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## Important Information Summary of Recent Changes to Your Benefits Under the Special Retiree Plan (SR)

March 2023

With this notice, the Board of Trustees announces the following changes to the Plan of Benefits of the Teamsters Special Retiree Plan. If you have any questions, please contact your Local Fund office.

Please read this notice carefully.

This notice makes you aware of certain changes to your benefits and amends the provisions of your Summary Plan Description (SPD). Please keep a copy with your SPD and share it with your family.



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The following change is effective April 1, 2023:

### New Vision Benefit Provider – VSP

- Beginning April 1, 2023, VSP will be the new vision benefit provider. Through the end of March 2023, Davis Vision administered the vision benefit. Enclosed, with this notice, is a benefit summary of services covered under the VSP Vision Plan. The Trustees, in selecting the new vision benefit provider, favored VSP because their network of providers is more extensive in both Connecticut & Massachusetts than any other vision provider, including Davis Vision, and because VSP's plan design is **closely** modeled on your current vision coverage. Services in process will continue, based on prior service dates. Reminder – you **MUST use a VSP network provider for your services to be covered under the Plan on or after April 1, 2023.** To locate a VSP provider, logon to VSP.com or click on the link provided on the trifund.com website or call 1-800-877-7195.



**The following change is effective May 10, 2023:**

**COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Ending May 11, 2023**

The Federal Government, on January 30, 2023, officially declared the Public Health Emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic will end on May 11, 2023. As a result, the following changes to your benefits will occur on midnight of May 10, 2023:

- **COVID-19 Testing:** Testing for COVID-19 will be covered in the same manner as any other covered testing for any diagnosis under the diagnostic testing benefit (X-Ray & Lab). Previously, COVID-19 tests were covered at 100% of the covered amount without any cost to the Participant.
- **Over-the-Counter (OTC) COVID-19 Testing:** OTC COVID-19 tests will no longer be covered under the Plan. Previously, the Plan covered up to eight (8) FDA approved tests per participant, every 30-day period without a prescription.
- **Vaccines:** COVID-19 vaccines will be covered in the same manner as any other vaccine. Previously, the COVID-19 vaccine was covered at 100% of the covered amount without any cost to the Participant.
- **Inpatient COVID-19 Care:** Inpatient COVID-19 care will be covered in the same manner as in-patient care for any other illness. Previously, in-patient care for COVID-19 was covered at 100% of the covered amount without any cost share to the Participant.

**\*\*Please remember to always include your Participant ID Number (for example, TSJ1234567BF) on any correspondence sent to the Local Fund Office.\*\***

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