

# THE IUOE LOCAL 4 HEALTH & WELFARE PLAN IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE A NEW HEALTHY HEARING BENEFIT PARTNERSHIP WITH TRUHEARING®

The Health & Welfare Plan ("Plan") Board of Trustees is pleased to introduce **TruHearing**, a **NEW** vendor and leading provider of premium hearing aid benefits.

**Effective August 1, 2022** TruHearing will provide eligible participants and dependents covered under the Basic Benefits Plan with free hearing tests as well as access to better discounts on hearing aids within a broader network.

The Plan also provides an allowance of \$1,300 per ear, every four years, for hearing aids when purchased through a TruHearing provider. Please see the attached flyer for more information and pricing. Benefits are limited to services received from providers affiliated with TruHearing.

When you use TruHearing, you are eligible for a pair of Standard hearing aids at no cost to you, or you can upgrade to Advanced (\$299 each) or Premium aids (\$699 each). TruHearing bills the Plan directly for your allowance and any difference is paid directly to TruHearing by the member.

### The TruHearing Program features:

- •7,000+ provider locations nationwide
- ·Hearing aids from the top 6 major manufacturers
- ·Some hearing aid models at zero out-of-pocket cost
- •100's of hearing aid makes, models, styles, and colors to choose from
- •1 year of follow-up visits at no charge
- •2 years (80 cells per ear) of free batteries for non-rechargeable models
- •3-year manufacturer warranty

If you or your eligible dependents are interested in scheduling an appointment, or if you have questions regarding your hearing benefits, contact **TruHearing at 1-888-934-4744**. This number is exclusively set up for eligible Local 4 members.

In order to access the benefits offered through the Hearing Plan, you must first contact TruHearing to maximize your full in-network hearing aid allowance. Do not use your Blue Cross Blue Shield medical ID card for this benefit. Contact TruHearing to find out if your current hearing aid provider is in the TruHearing network.

You can also find additional information, pricing examples, and a free online hearing screening tool at www.TruHearing.com/IUOELocal4

The information contained in this letter serves as an update to page 57: Hearing Plan in the January 2021 Health & Welfare Plan Document.

Sincerely,

## **Your Board of Trustees**

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# (Re)Claim what's been missing.

How long have you been putting off your hearing health? Months? Years? It's time to begin the journey to better hearing. As part of your IUOE Local 4 Health & Welfare Plan you have a comprehensive hearing care solution available through TruHearing®. It's time to reclaim life's most precious moments.



Treating hearing loss lets you focus on who and what you care about. Relationships come alive again. The music, movies, and conversations you enjoy together are no longer a struggle to understand. Life takes on a whole new perspective.

- Experience clarity in a crowded room with the newest technology that lifts voices from background noise and redefines your ability to have conversations
- Take control with a tap. Smartphone apps remotely adjust volume, help set
- health goals like step counting, and more<sup>1</sup>
- Stream your favorite entertainment directly to your ears with Bluetooth<sup>®2</sup>
- Stay active all day with fuss-free, rechargeable batteries that last up to 23 hours<sup>3</sup>

# Ready to get started?

Take advantage of your hearing program by calling TruHearing. A friendly Hearing Consultant will answer any questions you may have or schedule an exam with a licensed provider near you.

Give TruHearing a call today.

**1-888-934-4744** | TTY: 711

Hours: 8am-8pm, Monday-Friday



# TruHearing<sup>®</sup>

# **Your 2023 Hearing Coverage**

Your benefit covers up to \$1,300 per ear every 4 years.



Value	Basic	Standard	Advanced	Premium
Retail: \$1,400/aid	Retail: \$1,600/aid	Retail: \$2,250/aid	Retail: \$2,700/aid	Retail: \$3,500/aid
<b>\$699</b> per aid	<b>\$999</b> per aid	<b>\$1,199</b> per aid	<b>\$1,599</b> per aid	<b>\$1,999</b> per aid
\$0*	<b>\$0</b> *	\$0*	\$299*	\$699*

<sup>\*</sup>cost out-of-pocket after benefit allowance applied



#### Your benefit also includes:



- + Risk-free 60-day trial period
- + 1 year of follow-up visits
- + 80 free batteries per non-rechargeable hearing aid
- + Full 3-year manufacturer warranty

- <sup>1</sup> Ask your provider to enable app features. In-app interfacing requires provider activation.
- <sup>2</sup> Smartphone-compatible hearing aids connect directly to iPhone®, iPad®, and iPod® Touch devices. Some TruHearing models connect to Android® phones directly. Connectivity also available to many Android phones with use of an accessory. TV streaming available through most TVs with use of an accessory.
- <sup>3</sup> Available on select models.

Prices and products subject to change.

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