

# Welcome to the Ohio Bricklayers' Fringe Benefits Plan!

Dear Ohio Bricklayers Participant:

This enrollment package was sent to you because you are, or will be, eligible for health care coverage. In order to better understand the benefits that are available to you, it is important that you carefully read all of the information included. It is equally important that you fully and legibly complete and return all required documents as soon as possible. Any missing information or incomplete forms will delay the processing of your medical claims.

Enclosed please find:

# Vital Information Form:

Please fill out **both sides** of this form and return it to the Benefit office. List your spouse and any dependent children that you wish to have covered under the Benefit plan. In the 'Beneficiary Information' portion, list any beneficiaries you wish to receive benefits that may be payable upon your death. The back of this form must also be completed. This provides the Benefit office with information regarding other insurance policies you or your dependents may have.

#### **Dependent Coverage Letter:**

This letter explains what documents you will need to add your spouse, dependent child(ren), stepchild(ren), and/or adopted child(ren). Please be advised if you do not return the necessary documentation your dependent(s) will **not** be added to your coverage. You must provide a copy of your marriage certificate to add your spouse and birth certificates to add dependent children.

## Authorization for Release of Protected Health Information:

Please read the enclosed HIPPA Privacy notice, which explains your rights, and how and when medical information may be disclosed. In order for you or your spouse, if applicable, to receive health care information over the phone for any member of your family over 18, a signed authorization form must be on file at this office. Please complete and sign the enclosed Authorization for Release of Protected Health Information form and return it to the Benefit Office.

#### Notices of COBRA Continuation Coverage Rights:

Please read this information. This notice contains important information about your rights to COBRA continuation coverage, which is a temporary extension of health coverage under the Plan.

#### **Election Form:**

Select between the two plans offered to members by the Ohio Bricklayers' Fringe Benefits Plan

#### **Summary Plan Description:**

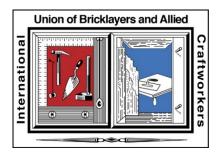
This book contains the rules of the Plan and a description of the benefits available to you and your dependents. Summary of modifications may also be included with the Summary Plan Description. These modifications should be kept with the Summary Plan Description for your reference.

#### **\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE\*\*\***

If you have any questions or wish to receive a Certificate of Creditable Coverage please contact the Insurance Fund Office by phone at 833-289-4921 or by mail at:

# Ohio Bricklayers' Fringe Benefit Funds P.O. Box 99550 Troy, MI 48099

Private sector employees seeking more information about rights under ERISA, including COBRA, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), and other laws affecting group health plans, can contact the U.S. Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) at 1-866-444-3272 or visit the EBSA website at <u>www.dol.gov/ebsa</u>. State and local government employees should contact HHS-CMS at <u>www.cms.hhs.gov/COBRAContinuationofCov/</u> or <u>NewCobraRights@cms.hhs.gov</u>.



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# VITAL INFORMATION FORM

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I agree to notify the Fund Office within 30 days of any changes to the above information. Further, I declare all the above information to be complete and correct. I understand that stating false or misleading information or the omission of material information could be grounds for denial of benefits.

# **OTHER INSURANCE INQUIRY**

Please complete this portion of the form if you, your spouse, or any of your dependents have other insurance coverage that you participate in, or if there has been any change in other insurance coverage.

General Information:	
Name of Other Insured Person:	-
Other Insured Person Date of Birth:	_
Relationship to Member:	-
Information about Other Insurance Plan or Program:	
Other Insurance Name:	
Address:	
City: State: Zip Code:	
Insurance Co. Phone #: ()	-
Policy/Group Number:	
Effective date of coverage: Is insurance active?	
Termination date if applicable:	
Coverage is: ( <i>circle one</i> ) Single Family	
Children are covered until age:	
Type of coverage: ( <i>circle all that apply</i> ) Medical Dental Vision	Prescription
List covered dependents:	

#### Member Statement:

The above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I also am aware of the fact that I must notify the Fund Office immediately should any of the dependents listed on my coverage become eligible for any other coverage.

