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**To: All Active Participants and their Beneficiaries – Plan B and Flat Rate Plan**

**From: BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Carpenters Health and Welfare Trust Fund for California**

**Re: SUMMARY OF BENEFITS AND COVERAGE (SBC) required by the Affordable Care Act (ACA)**

As required by law, group health plans like ours are providing plan participants with a Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC) as a way to help understand and compare medical benefits. The SBC provides a brief overview of the medical plan benefits provided by the Carpenters Health and Welfare Trust Fund for California. Please share this SBC with your family members who are also covered by the Plan.

Each SBC contains concise medical plan information in plain language about benefits and coverage. This includes what is covered, what you need to pay for various benefits, what is not covered, and where to go for more information or to get answers to questions. Government regulations are very specific about the information that can and cannot be included in each SBC so the Plan is not allowed to customize much of the form or content. The attached SBC includes:

- A health plan comparison tool called “Coverage Examples.” These examples illustrate how the medical plan covers care for three common health scenarios: having a baby, diabetes care and care for a fractured bone. These examples show the projected total costs associated with each of these three situations, how much of these costs the Plan covers and how much you, the Participant, need to pay. In these examples, it’s important to note that the costs are national averages and do not reflect what the actual services might cost in your area. Plus, the cost for your treatment might also be very different depending on your doctor’s approach, whether your doctor is an In-Network PPO Provider or a Non-PPO Provider, your age and any other health issues you may also have. These examples are there to help you compare how different health plans might cover the same condition—not for predicting your own actual costs.
- A link to a “Glossary” of common terms used in describing health benefits, including words such as “*deductible*,” “*co-payment*,” and “*co-insurance*.” The glossary is standard and cannot be customized by a Plan.
- Websites and toll-free phone numbers you can contact if you have questions or need assistance with benefits.

Please keep this notice with your benefit booklet. If you have any questions, please call Benefit Services at the Trust Fund Office at (510) 633-0333 or toll free at (888) 547-2054. You may also send an email to [benefitservices@carpenterfunds.com](mailto:benefitservices@carpenterfunds.com).




The Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC) document will help you choose a health plan. The SBC shows you how you and the Plan would share the cost for covered health care services. **NOTE: Information about the cost of this Plan (called the premium) will be provided separately.**

**This is only a summary.** For more information about your coverage, or to get a copy of the complete terms of coverage, visit [www.carpenterfunds.com](http://www.carpenterfunds.com) or call 1-888-547-2054. For general definitions of common terms, such as allowed amount, balance billing, coinsurance, copayment, deductible, provider, or other underlined terms, see the Glossary. You can view the Glossary at [www.carpenterfunds.com](http://www.carpenterfunds.com) or call 1-888-547-2054 to request a copy.

Important Questions	Answers	Why This Matters:
<b>What is the overall deductible?</b>	Contract <u>Provider</u> : \$128/individual per calendar year; \$256/family per calendar year. Non-Contract <u>Provider</u> : \$257/person per calendar year; \$514/family per calendar year.	Generally, you must pay all of the costs from <u>providers</u> up to the <u>deductible</u> amount before this Plan begins to pay. If you have other family members on the Plan, each family member must meet their own individual <u>deductible</u> until the total amount of <u>deductible</u> expenses paid by all family members meets the overall family <u>deductible</u> .
<b>Are there services covered before you meet your deductible?</b>	Yes. Mental health, chemical dependency (including detox), member assistance program visits, Contract <u>Provider</u> On-line physician visits up to \$49 per visit, and outpatient <u>prescription drugs</u> are covered before you meet your <u>deductible</u> .	This Plan covers some items and services even if you haven't yet met the <u>deductible</u> amount, but a <u>copayment</u> or <u>coinsurance</u> may apply.
<b>Are there other deductibles for specific services?</b>	No.	You don't have to meet <u>deductibles</u> for specific services.
<b>What is the <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> for this Plan?</b>	There is no <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> on all types of <u>cost sharing</u> , but there is a \$6,445/person (\$12,890/family) on the amount of <u>coinsurance</u> that you must pay for covered services in a year.	This Plan does not have an <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> on your expenses.
<b>What is not included in the <u>out-of-pocket limit</u>?</b>	<u>Premiums</u> , <u>balance-billing</u> charges, hearing examination and hearing aid expenses, penalties for failure to obtain pre-certification, <u>deductibles</u> , expenses from Non-Contract <u>providers</u> , outpatient retail/mail order <u>prescription drug</u> expenses, amounts over the reference-based pricing allowances and health care this Plan doesn't cover.	Even though you pay these expenses, they don't count toward your <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> .
<b>Will you pay less if you use a <u>network provider</u>?</b>	Yes. See <a href="http://www.anthem.com/ca">www.anthem.com/ca</a> or call 1-888-547-2054 for a list of Contract <u>providers</u> in California. See <a href="http://www.bcbs.com">www.bcbs.com</a> or call 1-800-810-2583 for a list of Contract <u>providers</u> outside the state of California.	This Plan uses a <u>provider network</u> . You will pay less if you use a <u>provider</u> in the Plan's <u>network</u> . You will pay the most if you use an <u>out-of-network provider</u> , and you might receive a bill from a <u>provider</u> for the difference between the <u>provider's</u> charge and what your <u>plan</u> pays ( <u>balance billing</u> ). Be aware your <u>network provider</u> might use an <u>out-of-network provider</u> for some services (such as lab work). Check with your <u>provider</u> before you get services.

Important Questions	Answers	Why This Matters:
Do you need a <b>referral</b> to see a <b>specialist</b> ?	No.	You can see the <u>specialist</u> you choose without a <u>referral</u> .

 All **copayment** and **coinsurance** costs shown in this chart are after your **deductible** has been met, if a **deductible** applies.

Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	What You Will Pay		Limitations, Exceptions, & Other Important Information
		Contract Provider (You will pay the least)	Non-Contract Provider (You will pay the most)	
If you visit a health care <u>provider's</u> office or clinic	Primary care visit to treat an injury or illness	20% <u>coinsurance</u>	40% <u>coinsurance</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Services from Non-Contract <u>providers</u> not registered with CMS are limited to \$200/appointment.</li> <li>Plan pays 100% for physician online visits with a Contract <u>provider</u>.</li> </ul>
	<u>Specialist</u> visit	20% <u>coinsurance</u>	40% <u>coinsurance</u>	Services from Non-Contract <u>providers</u> not registered with CMS are limited to \$200/appointment.
	<u>Preventive care/screening/Immunization</u>	20% <u>coinsurance</u>	40% <u>coinsurance</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For adults and children, benefits are limited to one routine physical exam in any 12-month period.</li> <li>For Employee and Spouse only, benefits include one routine OB-GYN examination within a 12-month period in addition to the routine physical. Coverage includes any x-rays and laboratory tests provided in connection with the physical examination, including a pap smear.</li> <li>No charge for COVID-19 vaccine and <u>deductible</u> does not apply from a Contract <u>Provider</u>. No coverage from a Non-Contract <u>provider</u>.</li> <li>You may have to pay for services that aren't preventive. Ask your provider if the services needed are preventive. Then check what your <u>plan</u> will pay for.</li> <li>Services from Non-Contract <u>providers</u> not registered with CMS are limited to \$200/appointment.</li> </ul>
If you have a test	<u>Diagnostic test</u> (x-ray, blood work)	20% <u>coinsurance</u>	40% <u>coinsurance</u>	Professional/physician charges may be billed separately (Services from Non-Contract <u>providers</u> not registered with CMS are limited to \$200/appointment). Pre-certification is required for CT/CTA, MRI, Nuclear Cardiology, PET Scans, and Echocardiography.
	Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs)	20% <u>coinsurance</u>	40% <u>coinsurance</u>	

Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	What You Will Pay		Limitations, Exceptions, & Other Important Information
		Contract Provider (You will pay the least)	Non-Contract Provider (You will pay the most)	
<b>If you need drugs to treat your illness or condition</b> More information about <b>prescription drug coverage</b> is available at <a href="http://www.express-scripts.com">www.express-scripts.com</a> or call 1-800-939-7093.	Generic drugs	Retail: \$15 <u>copay</u> /fill; Mail order: \$26 <u>copay</u> /fill	You pay 100% (unless there are no <u>network</u> pharmacies within 10 miles). <u>Plan</u> reimburses no more than it would have paid had you used an In- <u>Network</u> Retail pharmacy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retail Pharmacy – 30-day supply.</li> <li>• Mail Order Pharmacy – 90-day supply.</li> <li>• <u>Deductible</u> does not apply to outpatient <u>prescription drugs</u>.</li> <li>• <u>Cost sharing</u> for outpatient <u>prescription drugs</u> <b>does not count</b> toward your <u>out-of-pocket limit</u>.</li> <li>• If the cost of the drug is less than the <u>copay</u>, you pay just the drug cost.</li> <li>• Some <u>prescription drugs</u> are subject to <u>preauthorization</u> (to avoid non-payment), or step therapy requirements.</li> <li>• Brand name Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPI) and Cholesterol drugs not covered.</li> <li>• For any new Brand Name Drug approved by the federal FDA, including injectable and infusion drugs, the <u>copay</u> is 50% of the cost of the drug for a minimum of 24 months after the drug has been approved. If the PBM determines that the new FDA-approved drug is a “must not add” drug, the <u>copay</u> will remain at 50% of the cost of the drug.</li> <li>• Mail Order is mandatory if more than 2 prescriptions are filled for maintenance medications.</li> </ul>
	Preferred brand drugs ( <u>Formulary</u> brand drugs)	Retail: \$15 <u>copay</u> /fill + cost difference between generic and brand for multi-source brand. \$53 <u>copay</u> /fill for single-source <u>formulary</u> brand; Mail order: \$26 <u>copay</u> /fill + cost difference between generic and brand for multi-source brand. \$106 <u>copay</u> /fill for single-source <u>formulary</u> brand		
	Non-preferred brand drugs (Non- <u>formulary</u> brand drugs)	Retail: \$80 <u>copay</u> /fill; Mail Order: \$133 <u>copay</u> /fill		
	<u>Specialty drugs</u>	Subject to Retail <u>Copays</u> (30-day supply)	Not covered	
<b>If you have outpatient surgery</b>	Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory surgery center)	20% <u>coinsurance</u>	40% <u>coinsurance</u> plus any amounts over \$300	For certain outpatient surgeries, the Plan has a maximum benefit payable if services are done at a hospital facility instead of an ambulatory surgery center. To avoid <u>Plan</u> maximums, pre-certification is required for outpatient surgeries.
	Physician/surgeon fees	20% <u>coinsurance</u>	40% <u>coinsurance</u>	Services from Non-Contract <u>providers</u> not registered with CMS are limited to \$200/appointment.

Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	What You Will Pay		Limitations, Exceptions, & Other Important Information
		Contract Provider (You will pay the least)	Non-Contract Provider (You will pay the most)	
If you need immediate medical attention	<u>Emergency room care</u>	<b>Medical:</b> 20% <u>coinsurance</u> ; <b>Mental Health or Substance Abuse:</b> No charge	<b>Medical:</b> 40% <u>coinsurance</u> (20% <u>coinsurance</u> if no choice in hospital due to emergency); <b>Mental Health or Substance Abuse:</b> No charge	Professional/physician charges may be billed separately. (Services from Non-Contract <u>providers</u> not registered with CMS are limited to \$200/appointment).
	<u>Emergency medical transportation</u>	20% <u>coinsurance</u>	20% <u>coinsurance</u> .	Limited to emergency care or medically necessary inter-facility transfer to the nearest hospital, only. Services provided by an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) without subsequent emergency transport are covered. *See Article 1 of the Plan Document for more information on emergency care.
	<u>Urgent care</u>	<b>Medical:</b> 20% <u>coinsurance</u> ; <b>Mental Health or Substance Abuse:</b> No charge	<b>Medical:</b> 40% <u>coinsurance</u> (20% <u>coinsurance</u> if no choice in hospital due to emergency); <b>Mental Health or Substance Abuse:</b> No charge	Services from Non-Contract <u>providers</u> not registered with CMS are limited to \$200/appointment.
If you have a hospital stay	Facility fee (e.g., hospital room)	20% <u>coinsurance</u>	40% <u>coinsurance</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-certification is required.</li> <li>• A maximum of \$35,000 is payable for the hospital facility charges associated with a single hip joint or knee joint replacement surgery.</li> <li>• In a Non-Contract Hospital, the Plan covers a room with 2 or more beds (or the minimum charge for a 2-bed room in the Hospital if a higher priced room is used).</li> <li>• Services from Non-Contract <u>providers</u> not registered with CMS are not covered.</li> </ul>
	Physician/surgeon fees	20% <u>coinsurance</u>	40% <u>coinsurance</u>	Services from Non-Contract <u>providers</u> not registered with CMS are not covered.

Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	What You Will Pay		Limitations, Exceptions, & Other Important Information
		Contract Provider (You will pay the least)	Non-Contract Provider (You will pay the most)	
<b>If you need mental health, behavioral health, or substance abuse services</b>	Outpatient services	<b><i>Mental Health:</i></b> Office visit: No charge, <u>deductible</u> does not apply; Other outpatient services: 20% <u>coinsurance</u> , <u>deductible</u> does not apply <b><i>Substance Abuse:</i></b> no charge, <u>deductible</u> does not apply	40% <u>coinsurance</u> , <u>deductible</u> does not apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan pays 100% for physician online visits with a Contract <u>provider</u>.</li> <li>Services from Non-Contract <u>providers</u> not registered with CMS are limited to \$200/appointment.</li> </ul>
	Inpatient services	<b><i>Mental Health:</i></b> 20% <u>coinsurance</u> , <u>deductible</u> does not apply; <b><i>Substance Abuse:</i></b> no charge, <u>deductible</u> does not apply	40% <u>coinsurance</u> , <u>deductible</u> does not apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre-certification is required.</li> <li>In a Non-Contract Hospital, the Plan covers a room with 2 or more beds (or the minimum charge for a 2-bed room in the Hospital if a higher priced room is used).</li> <li>Services from Non-Contract <u>providers</u> not registered with CMS are not covered.</li> </ul>
<b>If you are pregnant</b>	Office visits	20% <u>coinsurance</u>	40% <u>coinsurance</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maternity care may include tests and services described somewhere else in the SBC (e.g., ultrasound).</li> <li>Services from Non-Contract <u>providers</u> not registered with CMS are limited to \$200/appointment.</li> </ul>
	Childbirth/delivery professional services	20% <u>coinsurance</u>	40% <u>coinsurance</u>	Services from Non-Contract <u>providers</u> not registered with CMS are not covered.
	Childbirth/delivery facility services	20% <u>coinsurance</u>	40% <u>coinsurance</u>	Pre-certification is required only if hospital stay is more than 48 hours for vaginal delivery or 96 hours for C-section. Services from Non-Contract <u>providers</u> not registered with CMS are not covered.
<b>If you need help recovering or have other special health needs</b>	<u>Home health care</u>	20% <u>coinsurance</u>	40% <u>coinsurance</u>	Services from Non-Contract <u>providers</u> not registered with CMS are limited to \$200/appointment.
	<u>Rehabilitation services</u>	20% <u>coinsurance</u>	40% <u>coinsurance</u>	<b><i>Outpatient:</i></b> Services from Non-Contract <u>providers</u> not registered with CMS are limited to \$200/appointment. <b><i>Inpatient:</i></b> Services from Non-Contract <u>providers</u> not registered with CMS are not covered.
	<u>Habilitation services</u>	Therapy done as part of an approved autism plan: 10% <u>coinsurance</u> ; Other services: Not covered	Not covered	Coverage is limited to therapy that is being done as part of an approved autism plan.



Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	What You Will Pay		Limitations, Exceptions, & Other Important Information
		Contract Provider (You will pay the least)	Non-Contract Provider (You will pay the most)	
	<u>Skilled nursing care</u>	20% <u>coinsurance</u>	40% <u>coinsurance</u>	Pre-certification is recommended. Limited to 70 days per confinement. Services from Non-Contract <u>providers</u> not registered with CMS are not covered.
	<u>Durable medical equipment</u>	20% <u>coinsurance</u>	40% <u>coinsurance</u>	Rental covered up to reasonable purchase price.
	<u>Hospice services</u>	20% <u>coinsurance</u>	40% <u>coinsurance</u>	<b>Outpatient:</b> Services from Non-Contract <u>providers</u> not registered with CMS are limited to \$200/appointment. <b>Inpatient:</b> Services from Non-Contract <u>providers</u> not registered with CMS are not covered unless terminally ill. Respite care is limited to 8 days.
If your child needs dental or eye care	Children's eye exam	\$10 <u>copayment</u> /exam	\$10 <u>copayment</u> /exam	Vision benefits are available through a separate vision <u>plan</u> . Your <u>cost sharing</u> pertaining to vision plan services does not count toward this medical <u>Plan's out-of-pocket limit</u> .
	Children's glasses	\$25 <u>copayment</u> , plus all amounts over \$175 for frames	\$25 <u>copayment</u> , plus all amounts over \$35 for single vision lenses and amount over \$45 for frames	
	Children's dental check-up	No charge, a <u>deductible</u> does not apply to these services.		Limited to \$2,500/person for Contract and \$2,000/person for Non-Contract per calendar year. Dental benefits are available through a separate dental <u>plan</u> . Your <u>cost sharing</u> pertaining to dental plan services does not count toward this medical <u>Plan's out-of-pocket limit</u> .

## Excluded Services & Other Covered Services:

### Services Your Plan Generally Does NOT Cover (Check your policy or plan document for more information and a list of any other excluded services.)

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| • Cosmetic surgery  | • Infertility treatment | • Private-duty nursing |
| • <u>Habilitation services</u> (except for therapy that is being done as part of an approved autism plan) | • Long-term care        | • Weight loss programs |

### Other Covered Services (Limitations may apply to these services. This isn't a complete list. Please see your plan document.)

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| • Acupuncture (up to \$35/visit and 20 visits per calendar year)                                   | • Dental care (Adult) (up to \$2,500 for Contract and \$2,000 for Non-Contract per calendar year) | • Non-emergency care when traveling outside the U.S.    |
| • Bariatric surgery (with pre-certification)   | • Hearing aids (limited to \$800/ear in any 3-year period)  | • Routine eye care (Adult) (under separate vision plan) |
| • Chiropractic care (Employee and spouse only. Up to \$25/visit up to 20 visits per calendar year) |   | • Routine foot care                                     |

**Your Rights to Continue Coverage:** There are agencies that can help if you want to continue your coverage after it ends. The contact information for those agencies is: the Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration at 1-866-444-EBSA (3272) or [www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform). Other coverage options may be available to you, too, including buying individual insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace. For more information about the Marketplace, visit [www.HealthCare.gov](http://www.HealthCare.gov) or call 1-800-318-2596.

**Your Grievance and Appeals Rights:** There are agencies that can help if you have a complaint against your plan for a denial of a claim. This complaint is called a grievance or appeal. For more information about your rights, look at the explanation of benefits you will receive for that medical claim. Your plan documents also provide complete information on how to submit a claim, appeal, or a grievance for any reason to your plan. For more information about your rights, this notice, or assistance, contact the Trust Fund Office at 1-888-547-2054. You may also contact the Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration at 1-866-444-EBSA (3272) or [www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform).

