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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

FOR ALL RETIRED CARPENTERS AND THEIR FAMILIES COVERED UNDER THE FEE-FOR-SERVICE MEDICAL OPTION

We are pleased to advise you that the Trust has contracted with Anthem Blue Cross to provide a national PPO network of providers called BlueCard, effective June 1, 2010. This change will provide you with greater access to PPO providers near your home, work and across the country.

The BlueCard network consists of hospitals, physicians, home health care providers, laboratories, durable medical equipment providers, physical therapists and other allied health care professionals under contract with Blue Cross organizations throughout the country. To find PPO providers in your area, visit the Trust's website at www.carpenterssw.org or call 800-810-2583 (or 800-810-BLUE).

In conjunction with the change to the BlueCard PPO network, the Trust's current PPO arrangement with Blue Shield of California for those residing outside California or Nevada will be terminated as of June 1, 2010. The benefits provided under the Fee-For-Service medical option are not changing at this time. However, the determination of allowable charges for out-of-network providers will be made by Anthem Blue Cross as of June 1, 2010, and those allowances may differ from what was allowed in the past.

You will soon be receiving new ID cards, which you should begin using for medical services or supplies received on or after June 1, 2010. Your new ID card will have the address where claims should be filed as well as the telephone number to use when requesting pre-authorization of care. To receive the maximum benefits available under the Plan, we urge you to obtain care from a BlueCard network provider whenever possible.

If you have any questions concerning this change, please direct them to the Administrative Office in your area where the staff will be happy to assist you. Please keep this announcement with your Summary Plan Description booklet for future reference.

Sincerely,

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