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Notice of a New Hearing Aid Provider

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce an additional Hearing Aid Provider for the Active Operating Engineers Health & Welfare Trust Fund.

In addition to our current Providers, eligible employees and eligible dependents are now able to obtain services from the Hear USA Hearing Care Network. Hear USA has a network of accredited audiologists and licensed hearing aid providers with over 2,500 locations nationwide.

Health and Welfare Fund Benefit: The fund will pay 100%, for both HMO and PPO/Indemnity Plan participants, of covered expenses, up to a maximum of \$1350 per ear, limited to one device per ear during any 4-year period. Hearing aids are not part of the plan's out-of-pocket limit feature.

No out of pocket costs for basic models.

Hear USA is offering significant savings on three of their top selling Siemens hearing aids:

- **Siemens Model 101 - \$1,000 each**
This model features 6 channel of signal processing, a wide variety of styles and sizes to meet individual needs, and is compatible with the optional Siemens convenience charger.
- **Siemens Model 301 - \$1,250 each**
This model features 8 channels of digital signal processing, a wide variety of styles and sizes to meet individual needs (including a range that are nearly invisible), is fully compatible with optional Siemens accessories, including wireless remote controls, Bluetooth accessories and convenience charger.
- **Siemens Model 501 - \$1,500 each**
This model features 12 channels of state-of-the-art digital signal processing, individual learning functionality, a range of styles including nearly invisible products, and is fully compatible with optional Siemens accessories including Bluetooth streaming of audio input (television, cell phones, music players), as well as wireless remote control units and convenience charger.

All prices above include professional services, the hearing aid, batteries for the first year and follow up visits for the first year. Another important benefit is the Siemens loss/damage warranty, where a lost or damaged hearing aid will be replaced within the first year, one time only, between \$200 and \$270, depending on the model.

How do I locate a Hear USA provider?

Simply call (800) 442-8231 and they will locate and schedule an appointment with a Hear USA hearing professional near you. When calling in, you must identify if you are in an HMO or PPO/Indemnity Plan. You may also visit their website at www.hearusa.com for more information.

All HMO claims should be billed to:

Active Operating Engineers Health & Welfare Trust Fund
Attn: Marilyn Haynes, Medical Claims Dept.
1640 South Loop Road
Alameda, CA 94502

All PPO/Indemnity Plan claims in CA should be billed to:

Active Operating Engineers Health & Welfare Trust Fund
P.O. Box 60007
Los Angeles, CA 90060-0007

All Out of State PPO/Indemnity Plan claims should be billed to their Local Blue office.

For information regarding your eligibility please contact the Trust Fund Office at (800) 251-5014 or call the Fringe Benefits Office at (510) 748-7450 or toll-free at (800) 532-2105.

Sincerely,

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