

MICHIGAN CARPENTERS' FRINGE BENEFIT FUNDS

Michigan Carpenters' Health Care Fund
Michigan Carpenters' Pension Fund
Michigan Carpenters' Apprenticeship & Training Fund

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How are my benefits funded?

The primary source of financing for the benefits provided under the Health Care Fund and for the expenses of Fund operations is employer contributions.

What are the Fund's eligibility requirements?

Initial eligibility requires 390 hours of contribution within three (3) months or less. There is a two (2) month bookkeeping period in which you are not eligible.

Continuing eligibility requires at least \$693.00 of employer contributions within one (1) month. There is a two (2) month bookkeeping period in which you are not eligible.

Any contributions in excess of \$693.00 per month, is applied to a dollar bank which can be utilized when you do not have sufficient contributions to maintain eligibility.

What do I do if my employer does not remit my fringes?

First, call your employer. There may be a very good reason that the fringes have not been remitted. If your employer cannot explain the reason to your satisfaction, you should contact the Local Union.

How can I add my dependents to the Plan?

Complete a "Membership and Record Change Form" and submit copies of marriage or birth certificates.

What do I do when I get divorced?

You must send a copy of your complete divorce decree otherwise coverage will be maintained for your ex-spouse. If the Fund pays for benefits that should not be paid because your spouse no longer meets the definition of a dependent, you will be held responsible.

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When does coverage stop for my dependent children?

The Health Care and Education Affordability Reconciliation Act of 2010 requires the Fund to extend Adult child coverage up to age 26 effective June 1, 2011. Therefore, if you are eligible for benefits and you have a child that was previously covered in the Plan, and their coverage was terminated, you should complete a "Request for Extension of Dependent Coverage" and return it to the Fund Office. Coverage may continue until the last day of the month in which that adult child turns 26 years old or earlier if you do not maintain your eligibility under the Plan. This requires annual verification.

Can I continue coverage when I retire?

Yes, provided you meet the retiree requirements for maintaining coverage.

What are the self-payment rates?

Active participant and family	\$693 per month
Retiree not Eligible for Medicare	\$693 per month
Retiree eligible for Medicare	\$159 per month
Retiree & Spouse both eligible for Medicare	\$319 per month
Widow with/without dependents non Medicare	\$693 per month
Widow no dependents with Medicare	\$159 per month

What is COBRA?

COBRA is the Consolidate Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986. COBRA requires that the Fund provide coverage for participants and their dependents that may not otherwise be offered. COBRA is available for dependents who no longer meet the definition of a dependent as defined by the Plan. The rates are:

Participant (Single or Family)	\$627.65
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What is Coordination of Benefits?

Coordination of Benefits or COB coordinates benefits with other health benefits you may have such as coverage through your spouses' employer.

What are Flex Benefits?

Flex Benefits are provided for participants on the Supplement to Medicare program and can be utilized for prescription drugs only. The maximum payable is \$500 per family, per fiscal year (September 1, through August 31).

When will I be eligible for Flex Benefits?

In order to be eligible for Flex Benefits you must have been eligible for at least 6 months prior to utilizing the benefits.