Any materials submitted by myself or on behalf of any eligible person that contain a material alteration or forged or false information, including signatures, will be rejected. The Trustees reserve the right to refer such matters to Fund Legal Counsel for appropriate action. This will not limit the right of the Fund to recover any losses it suffers as a result of such material in any matter.

I Have No Other Insurance:

Initial Here/Sign Below

Member Signature:

Date:

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# **DEPENDENT COVERAGE**

Please read the following information carefully! This letter explains the necessary requirements and documentation needed to add dependents to your health care coverage. Please refer only to the situation which applies to you, and forward the required information to the Benefit Office.

**SPOUSE** - Coverage for a spouse can be provided for any eligible active participant. You are required to complete a Vital Information Form for the purpose of verifying any other active insurance coverage. When adding a new spouse to your policy, a copy of your marriage certificate is required before coverage will be activated.

**CHILDREN** - The active participants' natural dependent children and legally adopted children are eligible to be added to your policy. When adding eligible dependents to your policy, a copy of each child's birth certificate is required before coverage will be activated.

**STEPCHILDREN** – Please be advised stepchildren are not automatically eligible dependents. If you are 100% responsible for your stepchildren, and their non-custodial parent has relinquished all legal claims and rights to said children, please forward the children's birth certificates and supporting legal documentation to the Benefit Office for review. If action has not been pursued by the dependent's custodial parent, the Fund cannot be responsible for their Primary Health Care coverage. However, you may submit any legal documents for review such as: a prior divorce decree, a Paternity affidavit, or a copy of your taxes showing you claim the child as a dependent.

**DEPENDENTS AGE 19 – 26** - In accordance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA also known as Healthcare Reform) health care plans that offer coverage for dependent children must provide coverage for adult children of covered employees until the age of 26. It is no longer a requirement that a dependent child over the age of 19 be a full-time student. Therefore, your children may be eligible for coverage until they attain age 26, regardless of their student or marital status, whether your home is their principal place of residence, or whether you support them. A copy of the child's birth certificate is needed.

By providing the Benefit Office with information in regard to other insurance coverage your Spouse and/or children may have in addition to the Ohio Bricklayers' Fringe Funds, you are doing your part in controlling the escalating costs of your Health Plan Benefits.

# **AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION**

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number of additional Authorization Forms and return to the Fund Office.

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# Notice of COBRA Continuation Coverage Rights Continuation Coverage Rights Under COBRA

## Introduction

You are receiving this notice because you have recently become covered under a group health plan (the Plan). This notice contains important information about your right to COBRA continuation coverage, which is a temporary extension of coverage under the Plan. This notice generally explains COBRA continuation coverage, when it may become available to you and your family, and what you need to do to protect the right to receive it.

The right to COBRA continuation coverage was created by a federal law, the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA). COBRA continuation coverage can become available to you when you would otherwise lose your group health coverage. It can also become available to other members of your family who are covered under the Plan when they would otherwise lose their group health coverage. For additional information about your rights and obligations under the Plan and under federal law, you should review the Plan's Summary Plan Description or contact the Plan Administrator.

## What is COBRA Continuation Coverage?

COBRA continuation coverage is a continuation of Plan coverage when coverage would otherwise end because of a life event known as a "qualifying event." Specific qualifying events are listed later in this notice. After a qualifying event, COBRA continuation coverage must be offered to each person who is a "qualified beneficiary." You, your spouse, and your dependent children could become qualified beneficiaries if coverage under the Plan is lost because of the qualifying event. Under the Plan, qualified beneficiaries who elect COBRA continuation coverage must pay for COBRA continuation coverage.

If you are an employee, you will become a qualified beneficiary if you lose your coverage under the Plan because either one of the following qualifying events happens:

Your hours of employment are reduced, or Your employment ends for any reason other than your gross misconduct.

