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To: **All Actives, non-Medicare Retirees, and Eligible Dependents Enrolled
in the Indemnity Medical Plan**

Re: **Change to the Contract Provider Network for Behavioral Health Care Effective June 1, 2024**

This Summary of Material Modifications (SMM) provides information about the behavioral health care coverage provided under the Indemnity Medical Plan, effective June 1, 2024. **This information is VERY IMPORTANT.** Please take the time to read this SMM thoroughly and keep it with your important plan materials.

The Trustees strive to enhance your member experience in getting health care services. We are excited to announce that we are simplifying your experience by having one provider network for both medical and behavioral health care.

One Contracted Provider Network for Medical Care and Behavioral Health Care – Anthem Blue Cross Prudent Buyer PPO

Starting June 1, 2024, your Anthem Blue Cross of California Prudent Buyer network (“Anthem PPO”) will replace Uprise Health (formerly HMC) as the PPO provider network for mental health and substance use disorder treatments (together called “behavioral health”).

You will soon be receiving a new Anthem PPO ID Card for use on and after June 1, 2024.

The Anthem PPO network has a larger number of behavioral health providers. To find in-network Anthem behavioral health providers near you, go to <https://ufcwdrugtrust.org/links/> and click on “Provider Directory” under “Anthem Blue Cross”. Or log into your account on the Sydney app or at www.anthem.com/ca.

Ongoing Treatment with a Behavioral Health Provider Not in the Anthem PPO Network

If you are currently working with a behavioral health provider or are in treatment, your provider may already be in the Anthem PPO network. Show your new Anthem PPO ID card to your provider and ask them if they are in the Anthem PPO network.

If your provider is in the Uprise network but not in the Anthem PPO network, they should submit claims to the Fund Office. To minimize the impact on your ongoing treatment, the Fund will continue to provide coverage at the in-network benefit level for behavioral health services rendered by your current provider after June 1, 2024.

However, if/when more than six months have passed since your last visit with the non-Anthem PPO behavioral health provider, your treatment will no longer be considered “ongoing.” Further treatment for your current condition will then be considered “*new*” treatment. If you continue to see your non-

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Anthem PPO provider for “new” behavioral health treatments, whether for your current condition or another condition, it will be covered at the non-PPO level, with higher out-of-pocket expenses for you.

We urge you to receive behavioral health treatments from an Anthem PPO provider. To find in-network Anthem behavioral health providers near you, go to <https://ufcwdrugtrust.org/links/> and click on “Provider Directory” under “Anthem Blue Cross”. Or log into your account on the Sydney app or at www.anthem.com/ca.

For Questions

Call the Fund Office at (323) 666-8910, ext. 503.

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In accordance with ERISA reporting requirements, this document serves as your Summary of Material Modifications to the Plan. Please keep this important notice with your SPD and other plan materials for easy reference. Should you have any questions, please contact the Fund Office.

Receipt of this notice does not constitute a determination of your eligibility. If you wish to verify eligibility, or if you have any questions regarding the Plan changes, please contact the Fund Office.