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Bakers Union and FELRA Health and Welfare Fund

EMPLOYER: Safeway
DATE OF HIRE: February 26, 2002
PLAN: 1

LOCAL: 118
STATUS: Full Time
Deceased, July 1, 2019

ISSUE: Hospital/Medical – Nonparticipating Provider

#M19/126-9077

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:	April 30, 2019
Claim(s) Received:	May 15, 2019
Claim(s) Denied:	May 16, 2019
Appeal Received:	September 3, 2019

The **provider**, Caris MPI, Inc., is appealing on behalf of the participant's Estate for payment of a claim for molecular pathology that was denied. The provider states in part that they are an independent clinical laboratory that performed molecular pathology services at the request of the patient's physician.

Fund records indicate the participant had a liver biopsy performed by Dr. Arman Moshlyedi (a nonparticipating provider) at Holy Cross Hospital (a participating facility) on December 28, 2018. Dr. Frederick Min (a participating provider) subsequently ordered repeat testing of the specimen. Caris MPI, Inc. submitted a claim for molecular pathology services rendered on April 30, 2019. The claim was denied because Caris MPI, Inc. does not participate with CIGNA.

ACTION: **Approved** ☐ **Denied** ☐ **Tabled** ☐

COMMENTS: