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Bakers Union and FELRA Health and Welfare Fund

EMPLOYER: Giant
DATE OF HIRE: March 1, 1991
PLAN: 1

LOCAL: 68
STATUS: Full Time

ISSUE: Hospital/Medical – Nonparticipating Provider #M18/106-3120

FUND RULE:
"Hospital and Medical Benefits

Important! You must use a participating [CIGNA] provider in order to be covered. Services performed by non-[CIGNA] providers will not be paid under the Fund, with limited exceptions."

(Bakers Union and FELRA Health and Welfare Fund SPD, July 2016, Page 94)

SUMMARY:

Date(s) of Service:	December 14, 2017 and December 28, 2017
Claims Received:	January 8, 2018 through January 9, 2018
Claims Denied:	January 18, 2018 through February 5, 2018
Appeal Received:	March 8, 2018

The **participant** is appealing for payment of surgical pathology claims that were denied. The participant states, "On these days I was at Sinai Hospital having procedures to remove cancer. Drs. Hicken, Cranley, Taylor, PA are the only pathology services that Sinai Hospital offers. I had no option to choose anyone else. I did not choose or ask for their services."

Fund records indicate the participant had a consultation with Dr. Abraham Mathew (a participating provider) on December 14, 2017 at Sinai Hospital (a participating facility). The participant also had a surgical procedure performed by Dr. Arun Mavanur (a participating surgeon) on December 28, 2017 at Sinai Hospital. Drs. Hicken, Cranley, Taylor, PA submitted claims for pathology services rendered on both dates. The claims were denied because Drs. Hicken, Cranley, Taylor, PA does not participate with CIGNA.

ACTION:

Approved

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Denied

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COMMENTS: