# **BEER INDUSTRY -**LOCAL UNION NO. 703 HEALTH AND WELFARE FUND

18660 Graphic Drive, Suite 202, Tinley Park, Illinois 60477 (T) 708-429-0046 \*\* (F) 708-429-0047

## BENEFIT UPDATE

**MARCH 2019** 

### Dear Welfare Plan Participant:

The Board of Trustees of Beer Industry - Local Union No. 703 Health and Welfare Fund (the "Fund") are pleased to announce benefit coverage changes effective January 1, 2019 related to the Preauthorization Requirement for in-patient services. Also enclosed is your updated Claims and Appeals Procedures information, as well as a list of the current Board of Trustees.

<u>Previous Pre-Authorization Non-Compliance Penalty</u>
The Fund previously charged a \$700 per occurrence penalty for failure to preauthorize in-patient care.

Updated Pre-Authorization Non-Compliance Penalty

Effective January 1, 2019, the Fund will no longer assess a \$700 penalty for failure to preauthorize in-patient care. However, pre-authorization is still required under the Fund's utilization review program.

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES** Beer Industry - Local Union No. 703 Health and Welfare Fund

Please be advised written communication to the Board of Trustees should be directed to the FUND OFFICE ADDRESS at 18660 Graphic Drive, Suite 202, Tinley Park, Illinois 60477.

### **Union Trustees**

Teamsters Union Local No. 703 1333 Butterfield Road, Suite 110 Downers Grove, Illinois 60515

10/2008 Thomas W. Stiede

10/2008 Pat Bruno

10/2008 David McLin

10/2008 Howard (Chuck) Murdoch

### **Employer Trustees**

08/2000 Donna L. Spagnola Beer Industry 703 - Health & Welfare Fund 18660 Graphic Drive, Suite 202, Tinley Park Il 60477

02/2019 Eugene Jacobs

Beer Industry 703 - Health & Welfare Fund 18660 Graphic Drive, Suite 202, Tinley Park Il 60477

01/2015 Devon Robertson LakeShore Beverage 400 North Elizabeth, Chicago, IL 60642

08/2018 Mike Scully

Chicago Beverage Systems, LLC

441 North Kilbourn Avenue, Chicago, Il 60624

## Statement of Grandfathered Status

The Board of Trustees believes that the Plan of the Beer Industry Local Union No. 703 Health and Welfare Fund 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 preventive

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 Fund Office at 708-429-0046. You may also contact the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. 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.

We are pleased to be able to provide you and your family with comprehensive benefits. If you have questions about this new coverage or your benefits in general, please contact the Fund Office at 708-429-0046, or Beer Industry Local Union No. 703 Health and Welfare Fund, 18660 Graphic Drive, Suite 202, Tinley Park, Illinois 60477.

Sincerely, The Board of Trustees

EIN 36-6051305 PN 501

This notice is a Summary of Material Modifications (SMM), within the meaning of Section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended. This notice describes important changes to the Plan. You may find full details in the most recent Summary Plan Description and Plan Document that establish the Plan provisions. The Trustees reserve the right to amend, modify, or terminate the Plan at any time.