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Announcing a New hearing benefit for all Active Carpenters and their Dependents

Southwest Carpenters Health and Welfare Fund is pleased to announce a new program effective January 1, 2008 to provide a hearing aid benefit, not to exceed \$1,000.00 per device every five (5) years for Active Participants and Eligible Dependents. We are pleased to partner with **EPIC Hearing Services Plan (HSP)** to assist you in locating quality hearing care professionals and in most cases, reducing your cost for your hearing devices. This primarily includes hearing diagnostics and hearing aids. The enclosed brochure describes the Hearing Services Plan in full detail.

In order to make the most of this benefit you will need to utilize an EPIC in-network provider available nationwide. However, we believe this program will be beneficial to you in that you will receive high quality professional examinations and have available the state of the art devices at reasonable costs. Please note: You are responsible for any costs over the maximum allowance of \$2,000.00 every five (5) years.

Through **EPIC's** stringent professional review process, they assure access to the highest quality hearing care professionals. **EPIC** has further defined all costs as either fees for professional services, and/or individualized costs for hearing aid technology. In this manner, you are assured of receiving all appropriate tests and services as well as the most appropriate technology for the best price. This is truly a value added benefit.

If you wish to learn more, please contact the EPIC Hearing Services Plan at their toll free number: 1-866-956-5400. Be sure to identify yourself or family members as being covered under Southwest Carpenters Health and Welfare Trust and give the member's Social Security Number or UBC number. The EPIC hotline personnel are available to answer your questions and guide you through the process of hearing healthcare.

Respectfully,

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