

NAME:
REGARDING:

SS#:

UFCW LOCAL 1500 WELFARE FUND

LOCAL: 1500
STATUS: Full Time

ISSUE: Medical – Substance Abuse Benefit #M13/104-3045

FUND RULE:

"Substance Abuse Benefit

The Plan will pay a combined maximum of \$10,000 per lifetime for a combination of charges incurred during confinement in a facility licensed by the appropriate State Agency..."

(UFCW Local 1500 Full Time Employees Group Benefit Plan SPD, Page 59)

SUMMARY:

Date(s) of Service:	September 23, 2012 – October 6, 2012
Denied:	October 16, 2012
Appeal Received:	December 17, 2012

The **participant** is appealing for payment of a claim for substance abuse treatment for his 21-year old son that was denied. The participant states that his son has struggled with substance abuse, depression and learning disabilities since age 14. The Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (LICAAD) helped his son to receive substance abuse treatment in July of 2011, but treatment was unsuccessful. The participant further states that after contacting 14 facilities in July of 2012 (also through LICAAD), St. Jude Retreats was the only program with immediate availability for his son.

Fund records indicate that St. Jude Retreats submitted a claim for substance abuse treatment. Payment of the claim was denied because St. Jude Retreats is not a licensed facility according to the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services.

ACTION:

Approved

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Denied

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Tabled

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COMMENTS: