- Sarafem
- medication for cosmetic use
- most smoking cessation products (for information on Bupropion and Chantix coverage contact a TeamstersCare pharmacy or Member Services)
- experimental medications
- experimental use of approved medications
- medication covered by Workers’ Compensation, in cases where your illness or injury is work-related
- prescriptions older than one year from the date originally prescribed
- immunization agents, certain vaccines, blood or blood products
- illegal drugs
- certain other medications not covered by the Plan – call a TeamstersCare Pharmacy for a list or go to www.teamsterscare.com (see page 75 for the phone numbers for the TeamstersCare pharmacies).

TeamstersCare reserves the right to limit covered therapies and deny coverage for specific medications. Examples are:

- Cialis, Levitra and Viagra (6 tablets per 30 days)
- Ambien, Lunesta (limited to 20 doses per 30 days or 60 doses for 90 days)

At your request, TeamstersCare Pharmacies will provide you with the list of medications that the Plan limits or does not cover, or medications that require prior authorization. You may also view the list at www.teamsterscare.com.
Dental Benefits

Under the TeamstersCare Plan, you and your eligible dependents have three basic options when you need dental care.

**Option #1: TeamstersCare Dentists.** You can use our in-house Charlestown, Chelmsford, or Stoughton, MA facilities for your dental treatment—with no claim forms to file. Preventive visits are available at no cost to you. You make a TeamsterShare Payment of $5 for filling visits and $10 for denture, root canal, and extraction visits.

**Option #2: Dentists in the Delta Dental PPO Network.** TeamstersCare has an agreement with the Delta Dental PPO Network, a network of “private” dentists who provide services at discounted rates. When you use the Delta Dental PPO network, you have to pay part of the cost, but the dentist will file the claim.

**Option #3: Non-Network Dentists.** You can use any “private” dentist you like. Again, you’ll have to share the cost (generally, higher than Delta Dental PPO costs), and you may be required to file a claim.

*Important Note:* Some dentists who are in the Delta Dental Plan may not be in the Delta Dental PPO Network. You can use these other Delta dentists, but your share of the cost will be higher.

**Option #1: TeamstersCare Dentists**

You and your family have a convenient option for basic dental services: complete access to our TeamstersCare Dental Offices in Charlestown, Chelmsford, and Stoughton. When you go to a TeamstersCare Dental Office, there is no cost to you for preventive care visits. You make a TeamsterShare Payment of $5 for filling visits and $10 for denture, root canal, and extraction visits.

TeamstersCare Dental Offices are staffed by professional dentists, hygienists, and dental assistants. Some of our TeamstersCare dentists teach at Tufts and Boston University Dental Schools.

**Services Provided at TeamstersCare In-house Dental Offices**

The following general services are available at our three TeamstersCare Dental Offices:

- dental examinations and x-rays (preventive)
- fluoride treatment (preventive)
- cleaning and scaling (preventive)
- sealants
- fillings—amalgam and composite (silver and white)
- root canals—limited to front six upper and front six lower teeth
- simple extractions—limited to loose primary or permanent teeth
- dentures—full or partial, no more frequently than once every five years
- denture repair and reline
- mouthguards
- certain space maintainers
- second opinions
- emergency care during office hours—so long as the evaluations and treatment of dental problems are within the scope of the services provided at our TeamstersCare Dental Offices
Making Appointments

Dental Office Hours

- Monday through Thursday—Open 8 a.m., some evening appointments until 8 p.m.
- Friday and Saturday—8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To make an appointment, call the TeamstersCare Dental Office you plan to visit, using one of the following numbers:

Charlestown
- local: 617-241-9220, ext 1
- toll free within Massachusetts: 800-442-9939
- toll free outside Massachusetts: 800-225-6135

Chelmsford
- local: 978-256-9728
- toll free: 800-258-2111

Stoughton
- local: 781-297-7360
- toll free: 877-326-1999

When you make an appointment, the TeamstersCare Dental Offices set aside time exclusively for you. You will be required to **pay $10** if you do not:

- show up for your appointment, or
- call at least 24 hours ahead of time to cancel

Option #2: Delta Dental PPO Network Dentists

TeamstersCare has contracted with Delta Dental, a group of private dentists who provide both routine and specialty services and, at the same time, help you save money on dental care.

Our main relationship is with a Delta Dental group called Delta Dental PPO. The Delta Dental PPO network, located throughout Massachusetts, gives us the largest discounts. You may use other Delta Dental dentists (for example, a dentist who is a member of the DeltaPremier group, rather than the Delta Dental PPO group), but you won’t get the same discounts.

Generally speaking, when using someone other than a TeamstersCare in-house dentist, you’ll pay the least out of your own pocket when you use a Delta Dental PPO dentist. All other dentists are “non-network,” even if they belong to a Delta Dental network other than Delta Dental PPO.

Your Delta Dental PPO ID Card

You will receive a Delta Dental PPO ID card that you must show whenever you visit a dentist—whether or not that dentist is part of the Delta Dental PPO network.

- For a Delta Dental PPO dentist—the card ensures you receive the TeamstersCare discount
- For any other private, non-network dentist—the card provides information the dentist will need for accurate billing
To determine whether a particular dentist is in the Delta Dental PPO network, go to www.deltamass.com or call Delta Dental’s Customer Service 1-800-872-0500. Have your Delta Dental PPO I.D. card available so you can refer to it for TeamstersCare group information.

Option #3: Non-Network Dentists
You do not have to use a Delta Dental PPO network dentist. You can use any “private” dentist you wish. However, when you go outside the Delta Dental PPO network, you’ll generally have to pay an even larger share of the cost, and you may be involved in some paperwork.

Costs for Delta Dental PPO Network and Non-Network Dental Services

TeamstersCare Contributions
TeamstersCare has a pre-set Fee Schedule of the dollar amounts it will pay for covered dental procedures when those procedures are performed by any dentist other than our own in-house practitioners in Charlestown, Chelmsford, and Stoughton.

Your Share
For any given procedure, the Plan always pays the same amount, regardless of whether you go to a Delta Dental PPO or a non-network dentist. In either case, you pay a portion of the bill. The difference is, most likely the Delta Dental PPO dentist will charge you less to begin with, because of our TeamstersCare contract with Delta Dental. Thus, the balance you pay to a Delta Dental PPO dentist—after TeamstersCare makes its pre-set contribution—will almost certainly be smaller than the portion you’d have pay to a non-network dentist.

Dental Benefits Fee Schedule
The TeamstersCare Fee Schedule generally changes annually. To view the current fee schedule, go to www.teamstercare.com or contact Charlestown Member Services (see page 75 for contact information).

Deductibles and Calendar Year Maximum
Except for diagnostic and preventive services, any dental treatment you receive outside of the TeamstersCare Dental Offices is subject to a $50 per person/$100 per family calendar year deductible. Also, there is a calendar year maximum benefit of $2,000 per person.

Orthodontics
Orthodontic Services are covered at 50% of cost, up to $1,500 lifetime maximum per person. Coverage is available for the member, spouse, and dependents.

Dental Treatment in the Hospital
If you have a serious medical condition and therefore can’t be treated in a dental office, your dentist might recommend that you be treated in a hospital. Generally, the TeamstersCare dental benefit will share the cost of the dental services you receive in the hospital—but not any related medical costs. For medical coverage and claims, you’ll need to follow whatever procedures are appropriate for the particular TeamstersCare Medical Option in which you have enrolled your family.
Dental Expenses Not Covered

TeamstersCare does not provide dental benefits for the following:

- services or supplies in a hospital operated by the U.S. government or a government agency
- services under any government law or program to which you might be entitled
- treatment of a work-related condition
- cosmetic dental services—unless the procedure is required because of an accident that happens while you are covered by TeamstersCare, subject to the rules of the Plan
- treatment by anyone other than a licensed dentist or physician—or a qualified dental technician working under a dentist’s or physician’s direction
- training or supplies used for dental care education
- treatment for temporomandibular joint (TMJ) syndrome—except for specific medical conditions verified by x-ray or other diagnostic tests
- experimental procedures
- charges exceeding amounts listed in the TeamstersCare Dental Benefits Fee Schedule
- charges you or your family members are not obligated to pay
- services provided for injuries that result from a war, declared or undeclared
- charges for missed appointments

Pre-Treatment Dental Estimates

TeamstersCare provides a service that helps you estimate your share of dental expenses before you’re actually treated.

If your dentist recommends treatment that will cost $250 or more, the dentist can submit to Delta Dental a Pre-treatment Estimate Form that will enable Delta Dental to estimate your share of the cost. Getting the estimate is voluntary, but it can help avoid surprises about the amount you’re responsible for. You can then plan the treatment and manage your expenses accordingly.

Filing a Dental Claim

When you use a TeamstersCare in-house dental facility, you file no claim forms.

Delta Dental handles any claim submitted by Delta Dental PPO dentists. Delta also processes any non-network claims.

If you have to submit a Delta Dental PPO or non-network claim yourself, the appropriate forms should be available at your dentist’s office. Otherwise, call Delta Dental Customer Service directly, at 1-800-872-0500.

Important Note: You must submit dental claims within 12 months of the date when the service was provided.

Dental claim forms, either for Delta Dental PPO or non-network services, should be addressed to:

Delta Dental Plan
P.O. Box 9695
Boston, MA 02114

If you have any questions about how a claim should be handled, call Delta Dental at 1-800-872-0500.
**Coordinating with Other Dental Plans**

If you or a dependent has other dental coverage—such as through your spouse’s plan—any benefits you receive from that other plan will be coordinated with your TeamstersCare benefit. Taken together, total payments from all plans cannot be more than 100% of the charges (see page 56 for details on Coordination of Benefits).

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**Vision Benefit**

TeamstersCare has contracted with Davis Vision to provide you and your family with benefits that help protect your eyesight—while also managing the cost of caring for your vision.

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**Davis Vision Network**

Davis Vision is a national network with participating providers throughout the United States. Under TeamstersCare’s Plan, you can visit any Davis Vision provider for a broad range of eye care services and supplies—generally, at no cost to you.

For a list of participating providers, call Davis Vision at 1-800-999-5431, visit [www.davisvision.com](http://www.davisvision.com), or contact Charlestown Member Services for a list of New England providers.

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**Your TeamstersCare Vision Benefit**

Participating Davis Vision professionals can provide you and your family members with the following:

- routine eye examinations, at no cost to you
  - for you and your spouse—one exam each, every 24-months
  - for eligible children—one exam, every 12-months

- either eyeglasses from the Plan’s eyewear selection, at no cost to you

- or contact lenses, for a $25 copay

**Important Note:** When choosing either glasses or contacts, you must make your full selection at the time you have your authorized eye examination. If you go to a provider who only provides an exam, you must order your glasses through another provider within 30 days to be covered.

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**Eyewear You Can Select**

The Plan offers a wide assortment of eyeglasses, all with a one-year warranty. You can select:

- at no cost to you — eyeglasses; a wide variety of frames and lenses; prescription sunglasses; safety glasses (for members only), or

- for a $25 copay
  - standard, daily-wear soft contact lenses

  or
– a three-month supply of disposable lenses with a cleaning kit

and

– all visits needed to fit the lenses and provide follow-up care

The TeamstersCare eyewear options differ for you and your dependents:

• As a Plan member, you can receive as many as three pairs of eyeglasses during any consecutive 24-month period. You must select all three pairs at the time of your examination. The following options apply to the combinations you can select:
  – One of your three pairs can be safety glasses, either prescription or non-prescription.
  – One of your three pairs can be sunglasses, either prescription or non-prescription.
  – Prescription lenses—two of your three pairs can have any combination of special lenses (e.g., invisible bifocals; trifocals; photo-gray tinting; premium anti-reflective coating; transitional, progressive, or intermediate vision lenses). However, if you select prescription lenses for all three pairs, then at least one pair must be single vision lenses.