If you are the spouse of an employee, you will become a qualified beneficiary if you lose your coverage under the Plan because any of the following qualifying events happens:

- Your spouse dies;
- Your spouse's hours of employment are reduced;
- Your spouse's employment ends for any reason other than his or her gross misconduct;
- Your spouse becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both); or
- You become divorced or legally separated from your spouse.

Your dependent children will become qualified beneficiaries if they lose coverage under the Plan because any of the following qualifying events happens:

- The parent-employee dies;
- The parent-employee's hours of employment are reduced;
- The parent-employee's employment ends for any reason other than his or her gross misconduct;
- The parent-employee becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (Part A, Part B, or both);
- The parents become divorced or legally separated; or
- The child stops being eligible for coverage under the plan as a "dependent child."

Sometimes, filing a proceeding in bankruptcy under title 11 of the United States Code can be a qualifying event. If a proceeding in bankruptcy is filed with respect to the Plan and that bankruptcy results in the loss of coverage of any retired employee covered under the Plan, the retired employee will become a qualified beneficiary with respect to the bankruptcy. The retired employee's spouse, surviving spouse, and dependent children will also become qualified beneficiaries if bankruptcy results in the loss of their coverage under the Plan.

# When is COBRA Coverage Available?

The Plan will offer COBRA continuation coverage to qualified beneficiaries only after the Plan Administrator has been notified that a qualifying event has occurred. When the qualifying event is the end of employment or reduction of hours of employment, death of the employee, retirement or the employee's becoming entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both), the employer must notify the Plan Administrator of the qualifying event.

# You Must Give Notice of Some Qualifying Events

For the other qualifying events (divorce or legal separation of the employee and spouse or a dependent child's losing eligibility for coverage as a dependent child), you must notify the Plan Administrator within 60 days after the qualifying event occurs. You must provide this notice to:

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# How is COBRA Coverage Provided?

Once the Plan Administrator receives notice that a qualifying event has occurred, COBRA continuation coverage will be offered to each of the qualified beneficiaries. Each qualified beneficiary will have an independent right to elect COBRA continuation coverage. Covered

employees may elect COBRA continuation coverage on behalf of their spouses, and parents may elect COBRA continuation coverage on behalf of their children.

COBRA continuation coverage is a temporary continuation of coverage. When the qualifying event is the death of the employee, the employee's becoming entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both), your divorce or legal separation, or a dependent child's losing eligibility as a dependent child, COBRA continuation coverage lasts for up to a total of 36 months. When the qualifying event is the end of employment or reduction of the employee's hours of employment, and the employee became entitled to Medicare benefits less than 18 months before the qualifying event, COBRA continuation coverage for qualified beneficiaries other than the employee lasts until 36 months after the date of Medicare entitlement. For example, if a covered employee becomes entitled to Medicare 8 months before the date on which his

employment terminates, COBRA continuation coverage for his spouse and children can last up to 36 months after the date of Medicare entitlement, which is equal to 28 months after the date of the qualifying event (36 months minus 8 months). Otherwise, when the qualifying event is the end of employment or reduction of the employee's hours of employment, COBRA continuation coverage generally lasts for only up to a total of 18 months. There are two ways in which this 18-month period of COBRA continuation coverage can be extended.

# Disability extension of 18-month period of continuation coverage

If you or anyone in your family covered under the Plan is determined by the Social Security Administration to be disabled and you notify the Plan Administrator in a timely fashion, you and your entire family may be entitled to receive up to an additional 11 months of COBRA continuation coverage, for a total maximum of 29 months. The disability would have to have started at some time before the 60th day of COBRA continuation coverage and must last at least until the end of the 18-month period of continuation coverage.

# Second qualifying event extension of 18-month period of continuation coverage

If your family experiences another qualifying event while receiving 18 months of COBRA continuation coverage, the spouse and dependent children in your family can get up to 18 additional months of COBRA continuation coverage, for a maximum of 36 months, if notice of the second qualifying event is properly given to the Plan. This extension may be available to the spouse and any dependent children receiving continuation coverage if the employee or former employee dies, becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both), or gets divorced or legally separated, or if the dependent child stops being eligible under the Plan as a dependent child, but only if the event would have caused the spouse or dependent child to lose coverage under the Plan had the first qualifying event not occurred.

# If You Have Questions

Questions concerning your Plan or your COBRA continuation coverage rights should be addressed to the contact or contacts identified below. For more information about your rights under ERISA, including COBRA, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), and other laws affecting group health plans, contact the nearest Regional or District Office of the U.S.

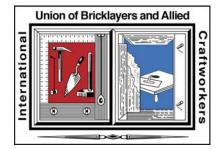
Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) in your area or visit the EBSA website at www.dol.gov/ebsa. (Addresses and phone numbers of Regional and District EBSA Offices are available through EBSA's website.)

## Keep Your Plan Informed of Address Changes

In order to protect your family's rights, you should keep the Plan Administrator informed of any changes in the addresses of family members. You should also keep a copy, for your records, of any notices you send to the Plan Administrator.

#### **Plan Contact Information:**

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# BENEFIT PLAN ELECTION FORM FOR ACTIVE MEMBERS

# I WOULD LIKE TO CHOOSE THE FOLLOWING PLAN

Anthem BCBS – Base Plan – Single = \$545.00 Family =\$732.00

Anthem - Standard Plan – Single = \$770.00 Family = \$1053.00

Enclosed in this packet is the summary plan description detailing the coverage for each plan

By signing this form, I acknowledge that I reviewed the enclosed information. I also acknowledge that my election *cannot be changed* until the next open enrollment period, which will be in the Fall 2018 for the year 2019.

Member's Signature:	Date:
Member's printed name	
Member ID/Last 4 of SSN#	

#### NOTICE OF THE PRIVACY PRACTICES OF THE OHIO BRICKLAYERS' FRINGE BENEFIT FUNDS

# This Notice Describes How Medical Information About You May Be Used and Disclosed and How You Can Get Access To This Information. Please Review It Carefully And Contact the Plan Office If You Have Any Questions.

We are required by law, namely the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), to make sure that medical information that identifies you is kept private to the extent required by law. We are also required to give you this notice regarding (1) the uses and disclosures of medical information that may be made by the Plan, and (2) your rights and the Plan's legal duties with respect to such information. This notice and its contents are intended to conform to the requirements of HIPAA.

#### How We May Use and Disclose Medical Information About You

The following categories describe different ways that we use and disclose medical information. Not every use or disclosure in a category will be listed. However, all of the ways we are permitted to use and disclose information will fall within one of the categories.

#### Treatment.

Treatment is the provision, coordination or management of health care and related services. It also includes but is not limited to consultations and referrals between one or more of your providers. For example, we may disclose to a treating orthodontist the name of your treating dentist so that the orthodontist may ask for your dental x-rays from the treating dentist.

#### For Payment.

We may use and disclose medical information about you to determine eligibility for Plan benefits, to facilitate payment for the treatment and services you receive from health care providers, to determine benefit responsibility under the Plan, or to coordinate Plan coverage. For example, we may tell your health care provider about your eligibility for benefits to confirm whether payment will be made for a particular service. We may also share medical information with a utilization review or precertification service provider. Likewise, we may share medical information with another entity to assist with the coordination of benefit payments.

#### For Health Care Operations.

We may use and disclose medical information about you for Plan operations. These uses and disclosures are necessary to run the Plan. For example, we may use medical information in connection with conducting quality assessment and improvement activities; underwriting, premium rating, and other activities relating to Plan coverage; reviewing and responding to appeals; conducting or arranging for medical review, legal services, audit services, and fraud and abuse detection programs; and general Plan administrative activities.

