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REGARDING:

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FELRA & UFCW Active Health Plan

TABLED APPEAL

EMPLOYER: Giant
DATE OF HIRE: December 19, 1988
PLAN: X

LOCAL: 400
STATUS: Part Time

ISSUE: Hospital/Medical – Routine Services

#M13/602-7373

FUND RULE:

"Exclusions and Limitations

13. Services or supplies not medically necessary for the treatment of sickness or injury (e.g. routine immunizations, screening examinations including x-ray examinations made without film, routine or periodic physical examinations except where previously defined as covered.)"

(Plan X SPD, Page 108, #13)

"Effective January 1, 2013, Gardasil Vaccine is now covered.

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that Gardasil, the HPV vaccine for girls, now is covered under the Active Plan and Retiree Plan for dependent daughters..."

(Quoted from the FELRA & UFCW Health and Welfare Fund Plan X Summary of Material Modifications, August 2013, Page 3)

SUMMARY: Date(s) of Service: July 11, 2013
 Received: July 24, 2013
 Denied: July 25, 2013
 Appeal Received: October 9, 2013

The **participant's ex-spouse** is appealing for payment of a HPV vaccination, for their 17 year-old son (DOB: 6-25-1996), that was denied. The participant's ex-spouse states, "I now understand that the policy doesn't routinely cover HPV vaccines for adolescent boys, but as the national standard of care, I urge you to reconsider. It is FDA-approved and recommended by the CDC..."

Fund records indicate "Drs. Parker, Fields, and Cohen" submitted a claim for a HPV vaccination with the diagnoses "routine health exam and need for prophylactic vaccination against other viral disease". The claim was denied because it was considered routine in nature and because the HPV vaccination for males is not a benefit of the Plan.

Note: The FDA has approved the use of Gardasil for boys and men ages 9 through 26.

ACTION: Approved ☐ Denied ☐ Tabled ☐
COMMENTS:

This appeal was presented at the appeals subcommittee meeting on December 10, 2013. The Union Trustee tabled the appeal. The Employer Trustees denied the appeal. After discussion, the trustees agreed to present the appeal to the Full Board of Trustees at their next meeting.