• Your spouse can receive two pairs of eyeglasses, during any consecutive 24-month period, in any combination of lenses. Both pairs must be prescription and both must be selected at the time of the eye examination.

• Your dependent children can receive one pair of prescription eyeglasses every 12 months. The eyeglasses must be selected at the time of the eye examination.

| If You Choose Contact Lenses |

You can select either contact lenses or eyeglasses, but not both. If you choose contact lenses, you then have to wait 24 months (12 months for an eligible dependent child) before you can select eyeglasses from the Plan. Also, once the contact lenses are fitted, you cannot exchange them for eyeglasses.

The Plan does not cover extra contact lenses, replacements, or contact lens insurance. However, if you select disposable lenses, you may purchase additional lenses for a discount from Davis Vision. For information on this option, call 1-800-LENS123.

If you select contact lenses, you have to pay a $25 copay directly to the Davis Vision provider. If you need a type of contact lens not available from the Plan, TeamstersCare will pay for your eye exam, but you must pay all other costs.

| Laser Vision Correction |

TeamstersCare has negotiated a 25% discount from the usual and customary fee if you choose to have laser vision correction surgery at a participating Davis Vision facility.

*Important Note:* TeamstersCare and the TeamstersCare HMO’s do not cover the cost of laser vision surgery.

| Making an Appointment |

To schedule an appointment, call a local Davis Vision office directly or check the Davis Vision website at www.davisvision.com.
When you call, the Davis Vision professionals will help determine whether you’re eligible for an examination and eyeglasses under the Plan. In general, you can check on your eligibility for an exam or glasses by calling 1-800-283-9374 or by going to the Davis Vision website.

You should have received a List of Participating Davis Vision Providers in your enrollment kit. However, if you need another copy or more information about contacting Davis Vision, call Charlestown Member Services.

**Important Note:** For routine vision care, it’s important to remember that equipment, services, and supplies are covered only through the TeamstersCare Plan at a Davis Vision network provider, not through your medical plan.
TeamstersCare Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

TeamstersCare offers members and dependents an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) benefit. This program offers advice and guidance for any behavioral health issue. It’s a confidential service, provided at no cost to you, available by phone or in person. Call our Clinical Professionals at 1-800-851-8326 for:

- Short-term counseling sessions (up to 3 visits)
- Assessment and referrals
- Case Management
- Addiction Issues
- Advice or Guidance with:
  - Personal problems
  - Family and Relationships
  - Financial and Legal concerns
  - Panic, anxiety & stress
  - Child emotional or autism issues
  - Grief counseling
  - Concerns about aging parents
  - Job loss or job stress

Not sure where to begin? Don’t hesitate to call the TeamstersCare EAP at 1-800-851-8326. Our staff is committed to helping you and your family get back on track.

R.A.F.T.

TeamstersCare sponsors a program called R.A.F.T. ("Referral and Follow-Up Treatment"). a group of volunteers helping their fellow members fight against alcohol and drug abuse. R.A.F.T. meets regularly at designated TeamstersCare sites. For more information—on an absolutely confidential basis—call R.A.F.T.’s Program Director at TeamstersCare in Charlestown - 1-800-851-8326.
Hearing Care Benefits

Once each year, you, your spouse, and your children can have comprehensive hearing testing done at the Charlestown Audiology Office. Routine hearing examinations, diagnostic evaluations, and middle ear analysis are provided at no cost to you. Ordinarily, hearing care services and equipment are covered only when they are provided at our TeamstersCare Audiology Office in Charlestown.

This benefit is available to you whether you’re enrolled in the TeamstersCare HMO or the Out of Area Option.

Our TeamstersCare staff audiologist can provide the following services:

- ear examination
- diagnostic hearing evaluation
- middle ear analysis
- hearing aid analysis, fitting, and follow-up, as appropriate

To schedule an appointment for a hearing exam for you or your eligible dependents ages 3 and up, call our TeamstersCare Charlestown appointment desk at 617-241-9220 ext. 212.

Hearing Care Benefits Outside of New England

Ordinarily, hearing care equipment, services, and supplies are covered only when they’re provided through our TeamstersCare Charlestown Audiology Office. However, if you or your family members live outside New England, you can be authorized to receive certain hearing care services from a private audiologist, provided our TeamstersCare audiologist conducts a pre-treatment review.

TeamstersCare will use the results of the review to identify and pre-approve reimbursable costs for services and devices from the outside provider. As appropriate, certain reasonable and customary allowances may apply. For more information on this option, call the Audiology Office in Charlestown at 617-241-9220 or 1-800-225-6135 (toll free out-of-state).
Other Benefits

Weekly Disability Benefit

Your TeamstersCare Weekly Disability Benefit is designed to pay you a weekly benefit while you’re disabled. The disability must be caused by a sickness or injury that is not related to your job. All disability claims are subject to review by the TeamstersCare Disability Panel.

The Weekly Disability Benefit also includes maternity as an eligible disability for however long it’s medically necessary for you to be out of work. Generally, “medically necessary” means your physician determines that your pregnancy, or a condition arising out of your pregnancy, prevents you from performing your job.

**Important Note:** If you are a UPS part-time benefit member, you are not eligible for TeamstersCare weekly disability benefits, except when you work 400 or more hours in an eligibility determination period (see page 9 for details on UPS Part-time Benefits).

Your Disability Coverage

If you have a disability not caused by your job but which keeps you from working, the TeamstersCare Weekly Disability Benefit pays you a benefit each week, for up to 26 weeks, after a seven-day waiting period. In order to be eligible, you must submit the appropriate form (available from Charlestown Member Services) completely filled out by you, your employer, and your doctor.

In order to receive Weekly Disability Benefits, you have to be under the care of a medical doctor, physician’s assistant, nurse practitioner or licensed mental health provider. Also, during your disability, TeamstersCare may require your provider to fill out an Extension of Benefits Form, which will then be reviewed by the TeamstersCare Disability Panel.

If approved by the TeamstersCare Disability Panel, your weekly disability benefit equals 75% of your regular weekly base pay, from a minimum of $300 per week up to a maximum of $600 per week. In no event can this benefit be greater than 100% of your average weekly pay. TeamstersCare uses your most recent eligibility determination period to calculate your base pay.

The Government considers disability benefits—to which you do not contribute—taxable income. TeamstersCare deducts the appropriate FICA tax from your check and mails you a W-2 form at the end of the year. You may elect to have taxes deducted from your weekly disability check by submitting a written request to TeamstersCare, listing the amounts to be deducted.

**Important Notes:**

*Your TeamstersCare disability benefit will be reduced by any disability-related payments you might receive from Workers’ Compensation, state disability, an auto insurance carrier or any other group plans.*

*The maximum weekly disability benefit you may collect is 26 weeks from the date of injury.*

*Any payments you receive from Workers’ Compensation or an automobile insurance carrier count toward this 26-week maximum.*

*The Fund makes disability payments only so long as a member is working for a contributing employer and remains eligible according to the eligibility and participation provisions of the TeamstersCare Plan. Like other TeamstersCare benefits, weekly disability payments are discontinued when, for whatever reason, a member loses eligibility.*

Disability Waiting Period
After a seven-calendar-day “waiting period,” your benefit payments start on the eighth day you’re disabled and may be extended for up to 26 weeks with appropriate documentation of proof of disability. The seven-day waiting period begins on one of two days, depending on when you visit your doctor and have your disability verified:

- If you visit the doctor and receive verification anytime within the first three days of the day you became disabled, the seven-day waiting period begins on the first day you were disabled.
- If you do not see your doctor and receive verification within three days after you’re disabled, then your seven-day waiting period starts three days before your first doctor’s visit.

More Than One Period of Disability

TeamstersCare pays benefits on a per-disability basis. This means you can receive up to 26 weeks of benefits each time you’re disabled. In order for two periods of disability to be treated as separate, you must have actively, physically returned to work for at least two weeks between the end of the first period of disability and the beginning of the second period of disability. So, for example, you could not use vacation time or sick time to “bridge the gap” between the two disability periods.

If you go back to work for fewer than two weeks after a disability ends, and you become disabled again for the same or a related condition, then your second period of disability will be considered an extension of the first. However, you would not have to meet another seven-day waiting period, and you could continue to receive benefits for up to the remainder of the original 26-week period.

In certain unusual situations, such as a member who is disabled intermittently due to scheduled recurring chemotherapy or radiation treatment for cancer, the seven day waiting period need not be seven consecutive days. In these unusual situations, the TeamstersCare Disability Panel will examine submitted medical documentation to determine if the episodes of disability are part of the same medical disability and meet the necessary criteria. If the Committee approves, the waiting period may be counted as seven calendar days that are not consecutive and the requirement of returning to work for more than two weeks necessitates an additional seven-calendar-day waiting period will be waived.

Continuing TeamstersCare Medical Coverage While Disabled

If you’re disabled and are receiving either TeamstersCare Weekly Disability benefits (for a non-work-related disability) or Workers’ Compensation (for a work-related disability), you may be able to continue receiving TeamstersCare medical benefits during the period of your disability. In either case, you must meet all of the Plan’s eligibility rules.

Non-Work Related Disability

If you’re disabled from a non-work-related injury and are receiving TeamstersCare Weekly Disability benefits, you may be eligible to continue your TeamstersCare medical benefits.

After the seven-day waiting period, for the first four weeks you’re disabled, your employer contributes to TeamstersCare at the rate of 32 hours per week. After those four weeks, TeamstersCare will credit you with hours toward continuing eligibility at a rate of 32 hours per week, for up to 22 weeks. If you worked an average of fewer than 32 hours per week during your most recent eligibility determination period, TeamstersCare will credit you with the average number of hours you worked per week.

You cannot be credited with a total of more than 800 “disability” hours in any consecutive three-year period.
Work-Related Disability

If you’re disabled from a work-related injury and are receiving Workers’ Compensation, you may be able to maintain your TeamstersCare medical coverage so long as you meet all of the Plan’s eligibility requirements and your employer continues to contribute to TeamstersCare at a rate of 32 hours per week (17.31 hours for UPS part-timers). Contributions are made in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Union and your employer. In most cases contributions will continue for up to 12 months.

Disputed Work-Related Disability

If you’ve filed a Workers’ Compensation claim which is disputed by your employer or the Workers’ Compensation carrier, then—during the period when the claim is being adjudicated—TeamstersCare may pay you a weekly disability benefit provided:

- you sign a notarized Assignment and Consent to Lien Agreement committing to repay any amounts you have received from the Plan should you (1) become eligible for Workers’ Compensation benefits or (2) receive proceeds from a Workers’ Compensation claim
- you provide TeamstersCare with a copy of the Workers’ Compensation denial
- you complete a TeamstersCare Third-Party Questionnaire Form

Important Note: During the period when you are disabled from a work-related injury or illness and you’re receiving Workers’ Compensation, TeamstersCare does not cover any medical or pharmacy expenses that are attributable to the injury or illness. In addition, the maximum weekly disability benefit that you may collect is 26 weeks from the date of injury. Any payments that you receive from Workers’ Compensation count toward this 26-week maximum.

Continuing Life Insurance While Disabled

If you become totally and permanently disabled while you’re covered by TeamstersCare life insurance, but then lose your eligibility for benefits, your life insurance may remain in effect for a certain period of time, provided you continue to be totally disabled. There will be no cost to you. TeamstersCare will pay the premiums on your behalf. The length of time this extended coverage remains in effect depends on how old you are when disability begins (see page 40 for details on Life Insurance Benefits If You’re Disabled).

Important Note: “Totally and permanently disabled” means that your disability prevents you from working at any kind of paying job you would normally be qualified to do.

Disability TeamstersCare Does Not Cover

TeamstersCare does not provide benefits for job-related medical expenses or job-related disabilities which are eligible for coverage by Workers’ Compensation, state disability laws, no-fault insurance or other group plans.

Disability Resulting from Motor Vehicle and Motorcycle Accidents
If you have a disability claim related to a motor vehicle or motorcycle accident, you, or someone acting on your behalf, must notify TeamstersCare as soon as possible. The Plan’s coverage varies with a number of factors.

**States Requiring Mandatory No-Fault Insurance**

If you live in Massachusetts, or any other state with no-fault insurance, disability claims resulting from a motor vehicle accident are covered by mandatory no-fault insurance. If you are covered by such insurance and you are in a motor vehicle accident, then TeamstersCare will not pay weekly disability for any week in which you also receive insurance payments. However, if you reach the no-fault maximum before the 26th week that you’re disabled, TeamstersCare may pay benefits for up to the rest of the 26-week period.

If you have elected not to carry no-fault coverage, and you have a disability claim resulting from a motor vehicle or motorcycle accident, TeamstersCare excludes from your benefits all amounts that would have been covered had you obtained no-fault insurance.

**States Without No-Fault Insurance**

If you live in a state that does not require mandatory no-fault coverage, the Plan will administer motor vehicle or motorcycle accident claims in the same way as any other disability claim. However, you’ll first have to sign an Assignment and Consent to Lien Agreement which requires that if you receive any third-party settlements related to the accident, you’ll be required to reimburse TeamstersCare an amount equal to any payment the Plan may have made on your behalf.

For coverage of medical claims resulting from motor vehicle accidents, see Third Party Liability on page 59.

**Important Note:** If you are denied benefits under your motor vehicle insurance due to driving under the influence, TeamstersCare excludes from your benefits all amounts that would have been covered by the insurance carrier.

**Other Disability Settlements**

In general, if you receive a settlement to compensate you for a disability, you must reimburse TeamstersCare for any medical and disability benefits the Plan may have paid you for that same disability.

If you’re disabled and are receiving disability payments from a third party, your hours continue to accrue towards your continuing eligibility for TeamstersCare medical coverage—just as they would if TeamstersCare were making your disability payments.

**Filing a Weekly Disability Claim**

If you need a Weekly Disability Claim Form, call Charlestown Member Services. Fill out your portion of the Form, and then have your employer and medical doctor complete their respective portions. You must return the completed Form to TeamstersCare within 90 days of the date your disability begins. If you do not return the Form within 90 days of the date your disability begins, you will not be eligible for disability benefits.

The TeamstersCare Disability Panel will review the information you provide and will contact you if you, your employer, or your medical doctor needs to provide more information.
Important Note: Disability payments cannot begin until you’ve submitted a properly documented claim that’s been approved by the TeamstersCare Disability Panel.

**Information You Must Provide to be Eligible for Weekly Disability Benefits**

TeamstersCare cannot pay weekly disability benefits without obtaining all the information it needs to process your claim.

- When you first have a claim, you must, within 90 days of the date your disability begins: (1) submit the appropriate Disability Claim Form, (2) sign a Release of Information Form, and (3) provide TeamstersCare with a pay stub.

- In order to begin or continue your weekly disability benefit, TeamstersCare may need to review certain documents related to your disability. This could include such items as doctor’s office notes and supporting data such as x-rays, MRI’s, etc.

- For prolonged periods of disability, TeamstersCare may require your physician to fill out an Extension of Benefits Form, which will then be reviewed by the TeamstersCare Disability Panel.

- When your disability is over and you return to work, you must notify TeamstersCare immediately. Teamsters Union 25 Health Services & Insurance Plan will take all necessary steps to recover any benefits it pays out because of late or improper notification.

- If you would like federal and state taxes withheld from your disability check, notify Charlestown Member Services.

**Important Note:** If you work while out on disability and you have not been cleared to return to work by the doctor who treated your disability, your TeamstersCare weekly disability benefits end.

**Life Insurance**

The TeamstersCare life insurance benefit provides financial protection for your family or beneficiaries in case of your death. TeamstersCare contracts a life insurance carrier to provide this benefit.

**Important Note:** If you are a UPS part-time benefit member, you are not eligible for TeamstersCare life insurance benefits, except when you work 400 or more hours in an eligibility determination period (see page 9 for details on UPS Part-time Benefit Members).

**Life Insurance Benefit Amount**

If you die from any cause, on or off the job, TeamstersCare pays your beneficiaries a benefit of $50,000.

**Naming Your Beneficiary**

You can designate anyone you choose as your beneficiary—or you can name several people as multiple beneficiaries.
You have to name your beneficiaries at the same time you complete your TeamstersCare Enrollment Form, but you can change your designation at any time, provided you do so on a Form provided by the Plan. If you name more than one beneficiary you can also specify how you wish your life insurance benefit to be divided.

If you do not name a beneficiary or your beneficiary dies before you and there is no current beneficiary designation on file, your life insurance benefit will be paid to the executor of your estate.

### Accelerated Death Benefit Option

TeamstersCare offers a special life insurance option that applies if you are diagnosed by a doctor as being totally and permanently disabled, and your disability is caused by a condition that is likely to result in your death within 24 or fewer months.

To help with some of the emotional and financial burdens that can occur at such a time, you are eligible to receive up to 75% of your total $50,000 life insurance benefit while living. There are no restrictions on how you use the money you receive and the balance of your life insurance benefit remains payable to your beneficiary upon your death.

If you live beyond the date of your diagnosis, you are not required to repay any insurance amounts you may have received under the living benefits option. However, these payments will be deducted from the amount you can convert to an individual policy or from any benefits eventually paid to your beneficiaries.

### Dependent Life Insurance

TeamstersCare provides you with a benefit that can help cover the unexpected expenses resulting from the death of an eligible spouse or dependent child.

TeamstersCare pays dependent life benefits directly to the member, as a lump sum, for these amounts:

- $5,000—death of your spouse
- $2,000—death of an eligible dependent child

Under the TeamstersCare Dependent Life Insurance Benefit, dependent coverage includes life insurance only, not the accidental death & dismemberment benefit. The Plan does not pay benefits for the death of an ex-spouse.

### Converting TeamstersCare Life Insurance to an Individual Policy

If your TeamstersCare life insurance ends for any reason, you can “convert” from TeamstersCare coverage to an individual policy. You will need to pay the premiums for this continued coverage.

To convert, you will not need to show proof of good health. However, you must apply for the conversion and pay the first premium within 31 days after your active TeamstersCare coverage ends.

In addition, if you should die anytime during the 31-day conversion period, TeamstersCare will pay to your designated beneficiary the full amount of insurance you would have been entitled to convert.

### Life Insurance Benefits if You’re Disabled

If you become totally and permanently disabled while you’re covered by TeamstersCare life insurance, the life insurance remains in effect for a certain period of time, at no cost to you, provided you continue to be totally disabled.
The length of time coverage remains in effect depends on how old you are when disability begins, as shown in the following schedule:

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<th>Age When You’re Disabled</th>
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<td>70 and over</td>
<td>1 year</td>
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To be eligible for extended life insurance coverage, you have to be “totally and permanently” disabled. This means your disability prevents you from working at any kind of paying job that you would normally be able to do.

If you’re “totally and permanently” disabled, you have to submit evidence of your disability to the life insurance carrier within 15 months of your first date of disability. From that time on, at reasonable intervals, you may be required to submit medical proof that you continue to be totally disabled.

If you lose eligibility while you’re disabled, you may wish to convert to individual coverage (see page 40 for details on Converting Life Insurance to an Individual Policy) until you’re notified that your extended coverage has been approved. Once your extended coverage has been approved, any premium you’ve paid for the converted policy will be returned to you.

If you become disabled, contact Charlestown Member Services immediately to discuss these options (see page 75 for contact information).

### Filing a Life Insurance Claim

To file a life insurance claim:

- a family member must call TeamstersCare and ask for the appropriate claim form
- TeamstersCare will send the claim form to the designated beneficiary
- the beneficiary completes and returns the form to TeamstersCare within 12 months of the date of the death
- a certified copy of the death certificate must be provided

(See page 68 for details of the Plan’s Claims and Appeals procedures).

### Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance

The TeamstersCare Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D) Insurance Benefit provides the member with additional life and accident insurance protection. AD&D coverage is provided for the member only. TeamstersCare contracts with an insurance carrier to provide the AD&D benefit.

If the member suffers certain kinds of serious injury as the result of an accident, TeamstersCare pays the AD&D benefit directly to the member.
If the member dies as the result of an accident, the AD&D insurance pays a benefit to the beneficiary designated by the member. The Plan makes this AD&D payment in addition to the normal life insurance benefit.

**AD&D Basic Benefits**

If the member dies within 365 days of an accident, or has one of the injuries described in this chart, TeamstersCare pays the following benefits: (Note: Principal Sum is equal to $50,000)

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<td>Loss of One Hand or One Foot</td>
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<td>Loss of Thumb and Index Finger of same Hand</td>
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<td>Quadriplegia (Paralysis of both upper and lower limbs)</td>
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<td>Triplegia (Paralysis of three limbs)</td>
<td>Three-quarters Principal Sum</td>
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<td>Paraplegia (Paralysis of both lower limbs)</td>
<td>One-half Principal Sum</td>
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<td>Hemiplegia (Paralysis of an upper and a lower limb)</td>
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<td>Uniplegia (Paralysis of a limb)</td>
<td>One-fourth Principal Sum</td>
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<td>Third degree burns covering 75% or more of the body surface</td>
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The Plan has certain technical definitions of the particular losses, limbs, or faculties identified in this chart. If you need specific information on any of the occurrences described above, contact Charlestown Member Services (see page 75 for contact information).

**Important Note:** The maximum AD&D benefit from any one accident is $50,000.

**Airbag Benefit**

TeamstersCare will pay a benefit amount of 10% of the Principal Sum, up to a maximum of $25,000 if a member was injured in an Accident while driving or riding in the front seat of an Automobile directly behind an Airbag.

A benefit will not be paid if the Accident occurs when the:
- Automobile was being used for racing, stunting, or exhibition work;
- Airbag was disengaged; or
- Insured Person was breaking any laws of the jurisdiction in which the Accident occurred.
This benefit amount is payable in addition to any other applicable benefits under the Policy.

**Seat Belt Benefit**

TeamstersCare will pay a benefit amount of 10% of the Principal Sum, up to a maximum of $25,000 if:
- a member was injured in an Accident while driving or riding in an Automobile and wearing a Seat Belt;
- the member’s death resulted from such Injury; and
- a copy of the police accident report is submitted with the claim.

A benefit will not be paid if the Accident occurs when the:
- Automobile was being used for racing, stunting, or exhibition work;
- Seat Belt was used to restrain more than one person;
- Automobile is equipped with an automatic Seat Belt and the lap belt is not fastened; or
- The member was breaking any laws of the jurisdiction in which the Accident occurred.

**Childcare Benefit**

TeamstersCare will pay a monthly benefit amount of 5% of the Principal Sum, up to a maximum of $5,000 a year. The benefit is payable for each Dependent child under the age of 12, and may be paid to You, Your Spouse or the Dependent child’s legally appointed guardian, as applicable.

The benefit amount will be paid at the end of the month for up to 2 year(s) if:
- You are injured in an Accident and that Injury results in death;
- You, Your Spouse or the Dependent child’s legally appointed guardian incurs expenses for Childcare services within 365 days of Your death as a result of employment, education or training; and
- TeamstersCare receives satisfactory proof of the Childcare expense incurred by You, Your Spouse or the Dependent child’s legally appointed guardian.

If both parents of a Dependent child are insured under the Policy, benefits under this provision will be limited to payment under only one parent.

**Child Education Benefit**

We will pay a benefit amount of 5% of the Principal Sum, up to a maximum of $5,000 a year. This benefit will be paid at the end of each school term for each Student for up to 4 consecutive year(s). This benefit may be paid to the Student or, if a minor child, to the Student’s legally appointed guardian, if:
- You are injured in an Accident and that Injury results in death;
- a Dependent child is or becomes a Student within [one] year after Your death;
- the Student continues to be enrolled for each consecutive term; and
- a copy of the Student’s most recent grade report and tuition statement is submitted with the claim.

If both parents of a Student are insured under the Policy, benefits under this provision will be limited to payment under only one parent. This benefit amount is payable in addition to any other applicable benefits under the Policy.

For purposes of this benefit, the term Student does not include a Dependent child attending high school.
**Coma Benefit**

TeamstersCare will pay a monthly benefit amount of 5% of the Principal Sum. Benefits will be payable to the member's legal representative or legally appointed guardian at the end of the month for up to 20 months if:

- the member was injured in an Accident and, as a result, becomes Comatose within 31 consecutive days of the Injury; and
- the member remains Comatose for 31 consecutive days.

If the member’s Glasgow Coma Score temporarily becomes nine (9) points or higher and then reverts to eight (8) points or less, this will not cause a discontinuance in the benefit payment if the lapses and subsequent Coma recurrences are due to the same Injury.

**Felonious Assault Benefit**

TeamstersCare will pay a benefit amount of 20% of the Principal Sum, up to a maximum of $25,000 if:

- a member is injured as a result of a Felonious Assault and that Injury results in a loss shown in the Table;
- a copy of the police report is submitted with the claim; and
- the Felonious Assault was not committed by a Family member.

This benefit amount is payable in addition to any other applicable benefits under the policy.

**Naming Your Beneficiary**

Unless you designate otherwise, the beneficiaries for your AD&D benefit will be the same person or persons you designate as beneficiaries for your life insurance (see page 39 for details on Naming Your Beneficiary).

**Exclusions**

An Accidental Death or Personal Loss benefit will not be paid for any loss which:

- results, whether the member is sane or insane, from an intentionally inflicted injury or sickness or suicide or attempted suicide
- results from the member’s participation in a riot or in the commission of a felony
- results from an act of declared or undeclared war or armed aggression, if the cause of the death occurs while the insured is serving in the military or within six months after termination of service in the military forces
- is incurred while the member is on active duty or training in the Armed Forces, National Guard or Reserves of any state or country and for which any governmental body or its agency are liable
- which is not permanent
- occurs more than 365 days after the injury; except that this 365 day limit will not apply if the member is Comatose or being kept alive by an artificial support system at the end of the 365 days
- does not result from an Accident
- is caused by intentional, self-infliction of carbon monoxide poisoning emanating from motor vehicle
• results from injuries the member receives in any aircraft while operating, riding as a passenger, boarding or leaving, unless riding as a passenger in a commercial aircraft on a regularly scheduled flight or while the member is traveling on business of the employer.

• results from injury received while riding in any aircraft engaged in racing, endurance tests or acrobatic or stunt flying

• Is caused by the member and is a result of injuries received while under the influence of any controlled drug unless administered on the advice of a physician

• Is caused by the member and is a result of injuries the member receives while voluntarily intoxicated

### How to File an AD&D Claim

To file an AD&D claim, you or a family member must:

• call Charlestown Member Services and request an AD&D claim form (see page 75 for contact information)

• complete and return the form to TeamstersCare within 12 months of the date of injury or death, and

• provide a certified copy of the death certificate and other documents as requested.
Administration

Continuing Your Health Coverage under COBRA

If you lose eligibility for TeamstersCare medical benefits for reasons called “qualifying events,” you can continue your health coverage under a Federal law called COBRA (Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985).

Under COBRA, you can maintain your current TeamstersCare health coverage (i.e., under the TeamstersCare HMO or the Out of Area Option). You will have to pay the full cost of your health benefits, plus a 2% administration fee, through monthly premiums.

COBRA affects only your healthcare benefits. The law does not provide for continuation of other coverages, such as life, disability, or AD&D insurance. However, while you are covered by COBRA, you may also elect to continue dental and vision care benefits by paying a higher monthly premium.

When you become eligible for COBRA, you can extend coverage for yourself, your spouse, and your dependents who were covered at the time of the qualifying event. In addition, during the period when you are covered by COBRA, the following persons are also automatically eligible:

- any newborn or adopted child added to your family
- any child placed with you (the member) for adoption
- a spouse who becomes your dependent if you marry

To enroll these new dependents, you must notify Charlestown Member Services within 31 days of the birth, adoption, or marriage. Your newborn or adopted child(ren) or child(ren) placed with you for adoption during your period of COBRA continuation coverage are considered qualified beneficiaries and have independent rights to elect and change elections under COBRA. However, your new spouse or other dependents added during your COBRA continuation coverage period are not qualified beneficiaries and do not have independent COBRA rights.

**Important Note:** COBRA continuation of coverage is authorized by Federal law. If the law changes, then eligibility for continued coverage might also change.

Types of Coverage

When you elect COBRA, you can choose one of two levels of coverage:

- **Option #1:**
  medical and behavioral health benefits, prescription drug coverage, EAP benefits and hearing care or
- **Option #2:**
  medical and behavioral health benefits, prescription drug coverage, EAP benefits, and hearing care, plus dental and vision care benefits
Once you elect one of these two options, you cannot change your decision during your period of COBRA coverage.

The Period for Making Your Decision About COBRA Coverage

To continue coverage under COBRA, you have to submit a TeamstersCare Benefit Continuation Form. You or your eligible dependents must complete and return the Form to TeamstersCare sometime within 60 days of the later of two dates:

- either the date you receive notice of your rights to continue coverage under the Plan
- or the date your TeamstersCare coverage ends

Cost of Continued Coverage

You and your covered dependents will be required to pay 102% of the full group cost for your continued coverage. However, this cost may be increased to 150% for a qualified 11-month extension of coverage due to disability. See page 15 for details on Continuing Coverage While Disabled, or call Charlestown Member Services (see page 75 for contact information).

Important Note: COBRA rates change from time to time, depending on the general cost of healthcare, cost variations among different providers, and the Federal government’s decisions about COBRA benefits and administration. If COBRA costs or benefits change in the future, we will let you know ahead of time. For current coverage costs, contact Charlestown Member Services.

Your first COBRA payment is due no later than 45 days after the date you (or a dependent) elect continued coverage. After you’ve paid this first premium, you need to continue making payments by the first of every month. However, each month, you have a 30-day grace period in which to pay your premium.

Important Note: During a premium-payment “grace period” your eligibility cannot be reactivated nor your claims processed until the premium has been paid. In addition, prescriptions will not be filled at a TeamstersCare Pharmacy or at an Express Scripts/Medco network pharmacy until the payment is processed.

The first COBRA payment is retroactive to the date of your “qualifying event,” loss of coverage, or the date you became ineligible because of insufficient hours.

Qualifying Events

Continuing Coverage for up to 18 Months

You and your spouse and/or dependents can continue health benefits for up to 18 months if the Fund receives timely notice that you are losing coverage for any one of these “qualifying events”:

- you don’t work enough hours in an eligibility determination period
  or
- you retire and subsequently lose coverage
  or
- your job ends for any other reason (other than gross misconduct)

**Continuing COBRA Coverage While Disabled**

Under certain circumstances, you and your dependents may be able to extend medical benefits for a total of 29 months—11 additional months beyond the original 18 months of COBRA continuation coverage. This occurs when you or a covered dependent:

- is disabled under Title II or XVI of the Social Security Act when you stop working for any of the “qualifying events” named above
  
  or

- becomes disabled under Title II or XVI of the Social Security Act anytime during the first 60 days of your initial 18-month COBRA coverage period

Sometime during your first 18 months of continued coverage, you need to obtain a special determination letter from the Social Security Administration (SSA) saying that you or your dependent was disabled under Title II or XVI of the Social Security Act when your qualifying event occurred, or during the first 60 days of your initial 18-month COBRA coverage period.

You must then notify TeamstersCare in writing and provide a copy of the SSA disability determination letter sometime during this same 18-month continuation period and no later than 60 days after you’ve received your disability determination from Social Security.

Termination of coverage during the 29-month period will occur if you or your dependent is found by the Social Security Administration to be no longer disabled. Termination will occur on the first day of the month beginning more than 30 days after the date of the final determination. All reasons for termination that apply to the initial 18 months will also apply for any additional months of coverage.

**Continuing Dependent Coverage for up to 36 Months**

In some cases, your dependents can have coverage extended for a total of up to 36 months. Dependents may be eligible for 36 months of continued medical benefits if they would otherwise be losing coverage for any one of the following “qualifying events”:

- your death
- your divorce or legal separation
- your entitlement to Medicare
- your dependent no longer meets the Plan’s definition of “eligible dependent”

This 36-month continuation period begins at different times, depending on the particular “qualifying event,” as follows:

- Your death. Remember that your dependents will continue to receive TeamstersCare health benefits after your death for up to three months beyond the benefits coverage period when they were last eligible (see page 14 for details on “What happens to coverage when a member dies”). At the end of that three-month period, your dependents can then elect to continue their extended coverage, under COBRA, for an additional 36 months.
- Your divorce or legal separation. The 36-month continuation period begins with the date of divorce or separation.
• Your entitlement to Medicare. The 36-month continuation period begins when you become entitled to Medicare and your dependents would otherwise lose coverage.

• Your dependent no longer meets the plan’s definition of “eligible dependent.” The 36-month continuation period starts on the date when the dependent no longer qualifies as a dependent under the Plan.

**COBRA and Medicare**

You are eligible to continue healthcare benefits under COBRA if you become entitled to Medicare and then have a COBRA qualifying event. However, you are not eligible to continue your healthcare benefits if you have a qualifying event and then for the first time become entitled to Medicare after you have elected COBRA continuation coverage. Your dependents can still continue their own medical benefits, provided they have not become covered under some other group health plan. For dependents, this continuation extends for one of two periods, depending on which of the two provides coverage longer:

- either 36 months from the date you first became covered by Medicare,
- or for 18 months following the date of the qualifying event

**Example:** Suppose you’re an active Plan member and you turn 65 (and so become covered by Medicare) on March 1, 2013. One year later, as of February 28, 2014, you retire and then subsequently lose Plan eligibility—which is a “qualifying event.” You are generally eligible for 18 months of COBRA continuation coverage. Your dependents would be eligible to continue benefit coverage until:
  - either 36 months following the date you first became covered by Medicare—which would extend coverage until March 1, 2016
  - or 18 months following the date of the qualifying event—which would extend coverage through August 31, 2015

In this example, since the 36-month continuation gives your dependents the longer of the two coverages, it’s this 36-month period that applies.

**More Than One Qualifying Event for Your Dependents**

If your dependents become eligible to continue their coverage under more than one “qualifying event,” they may be able to extend their health benefits for up to a combined total of 36 months. This total 36-month period begins on the date of the first “qualifying event.”

Example: Suppose you lose eligibility under one of the “qualifying events” that provides your dependent child with 18 months’ continuation coverage—your retirement would be an example.

Sometime during that initial 18-month continuation coverage period, your dependent child no longer meets the plan’s definition of “dependent.” For example, you reach the date when your dependent turns age 26. This is a second “qualifying event.” Your child may then be eligible for additional extended coverage up to a total of 36 months. This 36-month period would begin on the date of the first qualifying event—your retirement.

**Notification of a Qualifying Event**

TeamstersCare’s responsibility. If you qualify for COBRA and the Fund receives timely notice from your employer that you are losing coverage because you failed to work the required number of hours, then TeamstersCare will take the first action—by notifying you and/or your covered dependents of COBRA eligibility.
Your responsibility. For certain other “qualifying events,” you or a family member must take the first step in the process by notifying TeamstersCare of the event. You, your spouse, or a dependent is responsible for this notification if eligibility would otherwise end because:

- you become divorced or legally separated
- your dependent child no longer meets the Plan’s definition of “eligible dependent”

For these events, you or your family member must notify TeamstersCare in writing within 60 days of the later of two dates:

- either the date of the “qualifying event”
- or the date TeamstersCare coverage ends

If you do not notify TeamstersCare within 60 days of the event, coverage will terminate.

When COBRA Continued Coverage Ends

If your coverage has been continued for any of the reasons described above, including disability, the extended coverage will end when any one of the following happens:

- You or your dependent fails to pay the cost of continued coverage before the end of a grace period extension (see page 47 for details on Cost of Continued Coverage).
- You become covered under some other employer’s group health plan (either as an employee or dependent) after you have already elected COBRA continuation coverage. This does not apply if the other plan limits or pays no benefits for a medical condition you or a dependent already has.
- You first become entitled to Medicare—relative to your own coverage—after you elect COBRA coverage.
- Your spouse or dependent becomes entitled to Medicare—relative to his or her own coverage—after he/she elects COBRA coverage.
- Coverage was continued due to a disability and then Social Security determines you or your dependent is no longer disabled. In this case, termination will occur on the first day of the month beginning more than 30 days after the date of the final determination.
- Continued coverage reaches the 18-, 29-, or 36-month limit—whichever applies.

If You Don’t Elect COBRA Coverage

When you’re deciding whether or not to continue your health benefits under COBRA, you should be aware of certain consequences that follow if you choose not to elect COBRA.

First. If, after losing TeamstersCare benefits, you remain uncovered for more than 63 days before joining another group health plan, then you lose your right to be exempt from any restrictions which that other plan might impose on pre-existing conditions.

Second. If, after losing TeamstersCare benefits, you do not elect COBRA coverage for the maximum time you’re permitted under the law, then you lose your right—when purchasing an individual policy—to be exempt from any restrictions that other policy might impose based on pre-existing conditions.
Third. You have special enrollment rights that allow you to join another group health plan (for example, your spouse’s plan) within 30 days after losing TeamstersCare eligibility. You will also have this right at the end of your COBRA coverage, provided you elect COBRA for the maximum time it’s available to you.

**If You Have Questions about COBRA**

If you have questions about your COBRA continuation coverage, you should contact the Plan Administrator or you may contact the nearest Regional or District Office of the U.S. Department of Labor’s Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA). Additional information is also available through EBSA’s website at [www.dol.gov/ebsa](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa)

**EBSA Headquarters:**

Division of Technical Assistance and Inquiries  
Employee Benefits Security Administration  
U.S. Department of Labor  
Frances Perkins Building  
200 Constitution Avenue N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20210  
1-202-219-8776

**EBSA Boston Regional Office:**

Employee Benefits Security Administration  
Boston Regional Office  
J.F.K. Building, Room 575  
Boston, MA 02203  
617-565-9600 or Toll free: 1-866-444-EBSA (3272)
Your Rights under HIPAA

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) is a Federal law that helps protect the continuity of health benefits coverage. HIPAA:

- limits exclusions for pre-existing medical conditions
- credits prior health coverage in the form of certificates
- prohibits discrimination in enrollment or in premiums charged, based on health-related factors
- guarantees renewability of health insurance coverage in the group insurance markets
- preserves the states’ role in regulating health insurance

HIPAA helps individuals who lose coverage under one health plan get coverage under another plan, in cases where that second plan may have “pre-existing condition” exclusions. HIPAA requires the “second plan” to reduce the length of its pre-existing exclusion period by the amount of time the individual was covered under the previous plan.

Since our TeamstersCare Plan does not have “pre-existing condition” limitations, participants who lose TeamstersCare eligibility and are looking for new coverage may encounter this problem for the first time. HIPAA entitles individuals to get a “certificate” from their previous plan that documents the length of their prior health coverage. This certificate can then be used to reduce whatever pre-existing condition exclusions might be imposed by the new plan. This HIPAA certification requirement applies only when you or your dependent(s) lose eligibility for TeamstersCare health benefits.

For members who lose eligibility, TeamstersCare will issue a certificate—reflecting the single most recent period of continuous coverage—under the following circumstances:

- automatically
  - when certification is required under HIPAA
  - when an individual who is losing eligibility under the Plan is not entitled to COBRA
  - when an individual has been covered by COBRA, but then COBRA coverage ends—this is true even when the individual may have previously received a certificate verifying earlier, pre-COBRA coverage under TeamstersCare

- upon request
  - before losing coverage or within 24 months of losing coverage

If you need such a certificate, call Charlestown Member Services (see page 75 for contact information).

Privacy & Notice of TeamstersCare Privacy Policies

TeamstersCare is required by law to maintain the privacy of your protected health information (PHI) and to provide you notice of TeamstersCare’s legal duties and privacy practices with respect to this health information. PHI includes information which:

- identifies you, and
- relates to your past, present or future physical or mental health condition, the provision of health care to you, or the payment for that care.
If you have questions about any part of this Notice, or if you want more information about our privacy practices, please contact the TeamstersCare Privacy Official at 16 Sever Street, Charlestown, MA 02129, or you may call 617-241-9220.

How TeamstersCare May Use or Disclose Your Protected Health Information

The following categories describe the ways that TeamstersCare may use and disclose your protected health information. We have not listed every use or disclosure that might be included in a given category. However, all the ways we are permitted to use and disclose information fall within one of these categories.

**Treatment.** Information obtained by a TeamstersCare provider, for example, a dentist or pharmacist, may be disclosed to other healthcare providers who are part of your healthcare team in order to provide you with the best course of treatment.

**Payment.** We may use or disclose PHI about you to determine eligibility for plan benefits, obtain premiums, facilitate payment for the treatment and services you receive from health care providers, determine plan responsibility for benefits, and to coordinate benefits. For example, the “payment” category may include determining whether TeamstersCare covers a particular treatment.

**Health Care Operations.** We may use and disclose PHI about you to carry out necessary insurance-related activities. Such activities could include underwriting, premium rating and other activities relating to plan coverage; conducting or arranging for medical review, legal services, and audit services; and business planning, management, and general administration.

**Required by Law.** We will disclose your PHI when required to do so by federal, state or local laws. For example, we may disclose your PHI to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services upon their request if they wish to determine whether we are in compliance with federal privacy laws.

**Public Health.** As required by law, we may disclose your PHI to public health authorities for purposes related to: preventing or controlling disease, injury, or disability; reporting child abuse or neglect; reporting domestic violence; reporting to the Food and Drug Administration problems with products and reactions to medications; and reporting disease or infection exposure.

**Health Oversight Activities.** We may disclose your PHI to health agencies, as authorized by law, during the course of audits, investigations, inspections, licensure, and other proceedings related to oversight of the health care system.

**Judicial and Administrative Proceedings.** We may disclose your PHI in the course of a judicial or administrative proceeding, such as a lawsuit, in response to a subpoena.

**Law Enforcement.** As required by law, we may disclose your PHI to a law enforcement official for purposes such as identifying or locating a suspect, fugitive, or missing person; complying with a valid court order or subpoena; and for other law enforcement purposes.

**Coroners, Medical Examiners and Funeral Directors.** We may disclose your PHI to coroners, medical examiners, and funeral directors. For example, this may be needed in order to identify a deceased person or determine the cause of death.

**Organ and Tissue Donation.** Consistent with applicable law, we may disclose your PHI to organizations involved in procuring, banking, or transplanting organs and tissues.
**Public Safety.** We may disclose your PHI to appropriate persons in order to prevent or lessen a serious and imminent threat to the health or safety of a particular person or the general public.

**National Security.** We may disclose your PHI to authorized federal officials for military intelligence and national security purposes as authorized by law.

**Correctional Institutions.** We may disclose your PHI to a correctional institution, if you are an inmate, as necessary for your health.

**Workers’ Compensation.** We may disclose your PHI as necessary to comply with Workers’ Compensation or similar laws.

**Marketing.** We may contact you to give you information about health-related benefits and services that might interest you.

**Disclosures to Trustees.** If you appeal a claim to the TeamstersCare Board of Trustees, we may disclose limited PHI necessary for the purpose of administering plan benefits.

### When TeamstersCare May Not Use or Disclose Your Protected Health Information

Except as described in this Notice of Privacy Practices, we will not use or disclose your protected health information without written authorization from you. If you do authorize us to use or disclose your PHI for another purpose, you may revoke your authorization in writing at any time. If you revoke your authorization, we will no longer be able to use or disclose PHI about you for the reasons covered by your written authorization, though we will be unable to take back any disclosures we have already made with your permission.

### Statement of Your Health Information Rights

**Right to Inspect and Copy.** You have the right to inspect and copy PHI about you in TeamstersCare records that may be used to make decisions about your plan benefits. To inspect or copy such information, you must submit your request in writing to the TeamstersCare Privacy Official, 16 Sever Street, Charlestown, MA 02129. If you request a copy of the information, we may charge you a reasonable fee to cover expenses associated with your request. We may deny your request to inspect or copy in certain limited circumstances. In such cases we will provide you with an explanation for the denial.

**Right to Request Restrictions.** You have the right to request restrictions on certain uses and disclosures of your PHI. TeamstersCare may not be able to comply with all requests. If you would like to make a request for restrictions, you must submit your request in writing to the TeamstersCare Privacy Official, 16 Sever Street, Charlestown, MA 02129.

**Right to Request Confidential Communications.** You have the right to receive your PHI through a reasonable alternative means or at an alternative location. To request confidential communications, you must submit your request in writing to the TeamstersCare Privacy Official, 16 Sever Street, Charlestown, MA 02129. TeamstersCare may not be able to comply with all requests.

**Right to Request Amendment.** You have the right to request that TeamstersCare amend your PHI when you believe the information is incorrect or incomplete. We are not required to change your PHI and if your request is denied, we will provide you with information about our denial and how you can appeal the denial. To request an amendment, you must make your request in writing to the TeamstersCare Privacy Official, 16 Sever Street, Charlestown, MA 02129. You must also provide a reason for your request.
Right to Accounting of Disclosures. You have the right to receive a list or “accounting of disclosures” of your PHI made by us, except that we do not have to account for disclosures made for purposes of treatment, payment or health care operations, disclosures made to you or others involved in your care, or disclosures that you authorize. To request this accounting of disclosures, you must submit your request in writing to the TeamstersCare Privacy Official, 16 Sever Street, Charlestown, MA 02129. Your request should specify a time period of up to six years and may not include dates before April 14, 2003. Upon your request, TeamstersCare will provide you with one list per 12-month period free of charge. We may charge you for additional lists.

Right to Paper Copy. You have the right to receive a paper copy of this Notice of TeamstersCare Privacy Practices at any time. To obtain a paper copy of this Notice, send your written request to the TeamstersCare Privacy Official, 16 Sever Street, Charlestown, MA 02129. You may also obtain a copy of this Notice at our website, www.teamsterscare.com.

If you would like to have a more detailed explanation of these rights or if you would like to exercise one or more of these rights, contact the TeamstersCare Privacy Official, at 16 Sever Street, Charlestown, MA 02129 or you may call 617-241-9220.

Changes to this Notice of Privacy Practices

TeamstersCare reserves the right to amend this Notice of Privacy Practices at any time in the future and to make the new Notice provisions effective for all protected health information that it maintains. We will promptly revise our Notice and distribute it to you whenever we make material changes to the Notice. Until such time, TeamstersCare is required by law to comply with the current version of this Notice.

For More Information or to Report a Problem

If you have questions about this Notice of Privacy Practices, or about how we handle your PHI, you may contact the TeamstersCare Privacy Official, 16 Sever Street, Charlestown, MA 02129. If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you can file a complaint with the TeamstersCare Privacy Official. All complaints to TeamstersCare must be submitted in writing and submitted within 60 days of the alleged violation. TeamstersCare will not retaliate against you in any way for filing a complaint. You may also file a complaint with the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington D.C. 20201. The Secretary may be reached by phone at 1-202-690-7000.

Your Rights Under the Newborns’ and Mothers’ Health Protection Act

The Newborns’ and Mothers’ Protection Act of 1996 (Newborns’ Act) puts the decisions affecting length of hospital stays after childbirth in the hands of mothers and attending providers.