#### As Required by Law.

We will disclose medical information about you when required to do so by federal, state or local law. For example, we may disclose medical information when required by a court order in a litigation proceeding such as a malpractice action. When authorized by law to report information about abuse, neglect or domestic violence to public authorities, we may disclose medical information if there exists a reasonable belief that you may be a victim of abuse, neglect or domestic violence. In such a case, the Plan will promptly inform you that such a disclosure has been or will be made unless that notice would cause a risk of serious harm. For the purpose of reporting child abuse or neglect, it is not necessary to inform the minor that such

a disclosure has been or will be made. Disclosure may generally be made to the minor's parents or other representatives although there may be circumstances under federal or state law when the parents or other representatives may not be given access to the minor's health information.

#### To Avert a Serious Threat to Health or Safety.

We may use and disclose medical information about you when necessary to prevent a serious threat to your health and safety or the health and safety of the public or another person.

#### To Inform You About Treatment Alternatives or Other Health Related Benefits.

We may use PHI to identify whether you may benefit from communications from the Plan regarding (1) available provider networks or available products or services under the Plan, (2) your treatment, (3) case management or care coordination for you, or (4) recommended alternative treatments, therapies, health care providers, or settings of care for you. For instance, we may forward a communication to a participant who is a smoker regarding an effective smoking-cessation program.

#### **Disclosure to Health Plan Sponsor.**

Medical information may be disclosed to the Plan Sponsors, i.e. the Union and the Associations, or Plan Trustees, solely for purposes of administering benefits under the Plan.

#### **Organ and Tissue Donation.**

If you are an organ donor, we may release medical information to organizations that handle organ procurement or transplantation.

#### Military and Veterans.

If you are a member of the armed forces, we may release medical information about you as required by military command authorities.

#### Workers' Compensation.

We may release medical information about you for workers' compensation or similar programs.

#### Public Health Risks.

We may disclose medical information about you for public health activities to a public authority. These disclosures will be made for the purpose of controlling disease, injury or disability.

#### Health Oversight Activities.

We may disclose medical information to a health oversight agency for activities authorized by law, such as audits, investigations, inspections, and licensure.

#### Lawsuits and Disputes.

We may disclose medical information in response to a court order or administrative tribunal. We may also disclose medical information in response to a subpoena, discovery request, or other lawful process, that is not accompanied by an order of a court or administrative tribunal, if we receive satisfactory assurance from the party seeking the information that reasonable efforts have been made to notify you of the request or, if such assurance is not forthcoming, if we have made a reasonable effort to notify you about the request.

#### Law Enforcement.

We may release medical information if asked to do so for law enforcement purposes so long as applicable legal requirements have been met.

#### **Coroners, Medical Examiners and Funeral Directors.**

We may release medical information to a coroner or medical examiner.

#### Research.

We may disclose medical information for research, subject to conditions.

#### National Security and Intelligence Activities.

We may release medical information about you to authorized federal officials for intelligence, counterintelligence, and other national security activities authorized by law.

#### Inmates.

If you are an inmate of a correctional institution or under the custody of a law enforcement official, we may release medical information about you to the correctional institution or law enforcement official.

#### Your Rights Regarding Medical Information About You

You have the following rights regarding medical information we maintain about you:

#### **Right to Inspect and Copy.**

You have the right to inspect and copy medical information that may be used to make decisions about your Plan benefits. To inspect and copy such medical information, you must submit your request in writing to the Plan Office. The requested information will be provided within 30 days if the information is maintained on site or within 60 days if the information is maintained offsite. A single 30-day extension is allowed if the plan is unable to comply with deadline. If you request a copy of this information, we may charge a fee for the costs of copying, mailing or other supplies associated with your request. We may deny your request to inspect and copy your medical information in certain very limited circumstances. If you are denied access to medical information, you may request that the denial be reviewed.

