

November 11, 2024

Important Information About Your IATSE Local 22 Retiree Medical and Prescription Drug Benefits

Dear Medicare-eligible Retiree and/or Dependent,

We are pleased to inform you that there will be a change to your Medical and Prescription Drug coverage provided by IATSE Local 22. This change is being made to address the continually increasing cost of coverage and to ensure that Medicare-eligible participants have access to comprehensive coverage at the most affordable cost.

Your dedicated team of Retiree Advocates at RetireeFirst will continue to be available to assist you with this change and provide ongoing support.

Your new Medicare Advantage with Prescription Drug (MAPD) Plan will be provided by **CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield Group Advantage (PPO) plan** effective January 1, 2025.

About Your New Plan

Plan Highlights

- \$0 Medical and Prescription Deductible
- Medicare-covered medical services are \$0 cost to you.
- Access to SilverSneakers Fitness Benefit.
- \$0 Routine Physical exam – 1 every year
- Continued access to RetireeFirst Advocates for assistance with understanding and using your benefits.

Important Things to Know:

- You must be enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B to participate in the CareFirst MAPD Plan.
- Put your Medicare card in a safe place in case you need it later. You will use only your CareFirst ID card for Medical and Prescription Drugs.
- You can use any willing Medicare medical provider, regardless of whether the provider is in or out of the CareFirst network.
- No referrals are needed for Medicare covered medical services.

- You should continue to be able to use almost any retail pharmacy as CareFirst includes over 62,000 in-network pharmacies, nationwide.
- CareFirst also offers a Mail Order Pharmacy called CVS/CareMark for your convenience. If you would like to use the CVS/CareMark Mail Order Pharmacy, you will need new prescriptions.
- You do not need new prescriptions for retail pharmacies. Simply show your new ID card and your refills will be processed under the CareFirst MAPD Plan.

Mailings to Expect in the Coming Months:

- Termination of Coverage Letter from Current Carrier
- CareFirst Pre-enrollment brochure
- CareFirst Welcome Kit and ID Card
- Please keep in mind each Retiree, spouse, and/or dependent may receive the above items on different days; this is normal.

To learn more about the plan, you can visit <https://retireefirst.com/iatselocal22/>

We are required by law to give you the choice of opting out of the new plan. Since you are currently enrolled in the IATSE Local 22 Medical and Prescription Drug Plan it is unlikely that you would not want to participate in the new CareFirst MAPD Plan. However, you have the option to opt-out. If you opt out, you will not have Medical and Prescription Drug coverage through IATSE Local 22. Nevertheless, if you would like to opt-out, please call RetireeFirst Advocates at (301) 238-5970 (TTY 711) or toll free (855) 460-7314 Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm EST.

Enclosed in this mailing is also a Frequently Asked Questions document to answer questions you might have now. If you have questions about any information in this letter, please do not hesitate to call RetireeFirst Advocates at **RetireeFirst at (301) 238-5970 (TTY 711) or toll free (855) 460-7314 Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm EST.**

Sincerely,

Your Dedicated Retiree Advocate Team

Disclaimer: For complete benefit details please refer to the carrier issued materials. This document includes a simplified summary of benefits and does not create any contractual rights.