

# MICHIGAN CARPENTERS' FRINGE BENEFIT FUNDS

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To: PLAN PARTICIPANTS OF MICHIGAN CARPENTERS' HEALTH CARE FUND

Re: **WOMEN'S HEALTH AND CANCER RIGHTS**

Dear Plan Participant:

Due to recent changes in Federal law, the Trustees of your Health Care Fund are issuing this annual notice in compliance with the Women's and Cancer Rights Act of 1998. Your Health and Welfare Plan already provides the benefits required by this new law. You have a right to this notice, and the Trustees are providing the notice for your information so that you may be assured that you are treated in accordance with Federal law if the need arises.

The Federal law requires that all health care plans that provide medical and surgical benefits for mastectomies provide, Participants and Beneficiaries receiving mastectomy benefits and who elect mastectomy related breast reconstruction with coverage for the following:

- **Reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy has been performed.**
- **Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance; and**
- **Prostheses and physical complications of all stages of mastectomy including lymph edemas; in a manner determined in consultation with the attending physician and the patient. Such coverage may be subject to annual deductibles and coinsurance provisions as may be deemed appropriate and as are consistent with those established for other benefits under the plan or coverage.**

The Fund has provided coverage for mastectomies for a number of years. As part of this coverage, the Plan also covered the procedures necessary to effect reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed, as well as the cost of prostheses and physical complications of all stages of mastectomy, including lymph edemas, as recommended by the attending physician of any patient receiving Plan benefits in connection with the mastectomy and in consultation with the patient. The Plan also covers any surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to achieve a symmetrical appearance.

Please keep this notice with your Summary Plan Description. If you have any questions regarding these federal requirements, please contact the Fund Office.

Sincerely

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