The Newborns’ Act and its regulations provide that health plans may not restrict a mother’s or newborn’s benefits, for a hospital length of stay related to childbirth, to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery or 96 hours following a delivery by cesarean section. The attending provider may, in consultation with the mother, discharge earlier.

The Newborns’ Act prohibits any incentives, either positive or negative, that could encourage less than the minimum protections under the Act.
The Plan may apply its regular deductibles and copayments, provided they do not increase during the mandated minimum hospital stay (for example, by requiring a higher copayment after the first 24 hours of hospitalization). All TeamstersCare Medical Options are required to adhere to this Act by law.

**Your Rights Under the Women’s Health and Cancer Rights Act**

The Women’s Health and Cancer Rights Act (WHCRA), signed into law on October 16, 1998, contains protections for breast cancer patients who elect breast reconstruction in connection with a mastectomy. Plans offering coverage for a mastectomy must also cover reconstructive surgery related to the mastectomy.

When a plan provides coverage with respect to a mastectomy, coverage is required for reconstructive surgery in a manner determined in consultation with the attending physician and the patient.

Reconstructive benefits must include coverage for:

- reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy has been performed
- surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance
- prosthesis and physical complications at all stages of mastectomy, including lymphedemas

These benefits are subject to the plan’s usual copayments and/or coinsurance.

The law also prohibits plans from:

- denying a patient’s eligibility or continued eligibility in order to avoid the requirements of the WHCRA, or
- establishing incentives, penalties, or inducements for care in a manner inconsistent with the WHCRA.

**Coordination of Benefits**

If you or a family member has—or acquires—healthcare coverage under some other group benefits plan (for example, Medicare or your spouse’s employer medical plan), then any benefits you receive from that other plan will be “coordinated” with your TeamstersCare coverage. This includes medical, prescription drug, dental, or mental health & substance abuse benefits.

It’s extremely important to understand this concept called “Coordination of Benefits” or “COB.” COB provisions are routinely included in group health plans. They’re designed to provide Plan participants the fullest allowable coverage, while avoiding benefit over-payment.

**Important Note:** Under COB, TeamstersCare will make certain your expenses are properly paid, but we also need to ensure that the total payments you’re eligible to receive, from all your coverages combined, do not exceed 100% of the charges you’re billed. By “coordinating” our own Plan with other health coverages, we create efficiencies that will often result in full coverage for you—with lower out-of-pocket costs.

Basically, COB provisions help determine the order in which multiple parties are responsible for reimbursement in the event of a claim. To prevent a covered person from being caught in the middle of a dispute between two plans, and to provide a consistent method of deciding which plan pays first,
TeamstersCare uses the National Association of Insurance Commissioners’ (NAIC) guidelines to help determine the general order of benefit payment.

### General COB Guidelines

In general terms, the Plan follows certain guidelines in determining whether TeamstersCare is the “primary” or “secondary” payer. In the following description, if a plan is described as “primary,” it means that plan pays first. “Secondary” means that plan pays second.

Generally, benefits are determined so that if you are covered by:

- two plans from two different jobs, the plan that has covered you the longer is primary
- a plan that covers you as an active employee, that plan is primary to a plan that covers you as a retired employee
- a TeamstersCare Plan, and also by a spouse’s employer plan, the spouse’s plan is primary for your spouse’s coverage, secondary for your coverage
- two plans and only one plan has (and abides by) COB provisions, then the plan that does not have (or does not abide by) COB provisions is primary, and the plan with the COB provision is secondary
- Medicare while still an active employee, Medicare is secondary

In cases where you are covered by COBRA as a former TeamstersCare participant, but you also have coverage under some other health benefits plan (for example, another employer’s plan or your spouse’s employer plan), that other plan—and not the COBRA continuation—always pays first when benefits are “coordinated.”

**Example:** Suppose John Doe’s spouse has primary coverage through her employer and secondary coverage through TeamstersCare. In order for TeamstersCare to pay benefits as the secondary payer, all of the TeamstersCare Plan requirements must be satisfied. In this case, for example, John’s spouse must obtain a referral from her Primary Care Physician in order to qualify for TeamstersCare secondary coverage.

**Important Note:** TeamstersCare will communicate with all medical plan options, Express Scripts/Medco, and Delta Dental, as appropriate, regarding coordination of benefit issues.

### Exceptions to General COB Guidelines

In cases where there are exceptions to these general guidelines, TeamstersCare will determine its COB obligations on the basis of the particular facts and circumstances.

### COB for TeamsterShare Payments/Copays

Coordination of benefits does not apply to TeamsterShare Payments for pharmacy and other TeamstersCare clinical services. HMO and Out of Area copays are not coordinated, except in the case where the primary plan has a higher copay than the TeamstersCare Plan, and you have met the requirements of both plans.
TeamstersCare Pharmacies are available only to members and eligible dependents that have TeamstersCare as primary coverage. The same is true for the Express Scripts/Medco network. This means in cases where other coverage is primary, a person is not eligible to use TeamstersCare Pharmacies or their Express Scripts/Medco card to fill prescriptions. Since the TeamstersCare Pharmacy benefit is secondary in these cases, benefits are coordinated with the primary plan. You must submit appropriate documentation and a Claim Form to Charlestown Member Services for coordination and reimbursement.

Cases of Double TeamstersCare Coverage

When both you and a spouse have primary coverage through TeamstersCare, you and your family will only be enrolled in only one medical and one pharmacy plan. Your family will be enrolled under the member with the longest time at TeamstersCare. Your benefits under dental and vision will be available under both members.

Coordinating Coverage for Children

If your children are covered by both TeamstersCare and your spouse’s employer plan, the plans use a guideline called “the birthday rule” to determine which plan pays first for healthcare benefits provided to your children. The birthday rule says that benefits will be paid first by the plan of the parent whose birthday comes earlier in the calendar year.

Coordinating Coverage with Medicare

If you’re an active TeamstersCare member when you or your spouse becomes entitled to Medicare at age 65, TeamstersCare will be your “primary payer.” This means TeamstersCare will pay benefits before Medicare, and then Medicare will consider assuming any remaining expenses. TeamstersCare is also primary payer, for up to 30 months, for members and dependents that have permanent kidney failure. This also applies if you have any dependents that are entitled to Medicare because they’re disabled.

Remember that Medicare Part A coverage is automatic when:

- you or your spouse reaches age 65 and have enough quarters of covered employment,
  
or

- you have a disabled spouse or dependent who has been receiving Social Security disability payments for at least two years.

Prescription Drug Coverage under Medicare

Medicare prescription drug coverage became available in 2006 to everyone with Medicare through Medicare prescription drug plans and Medicare Advantage Plans that offer prescription drug coverage. All Medicare prescription drug plans provide at least a standard level of coverage set by Medicare.

TeamstersCare has determined that the prescription drug coverage offered by Teamsters Union 25 Health Services & Insurance Plan is, on average for all plan participants, expected to pay out as much as the standard Medicare prescription drug coverage will pay and is considered Creditable Coverage. This means you can keep TeamstersCare coverage and not pay extra if you later decide to enroll in Medicare prescription drug coverage. You may request a Creditable Coverage Certificate by contacting Charlestown Member Services (see page 75 for contact information).
Third Party Liability

In certain instances, a “third party” may be responsible for the cost of treating an illness or injury incurred by you or an eligible dependent. A “third party” means someone other than you or the TeamstersCare Plan. It can be a person, a legal entity, or some other insurance plan (e.g., Workers’ Compensation, uninsured motorists’ pool).

Before TeamstersCare can process healthcare/disability expenses that might have been caused by a third party, you’re required to sign an Assignment and Consent to Lien Agreement approved by the Board of Trustees. The Agreement obligates you to reimburse the Plan for any payments it has made on your behalf should you subsequently receive proceeds from a third party or from your own insurance policy. If you fail to sign the Agreement, no benefits will be paid to you. You may not release any third party that might be obligated to pay you without the Plan’s written approval.

If you act on your own behalf to collect monies due from a third party, you must inform anyone involved in that transaction (e.g., your attorneys, the third party, etc.) of your obligation to reimburse the Plan, and you must include the Plan’s subrogation claim in your action. TeamstersCare has priority claim to any monies you are subsequently paid by a third party—up to the full amount of the reimbursement due. In no event will fees and costs associated with this action be paid by the Plan. You must hold all recovered proceeds in trust for the Plan’s benefit.

If you are obligated to reimburse the Plan, and you secure a recovery but you do not make the reimbursement, TeamstersCare can suspend your benefits and/or withhold future benefits equal to the amount due. If TeamstersCare needs to take legal action to collect any balance due the Plan, you are legally prohibited from taking any action that would interfere with the Plan’s right to recover. Also, you will be liable for collection costs and reasonable legal fees.

Under certain circumstances, TeamstersCare may need to seek reimbursement directly from the third party under your name, a process called “subrogation.” When this happens, the Plan is collecting on your behalf, with your authorization and cooperation. Again, in this regard, the Assignment and Consent to Lien Agreement prohibits you from interfering with the Plan’s right—or any actions the Plan may take—to recover the reimbursement due. Further, the Agreement requires you to provide any assistance the Plan may request.

If the original illness or injury that led to the subrogation involves a minor child, then the child’s guardian or parents are responsible for cooperating with the subrogation process. Similarly, if the illness or injury ends in the wrongful death of the member or a dependent, then the responsibility passes on to that person’s personal representative.

The most common situations involving subrogation are auto accidents where someone causes injury to a member. However, this is not the only basis for recovering benefits from a third party. Recoveries can be made from a second medical policy (e.g., for medical malpractice); from a homeowner’s policy (e.g., for accidents in another’s home or on their property); or from general liability coverage (e.g., for a defective product, where the member incurred medical expenses for which the third party was liable).

If you or a covered dependent receives money from a third party—regardless of how such monies are classified—for expenses TeamstersCare has paid, then TeamstersCare has the right to receive that money to offset expenses the Plan has paid on your behalf. This is true whether or not these monies are sufficient to pay for all of your other expenses associated with the action of that third party. These reimbursements are to be made by the member (and/or the member’s guardian or estate) up to the total
amount payable to or on behalf of the member (and/or his/her guardian or estate). This includes reimbursements from:

- any policy or contract from any insurance carrier, including the member’s insurer, and/or
- any third party, plan, or fund whether as a result of a judgment or settlement or otherwise

You, or anyone acting on your behalf, must not do anything to prejudice TeamstersCare’s rights to this reimbursement. You must provide TeamstersCare with any instruments and papers that it requests in order to assure the Plan’s rights to reimbursement.

If you fail to comply with such requests, TeamstersCare is entitled to withhold benefits, services, payments, or credits due under the Plan. TeamstersCare will be subrogated to all claims, demands, actions, and rights of your recovery against a third party or parties and/or the third party or parties' insurers (including the member’s insurer) where subrogation is lawfully permitted.

The amount of subrogation will equal the total amount paid under this Plan for the illness or injury the member (and/or his or her guardian or estate) has, may have, or for which the member (and/or his or her guardian or estate) asserts a claim. This Plan will also be subrogated for attorney fees related to enforcing the Plan’s subrogation rights under this provision.

As Plan participants, you and your covered dependents hereby agree that you will execute and deliver any and all instruments and papers required by TeamstersCare in order to protect the Plan's rights to subrogate as explained in this section. You must also do whatever is requested or necessary in order to fully execute and to fully protect all the Plan's rights.

Additionally, you acknowledge and agree that TeamstersCare will be reimbursed by the member (and/or his/her guardian or estate) in full before any amounts, including attorney fees incurred by the member (and/or his/her guardian or estate), are deducted from any policy, proceeds, judgments, or settlements.

You agree, on behalf of yourself and/or any covered dependents (guardians and/or estates), to notify the Plan Administrator in writing whenever benefits are paid under this Plan for any injury or illness that provides or may provide TeamstersCare subrogation rights. Failure to comply with the requirements of this provision may, at the Plan Administrator’s discretion, result in a forfeiture of TeamstersCare benefits.