#### **Right to Amend.**

If you feel that medical information we have about you is incorrect or incomplete, you may ask us to amend the information. You have the right to request an amendment for as long as the information is kept by or for the Plan. To request an amendment, your request must be made in writing and submitted to the Plan Office. In addition, you must provide a reason that supports your request. The Plan has 60 days after the request is made to act on the request. A single 30-day extension is allowed if the Plan is unable to comply with the deadline. If the request is denied in whole or in part, the Plan must provide you with a written denial that explains the basis for the denial. You or your personal representative may then submit a written statement disagreeing with the denial and have that statement included with any future disclosures of your health information. We may deny your request for an amendment if it is not in writing or does not include a reason to support the request. In addition, we may deny your request if you ask us to

amend information that (1) is not part of the medical information kept by or for the Plan, (2) was not created by us, unless the person or entity - that created the information is no longer available to make the amendment, (3) is not part of the information which you would be permitted to inspect and copy, or (4) or is accurate and complete.

#### **Right to an Accounting of Disclosures.**

You have a right to obtain an accounting of certain disclosures of your medical information. This right to an accounting extends to disclosures, <u>other than</u> disclosures made (1) to carry out treatment, payment or health care operations, (2) to individuals about their own medical information, (3) incident to an otherwise permitted use or disclosure, (4) pursuant to an authorization, (5) for purposes of creation of a

facility directory or to persons involved in the patient's care or other notification purposes, (6) as part of a limited data set, (7) for other national security or to correctional institutions or law enforcement officials, or (8) before April 14, 2003.

To request an accounting of disclosures, you must submit your request in writing to the Plan Office. The requested information will be provided within 30 days if the information is maintained on site or within 60 days if the information is maintained offsite. A single 30-day extension is allowed if the plan is unable to comply with deadline. Your request must specify a time period, which may not be longer than six years. Your request should indicate in what form you want the accounting (for example, paper or electronic). The first accounting you request within a 12-month period will be free. For additional accountings, we may charge you for the costs of providing the accounting. We will notify you of the cost involved and you may choose to withdraw or modify your request at that time before any costs are incurred.

#### **Right to Request Restrictions.**

You have the right to request a restriction or limitation on the medical information we use or disclose about you for treatment, payment or health care operations. We are not, however, required to agree to your request. To request restrictions, you must make your request in writing to the Plan Office. In your request, you must tell us (1) what information you want to limit; (2) whether you want to limit our use, disclosure or both; and (3) to whom you want the limits to apply.

#### **Right to Request Confidential Communications.**

You have the right to request that we communicate with you about medical matters in a certain way or at a certain location. For example, you can ask that we only contact you at work or by mail. Such requests shall be honored if, in the sole discretion of the Plan, the requests are reasonable and can be accommodated with minimal disruption to Plan administration. However, the Plan shall accommodate such a request if the participant clearly provides information that the disclosure of all or part of that information could endanger the participant. To request confidential communications, you must make your request in writing to the Plan Office. Your request must specify how or where you wish to be contacted.

#### Right to a Paper Copy of This Notice.

You have the right to a paper copy of this notice. You may ask us to give you a copy of this notice at any time. Even if you have agreed to receive this notice electronically, you are still entitled to a paper copy of this notice.

#### **Changes to This Notice**

The effective date of this Notice is April 14, 2003. We reserve the right to (1) change this notice, and (2) to make the revised or changed notice effective for medical information we already have about you as well as any information we receive in the future. If any changes are made, we will mail the revised Notice to participants. The Plan will comply with the terms of any such Notice currently in effect.

#### **Complaints/Requests for Information**

If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you may file a complaint with the Plan or with the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. To file a complaint with the Plan, or to receive further information as required by the regulations, contact Sherry Verstraete at the Plan Office. All complaints must be submitted in writing. You will not be penalized for filing a complaint.

#### **Other Uses of Medical Information**

Other uses and disclosures of medical information not covered by this notice or the laws that apply to us will be made only with your written permission. If you provide us permission to use or disclose medical information about you, you may revoke that permission, in writing, at any time. If you revoke your permission, we will no longer use or disclose medical information about you for the reasons covered by your written authorization. You understand that we are unable to take back any disclosures we have already made with your permission.