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## Important Information About Your Medical and Prescription Drug Benefits

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Dear Medicare Eligible Retiree and/or Dependent,

The Board of Trustees of Western Teamsters Welfare Trust (Trust) recently informed you there will be a change to your medical and prescription coverage effective January 1, 2023. The group has retained Labor First, a firm that specializes in the implementation and ongoing service of retiree health and drug programs, to help you with the transition. Your previous Medicare Retiree coverage under the Trust is no longer available as of January 1, 2023.

Your Medical and Prescription Drug Coverage will be provided by **Anthem Medicare Preferred PPO with Senior Rx Plus** plan effective January 1, 2023.

### **Important things to know:**

- You must be enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B to participate in this plan.
- Present your new Anthem ID card only for medical services and prescriptions starting on January 1, 2023. Keep your Medicare card in a safe place. Please note that COVID-19 vaccines and COVID testing will require use of your Medicare card.
- You can use any willing Medicare doctor or hospital, regardless if the provider is *in or out* of the Anthem Medicare Network.
- You will continue to be able to use most retail pharmacies as the Anthem Rx Plan has a pharmacy network that contains over 66,000 in-network pharmacies nationwide.
- You do not need to obtain new prescriptions if you use your local retail pharmacy and have active refills available. Simply show them your new ID card starting on January 1, 2023.
- Anthem also offers the CarelonRx Mail Order Pharmacy for your convenience.
- If you currently have open Mail Order refills on file with IngenioRx Mail Order Pharmacy, the prescriptions for *most* medications will be transferred under your new ID number on January 1<sup>st</sup> to Anthem's new CarelonRx Mail Order Pharmacy. If you do not currently use the IngenioRx Mail Order Pharmacy, new prescriptions will be needed from your provider.
- We highly recommend you fill any open prescriptions eligible for refill prior to the plan change.
- Some medications may require Prior Authorizations, Step Therapy, or Quantity Limit Restrictions.
- Please note the cost of your drugs can vary year-to-year based on inflation, contracts, supply, etc.



- SilverSneakers is included in the plan.

**What mailings to expect in the coming months:**

- Termination of coverage letter from current plans
- Anthem pre-enrollment kit including plan information and opt-out language
- Anthem welcome kit including welcome letter and additional plan information
- Anthem ID card (Mailed separately from welcome kit)

**Labor First will be hosting a Benefits Webinar Presentation to review the new Anthem Medicare Preferred PPO with Senior Rx Plus plan:**

**Date:** Monday, December 5, 2022

**Time:** 9:00am-10:30am PST

**Webinar Directions:** Visit [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com) and click join in the right-hand corner

**Meeting ID:** 824 6162 0572

**Passcode:** 149726

**If you are unable to attend the webinar during the scheduled time, a recorded version will be posted at [www.laborfirst.com/westernteamsters](http://www.laborfirst.com/westernteamsters) after December 8, 2022, to view at your convenience.**

We strongly recommend that all Medicare-eligible retirees and dependents attend this presentation to better understand any plan changes and have an opportunity to ask questions in a one-on-one setting in person or by calling the dedicated Western Teamsters Welfare Trust advocacy team at **(855) 460-7040 (TTY 711)**.

Labor First is available to provide ongoing support with any questions or problems you may have. Your dedicated Western Teamsters Welfare Trust retiree advocates can assist you with drug coverage questions, prior authorizations, vacation overrides, mail order, ID card replacements, pharmacy/provider outreach, Medicare/Social Security support or any other questions or issues with your new plan.

Enclosed is a summary of the new healthcare plan. If you have questions about any of this information, please do not hesitate to call Labor First at **(855) 460-7040 (TTY 711)**.

Sincerely,

Labor First