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### No-Fault Auto Insurance

If you have a medical or disability claim related to a motor vehicle or motorcycle accident, you (or someone acting on your behalf) must notify TeamstersCare as soon as possible. TeamstersCare coverage varies with a number of factors. In all cases, you will have to sign an Assignment and Consent to Lien Agreement obligating you—should you receive any third party settlements—to reimburse TeamstersCare for any money the Plan may have paid out on your behalf.

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### States Requiring Mandatory No-Fault Insurance

If you live in Massachusetts, or any other state with mandatory no-fault insurance, and you are covered by such insurance, then any medical claim or lost wages resulting from a motor vehicle accident are covered by the mandatory no-fault insurance. The no-fault policy will be liable for medical, prescription drug, dental benefits and/or lost wages up to the first $2,000 of expenses—or the maximum amount called for by law, whichever is greater. After this amount is paid, TeamstersCare will then cover any remaining eligible expenses, upon receipt of a signed Assignment and Consent to Lien Agreement.
If no-fault insurance is available but you decline the coverage, and you have a claim resulting from a car or motorcycle accident, you will still be responsible for the first $2,000 of expenses—or the maximum amount that no-fault insurance would have paid, whichever is greater. TeamstersCare excludes from the benefits that it provides all amounts that would have been covered had you obtained no-fault insurance.

**Important Notes:**
If you are denied benefits from your motor vehicle insurance due to driving under the influence, TeamstersCare excludes from your benefits all amounts that would have been covered by the insurance carrier. Mandatory no-fault insurance does not provide lost wage coverage for motorcycle accidents.

**Other States**
If you live in a state that does not require mandatory no-fault coverage, the Plan will administer motor vehicle and motorcycle accident medical or disability claims in the same way as any other claim. However, if you receive any third-party settlements, you will be required to reimburse TeamstersCare an amount equal to any payments the Plan may have made on your behalf.

**Workers’ Compensation**
TeamstersCare does not pay medical or disability benefits for a work-related sickness or injury. If you are injured while on the job, your employer may be required to continue health insurance contributions to TeamstersCare at a rate of 32 hours a week for up to 12 months, if specified in your Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA).

If you submit a Workers’ Compensation claim and that claim is denied, you have the right to appeal. If your appeal is denied, you must provide TeamstersCare with a copy of the final determination notice before we can process claims.

If you submit a claim for work-related sickness or injury and your employer disputes the claim, TeamstersCare may pay you weekly disability benefits during the period your claim is under dispute. You need to submit a denial from the workers’ compensation carrier and sign an Assignment and Consent to Lien Agreement to reimburse TeamstersCare in full for any Workers’ Compensation benefits you may subsequently receive.

The maximum weekly disability benefit you may collect is 26 weeks from the date of injury. Any payments you receive from Workers’ Compensation count toward this 26-week maximum.

While a Workers’ Compensation claim is pending, and during any period of disability that follows, TeamstersCare will continue to cover any eligible medical expenses you have that are unrelated to the disability. Coverage also continues for your dependents, so long as you remain eligible.
Your Rights as a Plan Member Under ERISA

At a number of places in this Answerbook, you’ll find references to “the Plan” or to “TeamstersCare.” These terms refer to the benefit plan whose official name is “Teamsters Union 25 Health Services & Insurance Plan.”

The Plan is administered by a Board of Trustees, according to the terms of:

- the Agreement and Declaration of Trust of the Teamsters Union 25 Health Services & Insurance Plan, and
- this Summary Plan Description (SPD)—i.e., the Answerbook and accompanying medical option descriptions of benefits, and
- certain Life and AD&D insurance policies.

These documents, taken together, make up the official “Plan Documents” as specified by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

The Board of Trustees has delegated certain day-to-day administrative duties to the Executive Director of the Fund.

As a participant in the Teamsters Union 25 Health Services & Insurance Plan, you are entitled to certain rights and protections under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

You may examine, free of charge, all the official documents related to the Plan. This includes insurance contracts, collective bargaining agreements, and copies of all documents filed by the Plan with the U.S. Department of Labor (such as detailed annual reports and Plan descriptions). These documents are available for review in the TeamstersCare Charlestown office during regular business hours.

You may obtain copies of all Plan documents—including insurance contracts, collective bargaining agreements, copies of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series), and a summary of any material Plan changes and updated Summary Plan Description—by writing to the Plan Administrator. You may have to pay a reasonable charge to cover the cost of photocopying.

A copy of the Plan’s most recent annual report (Form 5500 Series) is available at the Public Disclosure Room of the Employee Benefits Security Administration. By law, the Plan Administrator must furnish each participant with a copy of the Plan’s Summary Annual Report (SAR).

Under ERISA, you’re entitled to receive information about your plan and benefits. You may continue healthcare coverage for yourself, your spouse, or your dependents if you lose coverage under the Plan as a result of a qualifying event. You or your dependents may have to pay for this coverage. Review this Answerbook and the documents governing the Plan for the rules that apply to your COBRA continuation coverage rights. (See page 46 for details on Continuing Your Health Care Coverage Under COBRA).

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) provides that, in cases where you have become ineligible for TeamstersCare benefits, you are entitled to receive a “certificate” verifying your previous coverage under the TeamstersCare Plan. This verification can then be used to reduce whatever pre-existing condition exclusions might be imposed by any new coverage you obtain.
For members who lose their TeamstersCare eligibility, the Plan will automatically issue a certificate—free of charge—reflecting the single most recent period of continuous coverage, under the following circumstances:

- when you lose coverage under the Plan
- when you become entitled to continue coverage under COBRA
- when your COBRA continuation coverage ceases, if you request the certificate before you lose coverage, or if you request it up to 24 months after losing coverage

Without such evidence of creditable coverage, you may be subject to a pre-existing condition exclusion for 12 months (18 months for late enrollees) after your enrollment date in your new coverage. (See page 52 for details on Your Rights Under HIPAA).

Under ERISA, you’re entitled to enforce certain rights. No one—including your employer, your union, or any other person—can fire you or otherwise discriminate against you in order to prevent you from obtaining a Plan benefit or exercising your ERISA rights.

If Plan fiduciaries misuse the Plan’s money, or if you’re discriminated against for exercising your rights, you can ask for help from the U.S. Department of Labor or file suit in a Federal court. If you sue successfully, the court can order the person you’ve sued to pay court costs and your legal fees. If you lose your suit, the court can order you to pay costs, plus certain fees, if, for example, it finds your claim is frivolous.

Under ERISA, there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request a copy of Plan documents or the latest annual report from the Plan and do not receive them within 30 days, you can file suit in a Federal court. The court may require the Plan Administrator to provide the materials and pay you up to $110 a day until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the Administrator.

If you believe you’ve been improperly denied a Plan benefit, in full or in part, you have a right, within certain time schedules, to:

- know why this was done
- obtain copies (without charge) of documents relating to the decision, and
- appeal any denial

If you have a claim for benefits that is denied or ignored, in full or in part, you can file suit in a state or Federal court. In addition, if you disagree with the Plan’s decision or lack thereof concerning the qualified status of a domestic relations order or a medical child support order, you may file suit in Federal court.

Prudent Actions by Plan Fiduciaries

In addition to creating rights for Plan participants, ERISA imposes duties upon the people responsible for operating a benefit Plan. These persons are called “fiduciaries.” Plan fiduciaries are obligated to operate a Plan prudently and in the interest of you and other Plan participants and beneficiaries. Fiduciaries who violate ERISA may be disqualified and required to make good any losses they have caused the Plan.

If Plan fiduciaries misuse the Plan’s money, or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you can ask for help from the U.S. Department of Labor, or you can file suit in a Federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful, the court may order the
person you have sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees—for example, if it finds your claim is frivolous.

Help With Your Questions

If you have any questions about your Plan, you should contact the Plan Administrator. If you have any questions about this statement or about your rights under ERISA, or if you need assistance in obtaining documents from the Plan Administrator, you should contact the Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA).

EBSA Headquarters:
Division of Technical Assistance and Inquiries
Employee Benefits Security Administration
U.S. Department of Labor
Frances Perkins Building
200 Constitution Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20210
1-202-219-8776
Toll free: 1-866-444-EBSA (3272)

EBSA Boston Regional Office:
Employee Benefits Security Administration
Boston Regional Office
J.F.K. Building, Room 575
Boston, MA 02203
617- 565-9600

You may also obtain certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publications hotline of the Employee Benefits Security Administration at 1-866-444-EBSA (3272)
Information About Teamsters Union 25 HS&IP

Plan Sponsor/Plan Administrator/Named Fiduciary

The Teamsters Union 25 Health Services & Insurance Plan is a collectively bargained employee health and welfare benefits plan, administered by a Board of Trustees that includes an equal number of union representatives and employer representatives. The Trustees serve as the “Named Fiduciary” under ERISA.

The address and telephone number for the Board of Trustees is:

- Board of Trustees
  Teamsters Union 25 Health Services & Insurance Plan
  16 Sever Street Charlestown, MA 02129
  Telephone: 617-241-9220

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Plan Year

The Plan year for the Teamsters Union 25 Health Services & Insurance Plan is September 1 through August 31.

Employer and Plan Identification Numbers

The Board of Trustees’ employer identification number is 04-6374631. The Plan number for all programs is 501.

Plan Contributions

Employers contribute to the Plan according to the terms of their individual collective bargaining agreements or standard participation agreements.

The collective bargaining agreements require contributions to the Plan at fixed rates. These rates are applied to the number of hours for which an employee who is covered by an agreement receives or is due pay, in most cases up to a maximum of 40 hours per week.

If you make a request in writing, TeamstersCare will provide you with a copy of your relevant collective bargaining agreement (CBA) and information as to whether a particular employer is contributing on your behalf under the bargaining agreement.

Benefit Payment

TeamstersCare pharmacy, dental, vision and weekly disability benefits payments are provided from Plan assets and are not guaranteed under a policy of insurance. These assets are accumulated under the provisions of the collective bargaining and trust agreements. Medical and life insurance benefits are provided through insurance.

Eligibility for Benefits

See page 10 for detailed information on:

- benefit eligibility
- disqualification, ineligibility, denial, suspension, loss, or reinstatement of benefits

Financial Information

The Plan’s assets are held in a trust fund for the exclusive purpose of providing benefits to covered participants and paying reasonable administrative expenses. Assets and reserves are invested with financial institutions in certificates of deposit, common stocks, bonds and other asset classes—all of which are authorized, approved, and administered by the Board of Trustees.

Agent for Service of Legal Process

If for any reason you wish to seek legal action, you may serve legal process upon the Plan Administrator, at the following address:

- Board of Trustees
  Teamsters Union 25 Health Services & Insurance Plan
  16 Sever Street
  Charlestown, MA 02129
  Telephone: 617-241-9220
Plan Authority

The Board of Trustees has the right to administer the Plan at its sole discretion. This includes the right to make binding and conclusive determinations regarding:

- who is eligible for benefits
- the amount of benefits payable
- the meaning and applicability of Plan provisions

Similarly, the Board of Trustees reserves the right to amend, modify, reduce, or discontinue all or part of the Plan, according to the terms of the Plan and Trust Agreement, by appropriate action, including:

- changing any amounts contributed to the cost of providing benefits
- changing the level of benefits provided
- changing the class or classes of individuals eligible for benefits
- terminating the Plan in its entirety or with respect to any covered class or classes

Only the Plan Trustees may interpret Plan provisions, including: determining eligibility for benefits and the right to participate in the Plan; how hours are credited; eligibility for any benefit; discontinuing benefits; status as a covered or non-covered employee; benefit levels; and interpreting the rules with respect to a particular claim or application.

