

Summary of Material Modifications

March 11, 2020

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TO: All Covered Plan Participants

FROM: The Writers' Guild-Industry Health Fund

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This document is a Summary of Material Modifications (SMM), intended to notify you of changes to your benefits under the Writers' Guild-Industry Health Fund.

These changes include:

 Benefit coverage modification to waive cost-sharing for Coronavirus/COVID-19 screening and testing

PLAN BENEFIT CHANGES

The Writers' Guild-Industry Health Fund ("the Fund") is implementing changes to the Fund benefits indicated herein, beginning March 11, 2020.

COVERAGE FOR CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19 TEST COSTS

In an effort to protect participants and dependents, the Plan is waiving all cost-sharing (deductible and co-insurance) on medically necessary screening and diagnostic testing 2019 novel Coronavirus/COVID-19, including hospital, emergency department, urgent care and provider office visits where the purpose of the visit is to be screened and/or tested for COVID-19. While the Plan still strongly urges you to use an in-network provider, the Trustees of the Plan understand that you may not have a choice in choosing a provider for the COVID-19 diagnostic test, which is not currently widely available.

Please note that all other Plan rules remain in effect including, for example, the exclusion for services that are not medically necessary and for charges above the Allowed Charge limit (meaning that you will be responsible for any out-of-network charges above the Allowed Charge limit).

Also note that coverage is provided for treatment of COVID-19 illnesses subject to the normal Plan terms, including cost-sharing.

If you need assistance with claims submission instructions, you can contact PWGA's Participant Services Division at: (818) 846-1015 or toll-free at: (800) 227-7863 or alternatively you can email your question to:

<u>Pmailbox@wgaplans.org</u>.

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This summary is a Summary of Material Modifications to the Fund's Plan of Benefits (the "Plan"). It constitutes an addendum to the Plan's Summary Plan Description ("SPD"), which is available online at pwga.org or on request by calling the Administrative Offices. Coverage under the Plan is determined under the terms of the Plan as reflected in the SPDs, this summary, and any other notice regarding coverage changes issued since the effective date of the SPD. Nothing in this summary creates a right to be covered under the Plan. The terms "you" and "your" as used in this summary refer to an individual who meets all the eligibility and participation requirements under the Plan. Receipt of this summary does not guarantee that the recipient is a participant under the Plan and/or otherwise eligible for benefits under the Plan. The Board reserves the right to make changes or to terminate any benefit plan or plans for any reason at any time, without prior notice to or consent from any employee, former employee, participant or former participant (or their beneficiaries). If there is any inconsistency between this document and the official plan documents and contracts, the official plan documents and contracts will control to the extent not amended by this summary. If you have any questions regarding this change to the Plan, please contact the Administrative Office during normal business hours at: (818) 846-1015 or toll-free (800) 227-7863 or email your questions to: Pmailbox@wgaplans.org.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION: (DISCRIMINATION IS AGAINST THE LAW)

The Fund's health care plan complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex. The Plan does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex. The Plan:

- a) Provides free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as:
 - Qualified sign language interpreters and written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)
 - Provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:
 - Qualified interpreters and information written in other languages

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If you need these services, contact Linda Abruzzo, Program and Compliance Manager, at 1-800-227-7863.

If you believe that the Plan has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can file a grievance with: Linda Abruzzo, Program and Compliance Manager, 2900 W. Alameda Avenue, Suite 1100, Burbank CA 91505, Telephone: 1-818-846-1015, TTY: 1-818-526-3199, Fax: 1-818-526-6522, Email: <u>Compliance@wgaplans.org</u>. You can file a grievance in person or by mail, fax, or email. If you need help filing a grievance, Linda Abruzzo, Program and Compliance Manager is available to help you. You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at <u>https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf</u>, or by mail or phone at: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Room 509F, HHS Building, Washington, DC 20201, 1-800-868-1019, 1-800-537-7697 (TDD). Complaint forms are available at <u>http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html</u>.

This chart displays, in various languages, the phone number to call for free language assistance services for individuals with limited English proficiency.	
Language	Message About Language Assistance
English	ATTENTION: Language assistance services are available to you free of charge. Call 1-800-227-7863 (TTY: 1-818-526-3199).
Arabic	ظة: إذا كنت تتحدث اذكر اللغة، فإن خدمات المساعدة اللغوية تتوافر لك بالمجان. اتصل برقم 1-7863-227-800 (رقم الصم والبكم: 1-1999-226-818).
Chinese	注意:如果您使用繁體中文,您可以免費獲得語言援助服務。請致電 1-800-227-7863(TTY:1-818-526-3199)。
French	ATTENTION: Si vous parlez français, des services d'aide linguistique vous sont proposés gratuitement. Appelez le 1-800-227-7863 (ATS : 1-818-526-3199).
French Creole (Haitian)	ATANSYON: Si w pale Kreyòl Ayisyen, gen sèvis èd pou lang ki disponib gratis pou ou. Rele 1-800-227-7863 (TTY: 1-818-526-3199).
German	ACHTUNG: Wenn Sie Deutsch sprechen, stehen Ihnen kostenlos sprachliche Hilfsdienstleistung zur Verfügung. Rufnummer: 1-800-227-7863 (TTY: 1-818-526-3199).
Italian	ATTENZIONE: In caso la lingua parlata sia l'italiano, sono disponibili servizi di assistenza linguistica gratuiti. Chiamare il numero 1-800-227-7863 (TTY: 1-818-526-3199).
Japanese	注意事項:日本語を話される場合、無料の言語支援をご利用いただけます。 1-800-227-7863(TTY:1-818-526-3199)まで、お電話にてご連絡ください。
Korean	주의: 한국어를 사용하시는 경우, 언어 지원 서비스를 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다. 1-800-227-7863 (TTY: 1-818-526-3199) 번으로 전화해 주십시오.
Persian	: اگر به زبان فارسی گفتگو می کنید، تسهیلات زبانی بصورت رایگان برای شما فراهم می باشد. با 18-526-31) TTY: 1-818-526-31 تماس بگیرید.
Polish	UWAGA: Jeżeli mówisz po polsku, możesz skorzystać z bezpłatnej pomocy językowej. Zadzwor pod numer 1-800-227-7863 (TTY: 1-818-526-3199).
Portuguese	ATENÇÃO: Se fala português, encontram-se disponíveis serviços linguísticos, grátis. Ligue para 1-800-227-7863 (TTY: 1-818-526-3199).
Russian	ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы говорите на русском языке, то вам доступны бесплатные услуги перевода. Звоните 1-800-227-7863 (телетайп: 1-818-526-3199).
Spanish	ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 1-800-227-7863 (TTY: 1-818-526-3199).
Tagalog	PAUNAWA: Kung nagsasalita ka ng Tagalog, maaari kang gumamit ng mga serbisyo ng tulong s wika nang walang bayad. Tumawag sa 1-800-227-7863 (TTY: 1-818-526-3199).
Vietnamese	CHÚ Ý: Nếu bạn nói Tiếng Việt, có các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí dành cho bạn. Gọi số 1-800-227-7863 (TTY: 1-818-526-3199).