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# **IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE END OF THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY DECLARATION PERIOD**

April 2023

To All Active Participants and Pre-Medicare Retiree Participants of the Five Rivers Carpenters District Council Health & Welfare Fund (the Plan):

The COVID-19 national emergency and public health emergency declarations will expire on May 11, 2023.

## **COVID-19 TESTING AND VACCINATIONS**

Effective as of the end of the COVID-19 National Emergency Period, the Plan will cover COVID-19 testing and vaccinations as described below.

### **1. COVID-19 Vaccinations and Boosters**

COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters are considered “preventive care” under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). Therefore, vaccinations and boosters received at an in-network facility will continue to be provided without cost-sharing. Vaccinations and boosters received at an out-of-network facility, will be paid at the out-of-network rate and subject to the standard deductibles and out-of-pocket limits.

### **2. COVID-19 Testing**

COVID-19 testing performed at a clinic or doctor’s office will be provided subject to the Plan’s normal payment provisions. Charges to treat an actual case of coronavirus will continue to be paid the same as any other illness. Your cost share for out-of-network services will be higher. Over-the-counter COVID-19 tests will no longer be covered by the Plan.

If you have any questions on the information communicated above, please contact Wellmark, your medical provider at 800-524-9242

Sincerely,

The Board of Trustees