No one is authorized to speak on behalf of, or to commit the Trustees on, any Plan-related matter, without the expressed authority of the Trustees. This includes local union officers, business agents, local union employees, employers or employer representatives, TeamstersCare office personnel, consultants, or attorneys.
Claims and Appeals

Under certain circumstances, you may need to file a benefit claim. A claim is any request for a Plan benefit, made by a claimant or by a representative of the claimant that complies with the Plan’s reasonable procedure for making benefit claims.

Submitting a Claim

Claims procedures vary somewhat, depending on the benefit involved. If you intend to submit a claim, first check the appropriate section of this Answerbook and refer to page 71 for some useful definitions. If you need further information, call Charlestown Member Services (see page 75 for contact information).

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<td>12 months from the date of service</td>
<td>Obtain the form at your dentist’s office or call Delta Dental Customer Service</td>
<td>Delta Dental Plan</td>
<td>You’re required to submit a dental claim when you use a non-network provider</td>
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<td>Hearing</td>
<td>12 months from the date of service</td>
<td>Call Charlestown Audiology Office</td>
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<td>You’re required to submit an Audiology claim for services authorized by TeamstersCare but provided outside of New England</td>
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<td>Weekly Disability</td>
<td>90 days from the date of disability</td>
<td>Call Charlestown Member Services</td>
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<td>A Disability Claim Form must be completed by the member, the employer, and the doctor</td>
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<td>Life Insurance</td>
<td>12 months from the date of death</td>
<td>Call Charlestown Member Services</td>
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16 Sever Street  
Charlestown, MA 02129-1309 | local: 617-241-9220  
in MA: 1-800-442-9939  
outside MA: 1-800-225-6135 |
| Delta Dental Plan                        | Delta Dental Plan  
P.O. Box 9695  
Boston, MA 02114 | 1-800-872-0500 |
| HMO Blue New England                    | Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA  
P.O. Box 9131  
North Quincy, MA 02171-9131 | 1-800-241-0803 |
| Blue Care Elect Preferred                | Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA  
P.O. Box 9131  
North Quincy, MA 02171-9131 | 1-800-241-0803 |
| Express Scripts/Medco                    | PO Box 747000  
Cincinnati, OH 45274-7000 | 1-877-543-7097 |
Claim Determinations and Appeals

Following are the procedures governing claim determinations and claim appeals. Note that there are different types of claims and each has specific rules, timeframes, and procedures associated with it. For claims and appeals of an insured benefit or other health benefits provided by an insurance company you must follow the specific procedures set forth in the underlying insurance policy.

An “Urgent Care Claim” is any claim for care or treatment where using the timetable for non-urgent care determination could seriously jeopardize the life or health of the claimant, or the ability of the claimant to regain maximum function, or in the opinion of the attending or consulting physician, would subject the claimant to severe pain that could not be adequately managed without the care or treatment that is being requested.

A “Pre-Service Claim” is any claim for a health benefit (other than an Urgent Care Claim) that, per the terms of the Plan, must be approved before care is obtained.

A “Post-Service Claim” is any claim for a Plan benefit that is for services already received by the claimant.

“Adverse benefit determination” – Any of the following: a denial, reduction, termination of or a failure to provide or make payment (in whole or in part) of a benefit. This includes any such denial, reduction, termination or failure to provide or make payment that is based on a determination of a participant’s or beneficiary’s eligibility to participate in the Plan including a denial, reduction or termination of or a failure to provide or make payment (in whole or in part) for a benefit resulting from the application of any utilization review, as well as a failure to cover an item or service for which benefits are otherwise provided because it is determined to be experimental or investigational or not medically necessary or appropriate.

Timing of Notification of Claim Determinations

The amount of time that the Plan will take in making a claim determination will be governed by the nature of the claim.

Urgent care claims – In the case of an urgent care claim, the Plan will make the benefit determination (whether adverse or not) as soon as possible but not later than 72 hours after receipt of the claim. In the case of requests for additional treatments or periods of time involving urgent care, the Plan will make the benefit determination (whether adverse or not) within 24 hours after receipt of the claim provided that any such claim is made to the Plan at least 24 hours prior to the expiration of the prescribed period of time or number of treatments.

Pre-service non-urgent care claims – In the case of a pre-service non-urgent care claim, the Plan will notify you of the benefit determination (whether adverse or not) within a reasonable period of time appropriate to the medical circumstances, but not later than 15 days after receipt of the claim. This period may be extended one time by the Plan for up to 15 days, provided that the Plan Administrator determines that such an extension is necessary due to matters beyond the control of the Plan and notifies you, prior to the expiration of the initial 15-day period, of the circumstances requiring the extension of time and the date by which the Plan expects to render a decision.

Post-service non-urgent care claims – In the case of a post-service non-urgent care claim, the Plan will notify you of the adverse benefit determination within a reasonable period of time but not later than 30 days after receipt of the claim. This period may be extended one time by the Plan for up to 15 days, provided that the Plan Administrator both determines that such an extension is necessary due to matters
beyond the control of the Plan and notifies you, prior to the expiration of the initial 30-day period of the circumstances requiring the extension of time and the date by which the Plan expects to render a decision.

**Weekly Disability Claims** – In the case of a weekly disability claim, you will be notified of the status of your claim within 45 days after the Plan receives your claim. If additional time is needed to respond to your claim (due to matters beyond the control of the Plan), you will be notified before the end of the initial period and then receive a response within 30 days after the end of the original 45-day deadline. An additional 30-day extension may be required. If requested, you must provide any additional information within 45 days after you are notified that the Plan needs additional information.

**Other Type of Claims** – In the case of any other claim not referenced previously, you will be notified of the status of your claim within 90 days after the Plan receives your claim. If additional time is needed to respond to your claim (due to matters beyond the control of the Plan), you will be notified before the end of the initial period and then receive a response within 90 days after the end of the original 90-day period.

**Manner and Content of Notification of an Adverse Benefit Determination**

You will be furnished with written or electronic notification of any adverse benefit determination. The notification will include the following information:

- The specific reason or reasons for the adverse determination;
- Reference to the specific Plan provision upon which the determination is based;
- If applicable, a description of any additional material or information necessary from you to perfect the claim and an explanation of why such material or information is necessary;
- A description of the Plan’s review procedures and the time limits applicable to such procedures, including a statement of your right to bring a civil action under section 502(a) of ERISA following an adverse benefit determination on review;
- When applicable, if an internal rule, guideline, protocol, or other similar criterion was relied upon in making the adverse determination, either the specific rule, guideline, protocol, or other similar criterion; or a statement that such a rule, guideline, protocol or other similar criterion was relied upon in making the adverse determination and that a copy of such rule, guideline, protocol or other criterion will be provided free of charge to you upon request;
- When applicable, if the adverse benefit determination was based on a medical necessity or experimental treatment or similar exclusion or limit, either an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for the determination applying the terms of the Plan to your medical circumstances or a statement that such explanation will be provided free of charge upon request; and
- When applicable, in the case of an adverse benefit determination concerning a claim involving urgent care, a description of the expedited review process applicable to such a claim.

**Appeal of Adverse Benefit Determinations to the TeamstersCare Board of Trustees**

If you are not satisfied with the reason or reasons why your claim was denied, then you may appeal the initial adverse benefit determination. To appeal insured benefits or any other health benefit provided by an insurance carrier, you must follow and have exhausted all grievance procedures under the insurance policy.

The Plan has established and maintains a procedure through which you will be afforded a full and fair review of an adverse benefit determination. That procedure:

- Provides you 180 days to appeal an adverse benefit determination following receipt of the adverse notification.
• Provides you the opportunity to submit written comments, documents, records and other
  information relating to the claim for benefits.
• Provides for a review that does not afford deference to the initial adverse benefit determination and
  that is conducted by an appropriate named fiduciary of the Plan who is neither the individual who
  made the adverse benefit determination that is the subject of the appeal nor the subordinate of such
  individual.
• Provides that, in deciding an appeal of an adverse benefit determination that is based in whole or in
  part on a medical judgment, including determinations with regard to whether a particular treatment,
  drug or other item is experimental, investigational or not medically necessary or appropriate, the
  appropriate named fiduciary shall consult with a health care professional who has appropriate
  training and experience in the field of medicine involved in the medical judgment.
• Provides for the identification of medical or vocational experts whose advice was obtained on behalf
  of the Plan in connection with your adverse benefit determination, without regard to whether the
  advice was relied upon in making the benefit determination.
• Provides that the health care professional engaged for purposes of consultation on the appeal shall
  be an individual who is neither an individual who was consulted in connection with the adverse
  benefit determination that is the subject of the appeal, nor the subordinate of any such individual;
  and
• Provides, in the case of a claim involving urgent care, for an expedited appeal of an adverse benefit
  determination by which information can be submitted and transmitted orally or by facsimile or other
  available expeditious methods.

Timing of Notification of Benefit Determinations on Appeal to Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees at their next regularly scheduled meeting will make a determination of an appeal.
If the appeal is received less than 30 days before the scheduled meeting, the decision may be scheduled
for the second meeting following receipt of the request.

Content of Adverse Benefit Determination on Appeal

The Plan's written notice of the Board of Trustee's decision will include the following:
• The specific reasons for the adverse benefit determination;
• Reference to specific plan provisions on which the determination is based;
• A statement that the claimant is entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonable
  access to, and copies of, all documents, records, and other information relevant to your claim for
  benefits;
• A statement of your right to bring a civil action under Section 502(a) of the Employee Retirement
  Income Security Act;
• If an internal rule, guideline, protocol, or other similar criterion was relied upon in making the
  adverse benefit determination, the notice will provide either the specific rule, guideline, protocol, or
  other similar criterion, or a statement that such rule, guideline, protocol, or other similar criterion
  was relied upon in making the adverse benefit determination and that a copy of such rule, guideline,
  protocol, or other criterion will be provided free of charge upon request; and
• If the adverse benefit determination is based on medical necessity or experimental treatment or
  similar exclusion or limit, the written notice shall contain an explanation of the scientific or clinical
  judgment for the determination, applying the terms of the plan to the claimant's medical
  circumstances, or a statement that such explanation will be provided upon request.
The Board of Trustees  Decision is Final and Binding

The Board of Trustees (or their designee's) final decision with respect to their review of your appeal will be final and binding. The Board of Trustees has exclusive authority and discretion to determine all questions of eligibility and entitlement under the plan.

Any legal action against the Plan must be started within 180 days from the date the adverse benefit determination denying your appeal is deposited in the mail to your last known address.

Final Notes

If you have questions about your benefits, or if you do not understand the Plan because you cannot speak English, contact TeamstersCare for help—or have someone do this for you.

The Answerbook is designed to make your benefits as clear to you as possible. However, nothing written in the Answerbook is meant to reinterpret, add to, or change in any way the legal provisions expressed in the Plan and in the Agreement and Declaration of Trust or in any insurance policies purchased by Teamsters Union 25 Health Services & Insurance Plan.
## Important Addresses and Phone Numbers

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Sullivan Square  
Charlestown, MA 02129-1114 | Local: 617-241-9024  
Toll free: 1-800-235-0760  
Fax: 617-241-5025 |
| In Stoughton: | 1214 Park Street  
Stoughton, MA 02072 | Local: 781-297-9764  
Fax: 781-297-9370 |

### TeamstersCare Audiology Office

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Charlestown, MA 02129-1305 | Local: 617-241-9220  
In MA: 1-800-442-9939  
Outside MA: 1-800-225-6135 |

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In MA: 1-800-442-9939  
Outside MA: 1-800-225-6135 |
| In Chelmsford: | 4 Meeting House Road  
Chelmsford, MA 01824 | Local: 978-256-9728  
Toll free: 1-800-258-2111 |
| In Stoughton: | 1214 Park Street  
Stoughton, MA 02072 | Local: 781-297-7360  
Toll free: 1- 877-326-1999 |

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Delta Dental Plan
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Boston, MA 02114

Website for general information: www.deltamass.com

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