Important Notice About Your Medicare Retiree Coverage

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To: Medicare Retirees in the IBEW Local 234 Health & Welfare Plan
From: Board of Trustees
Re: Changes in Medicare Retiree Coverage Effective January 1, 2027

The Board of Trustees of the IBEW Local 234 Health & Welfare Plan announces changes in Plan benefits. Please review this information carefully, noting effective dates of the changes, and share it with your spouse and family.

Beginning January 1, 2027, the following changes are being made to the Medicare retiree coverage offered under the Plan:

1. Your medical coverage will continue through the Anthem Medicare Preferred (PPO) Medicare Advantage Plan. However, member services will transition back to Anthem directly. The services of RetireeFirst will be terminated as of December 31, 2026. Anthem Member Services is available at 833-848-8730.
2. Your prescription drug coverage will transition from Anthem back to Sav-Rx. More information on your Sav-Rx prescription drug benefits can be found beginning on page 63 of the Summary Plan Description (Article VI: Medical and Prescription Drug Benefits (Covered Expenses), Section 6.10 – Prescription Drugs). Sav-Rx is available at 1-800-228-3108.

No changes are being made to retiree dental and vision benefits.

We want to make this transition as easy as possible for you. **No action is needed on your part at this time.**

Your Anthem member ID number will stay the same, and you will receive a **new Anthem medical ID card** to begin using January 1, 2027.

You will also receive a **new Sav-Rx prescription ID card** and Welcome Kit containing important information about your prescription drug coverage, including instructions for using the mail order pharmacy. Beginning January 1, 2027, show your new Sav-Rx ID card when filling new prescriptions or refills. While most pharmacies are in the Sav-Rx network, you should verify that **your** pharmacy is in-network before filling prescriptions.

In the meantime, should you have any questions regarding this announcement or your other benefits, please contact the Trust Fund Office at (877) 885-3753 or (408) 588-3753. You may also email staff@ibew234benefits.org.

Thank you for your patience as we make this transition.