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## **WELFARE & PENSION FUNDS**

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Effective July 1, 2015, in an effort to better serve our participants, the UFCW Local 1500 Welfare Fund will be switching the Special Part-Time Plan network from MagnaCare to Anthem BlueCross/BlueShield. This means that Anthem BlueCross/BlueShield will provide the networks and claims discounting. Precertification services will be handled by HealthLink, an Anthem BlueCross/BlueShield subsidiary.

Anthem BlueCross/BlueShield has a large network of participating providers for UFCW Local 1500 Welfare Fund participants. However, before receiving services and/or treatment, you should verify with your provider that he/she participates in the Anthem BlueCross/BlueShield PPO/POS networks. If you utilize a provider that does not participate in the applicable network, claims submitted by such providers will be considered out-of-network if incurred on and after July 1, 2015.

Additionally, the Trustees have voted to amend the Special Part-Time Plan as follows:

- (1) The \$750 maximum Fund payment per Emergency Room visit/service, will be removed for services received on or after July 1, 2015.
- (2) Due to the large hospital network provided by Anthem BlueCross/BlueShield, effective July 1, 2015, the Plan will not cover services received in an Out-of-Network hospital/facility, unless in an emergency situation, or for mental health and/or substance abuse treatments.

All other benefits remain the same.

All participants covered under the Special Part-Time Plan will be receiving new medical identification cards prior to July 1, 2015. Your ID card will identify the network you are covered under based on your residence. You can confirm your provider's participation in the respective Anthem BlueCross/BlueShield network by calling Anthem directly at 1-800-810-BLUE or visiting them online at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

If you have any questions, please contact Associated Administrators, LLC at 1-855-266-1500.

Sincerely,

The Board of Trustees