### Does this Plan provide Minimum Essential Coverage? Yes

Minimum Essential Coverage generally includes plans, health insurance available through the Marketplace or other individual market policies, Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, TRICARE, and certain other coverage. If you are eligible for certain types of Minimum Essential Coverage, you may not be eligible for the premium tax credit.

### Does this Plan meet the Minimum Value Standards? Yes

If your plan doesn't meet the Minimum Value Standards, you may be eligible for a premium tax credit to help you pay for a plan through the Marketplace.

### Language Access Services:

Spanish (Español): Para obtener asistencia en Español, llame al 1-888-547-2054.

Tagalog (Tagalog): Kung kailangan ninyo ang tulong sa Tagalog tumawag sa 1-888-547-2054.

Chinese (中文): 如果需要中文的帮助, 请拨打这个号码 1-888-547-2054.

*To see examples of how this Plan might cover costs for a sample medical situation, see the next section.*





**This is not a cost estimator.** Treatments shown are just examples of how this plan might cover medical care. Your actual costs will be different depending on the actual care you receive, the prices your providers charge, and many other factors. Focus on the cost sharing amounts (deductibles, copayments and coinsurance) and excluded services under the plan. Use this information to compare the portion of costs you might pay under different health plans. Please note these coverage examples are based on self-only coverage.

### Peg is Having a Baby

(9 months of in-network pre-natal care and a hospital delivery)

■ The Plan's overall <u>deductible</u>	\$128
■ <u>Specialist coinsurance</u>	20%
■ <u>Hospital (facility) coinsurance</u>	20%
■ <u>Other coinsurance</u>	20%

This **EXAMPLE** event includes services like:

Specialist office visits (*prenatal care*)  
Childbirth/Delivery Professional Services  
Childbirth/Delivery Facility Services  
Diagnostic tests (*ultrasounds and blood work*)  
Specialist visit (*anesthesia*)

<b>Total Example Cost</b>	<b>\$12,700</b>
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In this example, Peg would pay:

Cost Sharing	
<u>Deductibles</u>	\$128
<u>Copayments</u>	\$60
<u>Coinsurance</u>	\$2,500
What isn't covered	
Limits or exclusions	\$20
<b>The total Peg would pay is</b>	<b>\$2,708</b>

### Managing Joe's Type 2 Diabetes

(a year of routine in-network care of a well-controlled condition)

■ The Plan's overall <u>deductible</u>	\$128
■ <u>Specialist coinsurance</u>	20%
■ <u>Hospital (facility) coinsurance</u>	20%
■ <u>Other coinsurance</u>	20%

This **EXAMPLE** event includes services like:

Primary care physician office visits (*including disease education*)  
Diagnostic tests (*blood work*)  
Prescription drugs  
Durable medical equipment (*glucose meter*)

<b>Total Example Cost</b>	<b>\$5,600</b>
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In this example, Joe would pay:

Cost Sharing	
<u>Deductibles</u>	\$128
<u>Copayments</u>	\$330
<u>Coinsurance</u>	\$390
What isn't covered	
Limits or exclusions	\$20
<b>The total Joe would pay is</b>	<b>\$868</b>

### Mia's Simple Fracture

(in-network emergency room visit and follow up care)

■ The Plan's overall <u>deductible</u>	\$128
■ <u>Specialist coinsurance</u>	20%
■ <u>Hospital (facility) coinsurance</u>	20%
■ <u>Other coinsurance</u>	20%

This **EXAMPLE** event includes services like:

Emergency room care (*including medical supplies*)  
Diagnostic test (*x-ray*)  
Durable medical equipment (*crutches*)  
Rehabilitation services (*physical therapy*)

<b>Total Example Cost</b>	<b>\$2,800</b>
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In this example, Mia would pay:

Cost Sharing	
<u>Deductibles</u>	\$128
<u>Copayments</u>	\$10
<u>Coinsurance</u>	\$530
What isn't covered	
Limits or exclusions	\$0
<b>The total Mia would pay is</b>	<b>\$668</b>