



# AUTOMOBILE MECHANICS' LOCAL 701 WELFARE FUND

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## IMPORTANT BENEFIT PLAN CHANGES

The Trustees of the Automobile Mechanics' Local No. 701 Union and Industry Welfare Fund have made certain changes to the **Premier Plus, Premier, Classic Bargained** and **Pre-Medicare Retiree** plans as documented in the applicable combination Summary Plan Description and Plan Document ("SPD/Plan") that was previously provided to you. Each change is summarized below and is effective as of January 1, 2022.

1. The SPD/Plan was amended to make changes to the prescription drug fill requirements for maintenance medications to now allow prescriptions to be filled at any participating network retail pharmacy and not just limited to Walgreens.
2. The SPD/Plan was amended to remove the exclusion for repeated gastric band and bariatric surgery.

## **SUMMARY OF MATERIAL MODIFICATIONS**

This document, referred to as a “summary of material modifications,” is intended to supplement the SPD/Plan. You should retain this summary of material modifications with your copy of the SPD/Plan. If you have any questions, you may contact the Fund Office (708) 482-0110 ~ Toll Free (800) 704-6270.

### **1. Change to Prescription Drug Fill Requirements for Maintenance Medications**

A change was made to the prescription drug fill requirements for maintenance medications. Effective January 1, 2022, you will now be able to fill maintenance medications (i.e., for chronic conditions such as high blood pressure or cholesterol) through the mail order service program or at any participating network retail pharmacy and are no longer limited to a Walgreens retail pharmacy. Therefore, you can obtain up to a 30-day supply of maintenance medications at any participating network retail pharmacy. You can obtain up to a 90-day supply of maintenance medication through mail order or at any participating network retail pharmacy.

### **2. Removal of Exclusion For Repeated Gastric Band and Bariatric Surgery**

Effective January 1, 2022, the SPD/Plan was changed to remove the exclusion for repeated gastric band and bariatric surgery. Therefore, if you meet the other requirements under the SPD/Plan to have gastric band or bariatric surgery covered, you will not be denied coverage for those expenses if it is a repeat surgery, regardless of whether it was covered previously by the SPD/Plan or by another group health plan.