



# FOX VALLEY & VICINITY LABORERS

HEALTH AND WELFARE AND PENSION FUNDS

## Important Notice from Fox Valley Laborers Health and Welfare Fund About Your Prescription Drug Coverage and Medicare

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Please read this notice carefully and keep it where you can find it. This notice has information about your current prescription drug coverage with Fox Valley Laborers Health and Welfare Fund and about your options under Medicare's prescription drug coverage. This information can help you decide whether or not you want to join a Medicare drug plan. If you are considering joining, you should compare your current coverage, including which drugs are covered at what cost, with the coverage and costs of the plans offering Medicare prescription drug coverage in your area. Information about where you can get help to make decisions about your prescription drug coverage is at the end of this notice.

There are two important things you need to know about your current coverage and Medicare's prescription drug coverage:

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1. Medicare prescription drug coverage became available in 2006 to everyone with Medicare. You can get this coverage if you join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or join a Medicare Advantage Plan (like an HMO or PPO) that offers prescription drug coverage. All Medicare drug plans provide at least a standard level of coverage set by Medicare. Some plans may also offer more coverage for a higher monthly premium.
2. Fox Valley Laborers Health and Welfare Fund has determined that the prescription drug coverage offered by the Fox Valley Laborers Health and Welfare Fund is, on average for all plan participants, expected to pay out as much as standard Medicare prescription drug coverage pays and is therefore considered Creditable Coverage. Because your existing coverage is Creditable Coverage, you can keep this coverage and not pay a higher premium (a penalty) if you later decide to join a Medicare drug plan.

### **When Can You Join a Medicare Drug Plan?**

You can join a Medicare drug plan when you first become eligible for Medicare and each year from October 15<sup>th</sup> through December 7<sup>th</sup>.

However, if you lose your current creditable prescription drug coverage, through no fault of your own, you will also be eligible for a two (2) month Special Enrollment Period (SEP) to join a Medicare drug plan.

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## What Happens to Your Current Coverage If You Decide to Join a Medicare Drug Plan?

If you decide to join a Medicare drug plan, your current Fox Valley Laborers Health and Welfare Fund coverage **will be** affected. Fox Valley Laborers Health and Welfare Fund pays for other health expenses, in addition to prescription drugs. If you choose to enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan *you may lose coverage* (medical and prescription drug) under the Fox Valley Laborers Health and Welfare Fund.

### Prescription Drug Coverage Available

Following is an overview of the prescription drug coverage available under the Fox Valley Laborers Health and Welfare Plan:

Retail (30-day supply):

\$ 8	Generic
\$15	Brand with no Formulary or Generic alternative available

Mail or Retail (90-day supply):

\$15	Generic
\$30	Brand with no Formulary or Generic alternative available

- Generic Substitutions – When available, generic drugs will be substituted for ALL brand name drugs or medications. If you request a brand name drug when a generic substitution is available, you must pay the applicable co-payment and the difference between the price of the generic and brand name drug or medication, even if your physician writes “no substitutions” or “dispense as written” on the prescription.
- \$10,000 Lifetime Maximum for infertility drugs.
- Mandatory 90-day supply for Maintenance and Long-Term Medications. This means that if you are taking a maintenance or long-term medication you will be limited to two fills (one original fill followed by one subsequent refill) at the retail pharmacy. After the second fill you will have the option to fill 90-day maintenance medication through the mail order program or through CVS retail pharmacies.

If you do decide to join a Medicare drug plan and drop your current Fox Valley Laborers Health and Welfare Fund coverage, be aware that you and your dependents will not be able to get this coverage back.

### When Will You Pay a Higher Premium (Penalty) to Join a Medicare Drug Plan?

You should also know that if you drop or lose your current coverage with Fox Valley Laborers Health and Welfare Fund and don't join a Medicare drug plan within 63 continuous days after your current coverage ends, you may pay a higher premium (a penalty) to join a Medicare drug plan later.

If you go 63 continuous days or longer without creditable prescription drug coverage, your monthly premium may go up by at least 1% of the Medicare base beneficiary premium per month for every month that you did not have that coverage. For example, if you go nineteen months without creditable coverage, your premium may consistently be at least 19% higher than the Medicare base beneficiary premium. You may have to pay this higher premium (a penalty) as long as you have Medicare prescription drug coverage. In addition, you may have to wait until the following October to join.

## **For More Information About This Notice or Your Current Prescription Drug Coverage...**

Contact the Fund Office for further information 1-847-742-0900 or 1-866-828-0900.

**NOTE:** You'll get this notice each year. You will also get it before the next period you can join a Medicare drug plan, and if this coverage through Fox Valley Laborers Health and Welfare Fund changes. You also may request a copy of this notice at any time.

## **For More Information About Your Options Under Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage...**

More detailed information about Medicare plans that offer prescription drug coverage is in the "Medicare & You" handbook. You'll get a copy of the handbook in the mail every year from Medicare. You may also be contacted directly by Medicare drug plans.

For more information about Medicare prescription drug coverage:

- Visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)
- Call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see the inside back cover of your copy of the "Medicare & You" handbook for their telephone number) for personalized help
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

If you have limited income and resources, extra help paying for Medicare prescription drug coverage is available. For information about this extra help, visit Social Security on the web at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov), or call them at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

**Remember: Keep this Creditable Coverage notice. If you decide to join one of the Medicare drug plans, you may be required to provide a copy of this notice when you join to show whether or not you have maintained creditable coverage and, therefore, whether or not you are required to pay a higher premium (a penalty).**

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