

**CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA TEAMSTERS
HEALTH & WELFARE FUND
PLAN R-4**

**Summary of Material Modification
May 2007**

Important changes to your benefits! Please read carefully.

**THE FOLLOWING CHANGES WILL BE EFFECTIVE FOR TREATMENT AND SERVICES RECEIVED
AFTER JUNE 1, 2007 ¹**

Immunizations: The Fund will now cover all immunizations recommended by the Centers for Disease Control as follows for your eligible children up through age 23 (provided that between 19 and 23, the child is a full-time student). If you use a participating provider, the Fund will pay the network amount in full. If you use a non-network provider, the Fund will pay benefits equal to the lesser of the Usual, Customary and Reasonable Charges ("UCR") or the billed amount. You will be responsible for any amounts over the UCR schedule. Previously, the Fund paid immunization benefits for children under age 6 as stated above. For children age 6 and over, the Fund paid up to a maximum combined benefit of \$15 towards the immunization and office visit.

Chiropractor Visits: The Trustees increased the benefits for chiropractic visits. The Fund will now pay a maximum of \$15 per visit for up to 17 visits per Benefit Year *per eligible family member*. Previously, the Fund limited payment to an annual maximum of \$200 *per family per year*, at a maximum per visit fee of \$15.

Wheelchair: The Fund will now provide benefits for one medically necessary wheelchair per lifetime with no cap, subject to the Plan's Major Medical deductible and copayment. Previously, the maximum amount payable for a wheelchair was \$400 but the Trustees have removed the \$400 cap.

THE CHANGE BELOW WILL BE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007:

Emergency Room – New Copayment: The Trustees have learned that many Participants and their families use a hospital emergency room for services that they should receive from their family physician. Unfortunately, an ER physician cannot give the patient the same level of service and follow-up that is available from a family physician. Moreover, the cost of emergency room services is often four times as much as the same (or better) service from a family physician. **Therefore, there will be a Fifty Dollar (\$50) copayment for emergency room visits.** However, if the patient is admitted to the hospital immediately following the emergency room visit, the copayment will be waived.

¹ **The Trustees also improved the transplant benefit. However, transplant benefits are available ONLY IF the transplant was initiated while the patient was covered under Plan 13 or Plan 14. The improved transplant benefits are as follows.** The Trustees have improved the benefits available to transplant patients. The Fund will now pay a maximum of \$300,000 for costs related to a transplant, as measured from the date of the transplant surgery through six weeks from the date of surgery. Thereafter, the patient's transplant-related claims will be payable under the medical provisions of the Plan (including prescription, hospitalization, physician office visit, etc.) and will not be subject to the \$300,000 cap. Previously, the Fund applied a \$200,000 cap on all costs related to a specific transplant, regardless of when they were incurred.