

CARPENTERS HEALTH AND WELFARE TRUST FUND FOR CALIFORNIA

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Re: Carpenters Health and Welfare Trust Fund for California
Important Information about the Anthem Blue Cross Prudent Buyer Hospital Network –
Contract Negotiations with Adventist Health

Anthem Blue Cross has notified the Fund Office that its Preferred Provider agreement with Adventist Health may be in jeopardy. Although Anthem Blue Cross and Adventist Health hospitals and medical centers continue to engage in discussions, if both parties do not reach a mutual agreement, all Adventist Health providers **will terminate with Anthem’s Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) network effective Friday, April 1, 2016.**

All treatments received at Adventist Health facilities, on and after April 1, 2016, will be paid at the **non-network** benefit level if negotiations are unsuccessful, and **you could be responsible for any dollar amounts in excess of the “Allowed Charge” in addition to the non-network deductible and coinsurance with no out of pocket limitations.**

If you are scheduled for treatment at an Adventist Health hospital or medical center, you should consider an alternative facility treatment after March 31, 2016. Financial hardship on you and your family will be greatly reduced if your medical services are received from an in-network PPO provider of service. Please discuss this situation with your doctor and reschedule planned procedures with network providers and hospitals.

If you have any questions, send an email to benefitservices@carpenterfunds.com or call the Fund Office Benefit Services Department at (510) 633-0333 or toll free at (888) 547-2054.

The chart below offers alternative facilities who continue to participate in the Anthem Preferred Provider network.

Terminated Hospitals in Northern California	Alternative Hospitals in Northern California
San Joaquin Community Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bakersfield Heart Hospital, 3001 Sillect Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93308 • Bakersfield Memorial Hospital, 420 34th St., Bakersfield, CA 93301 • Good Samaritan Hospital, 901 Olive Dr., Bakersfield, CA 93308 • Kern Medical Center, 1700 Mount Vernon Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93306 • Mercy Hospital of Bakersfield, 2215 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93301
Sonora Regional Medical Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Twain St. Joseph’s Hospital, 768 Mountain Ranch Rd., San Andreas, CA 95249

Terminated Hospitals in Northern California	Alternative Hospitals in Northern California
St. Helena Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healdsburg District Hospital, 1375 University St., Healdsburg, CA 95448 • Petaluma Valley Hospital, 400 N McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA 94954 • Queen of the Valley Medical Center, 1000 Trancas St., Napa, CA 94558 • Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital, 1165 Montgomery Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95405 • Sonoma Valley Hospital, 347 Andrieux St., Sonoma, CA 95476 • Sutter Santa Rosa Regional Hospital, 30 Mark West Springs Rd., Santa Rosa, CA 95403
St Helena Hospital Clearlake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sutter Lakeside Hospital, 5176 Hill Rd E., Lakeport, CA 95453
Ukiah Valley Medical Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sutter Lakeside Hospital, 5176 Hill Rd E., Lakeport, CA
Selma Community Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clovis Community Hospital, 2755 Herndon Ave., Clovis, CA 93611 • Community Medical Center Fresno, 2823 Fresno St., Fresno, CA 93721
Adventist Medical Center-Hanford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaweah Delta Medical Center, 400 W Mineral King Ave., Visalia, CA 93291 • Tulare Local Health Care District, 869 N Cherry St., Tulare, CA 93274
Adventist Medical Center Reedley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clovis Community Hospital, 2755 Herndon Ave., Clovis, CA 93611 • Community Medical Center Fresno, 2823 Fresno St., Fresno, CA 93721 • Kaweah Delta Medical Center, 400 W Mineral King Ave., Visalia, CA 93291
Feather River Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enloe Medical Center Inc., 1531 Esplanade, Chico, CA 95926 • Oroville Hospital & Medical Center, 2767 Olive Hwy., Oroville, CA 95966
Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mendocino Coast District Hospital, 700 River Dr., Fort Bragg, CA 95437

Grandfathered Health Plan: The Board of Trustees of the Carpenters Health and Welfare Trust Fund for California believes this Plan is a “grandfathered health plan” under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (“the Affordable Care Act”). As permitted by the Affordable Care Act, a grandfathered health plan can preserve certain basic health coverage that was already in effect when that law was enacted.

Being a grandfathered health plan means that your Plan may not include certain consumer protections of the Affordable Care Act that apply to other plans, for example, the requirement for the provision of preventative health services without any cost sharing. However, grandfathered health plans must comply with certain other consumer protections in the Affordable Care Act, for example the elimination of lifetime limits on benefits.

Questions regarding which protections apply and which protections do not apply to a grandfathered health plan and what might cause a plan to change from grandfathered health plan status can be directed to the Plan Administrator or the Department of Labor at 1-866-444-3272 or www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform. This website has a table summarizing which protections do and do not apply to grandfathered health plans.

Sincerely,
BOARD OF TRUSTEES