**From:** Vincent F. O'Hara [v.ohara@hohlaw.com] **Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2010 10:30 AM

**To:** HHS HealthInsurance (HHS)

Cc: 'Gloria Johnson'; MORETTIV@hpd.nyc.gov; 'Aguiar, Sandra'; 'Timothy Klimpl'

Subject: Waiver

**Attachments:** CSBA SBF Annual Limits Waiver Application.pdf; Letter for Waiver Application for CSBA SBF.pdf Dear HHS:

Enclosed please find a letter dated November 9,2010 and application for Waiver from the Civil Service Bar Association Security Benefit Fund for your attention.

Very truly yours,

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#### CIVIL SERVICE BAR ASSOCIATION SECURITY BENEFIT FUND

# APPLICATION FOR WAIVER OF THE ANNUAL LIMITS REQUIREMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT SECTION 2711

| 1. | The terms of the plan or policy form(s) for which a waiver is sought. |  |
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Please see attached "Your Plan at a Glance" and Summary Plan Description.

| 2. | The number | of individuals | covered | by the pl | an or poli | cy form(s) | submitted. |
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|    |            |                |         |           |            |            |            |

| Active Members: | (b)(4) | Total: | (b)(4) |
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3. The annual limit(s) and rates applicable to the plan or policy form(s) submitted.

| Prescription Drug Plan: | maximum payment per family per calendar year. Copayments between and percent.   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Dental Program:         | \$\frac{1}{2}\$ maximum payment per person per calendar year.  Deductible of \$\frac{1}{2}\$ per person and \$\frac{1}{2}\$ per family per calendar year. |
| Optical Benefit:        | For use of non-participating provider, \$  maximum reimbursement per person per calendar year.  |
| Life-Style Benefit:     | \$ maximum reimbursement per family per year for  |

4. A brief description of why compliance with the interim final regulations would result in a significant decrease in access to benefits for those currently covered by such plans or policies, or significant increase in premiums paid by those covered by such plans or policies, along with any supporting documentation.

prescriptions for sexual dysfunction drugs.

### Governmental Plan Offering Limited Supplemental Benefits

The Civil Service Bar Association Security Benefit Fund (the "Plan") is a self-funded limited benefit plan established by a collective bargaining agreement ("CBA") between the City of New York (the "City") and the Civil Service Bar Association. The Plan is funded through contributions made by the City for covered members based on an annual rate per participant, paid on 28-day cycles at the rate of \$\frac{1}{2}\$. The CBA that governs the Plan is currently expired. Thus, the contribution rate will continue to be in force until a new CBA is reached. In many instances in bargaining with New York City, no new CBA is reached for two to three years after a CBA's expiration.

The Plan provides supplemental health and other benefits to full-time and part-time members and their covered dependents that supplement members' and dependents' major medical coverage, which is provided by the City of New York. The supplemental benefits provided by the Plan include Dental, Prescription Drug, Optical, Life-Style, Newborn, 24-Hour Nurse Helpline, Hearing Aid, Short Term Disability, Long Term Disability and Life Insurance.

#### Financial Condition of the Plan

| In 2009, the Plan paid out \$\frac{3}{2}\] in disbursements, including benefits and administrative   |
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| costs. In the same year, the Plan had total receipts of \$\frac{3}{2}\$ including \$\frac{3}{2}\$ in employer contributions. Thus, the Plan had a difference of \$\frac{3}{2}\$ between its total receipts |
| employer contributions. Thus, the Plan had a difference of \$ between its total receipts   |
| and disbursements for 2009. Since 2006, simembers have reached annual limits under the Plan.   |
| including for 2009 and 2010 year to date. Because the Plan is funded through predetermined   |
| contributions from the City under the terms of a collective bargaining agreement, an increase in   |
| the Plan's benefit obligations may quickly force the Plan into deficit spending and jeopardize its   |
| future solvency. Additionally, the restricted annual limits for each participant and beneficiary set   |
| forth in the interim final regulations approach and within gyears exceed the Plan's net assets   |
| available for benefits. If only one participant or beneficiary makes a claim that reaches the  |
| annual limit of \$750,000 during the 2011 Plan Year, this claim would represent 👮 6 of the   |
| Plan's 2009 net assets available for benefits over benefit obligations. Thus, only such  |
| claims would effectively render the Plan insolvent.  |
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5. An attestation, signed by the plan administrator or Chief Executive Officer of the issuer of the coverage, certifying 1) that the plan was in force prior to September 23, 2010; and 2) that the application of restricted annual limits to such plans or policies would result in a significant decrease in access to benefits for those currently covered by such plans or policies, or a significant increase in premiums paid by those covered by such plans or policies.

I, <u>Caro Henrich-Hervera</u>, the administrator for the Civil Service Bar Association Security Benefit Fund certify that: 1) the plan was in force prior to September 23, 2010; and 2) that the application of restricted annual limits to such plans or policies would result in a significant decrease in access to benefits for those currently covered by such plans or policies, or a significant increase in premiums paid by those covered by such plan or policies.

Administrator

Sworn to me on this 9 day of November 2010

Notary Public

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November 9, 2010

Via Email and Certified Mail

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HHS, Office of Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight
Office of Oversight
Room 737-F-04
200 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20201

Attn: James Mayhew

Re:

Waiver of the Annual Limits Requirement

Civil Service Bar Association Security Benefit Fund

Our File No. 4217

Dear Mr. Mayhew:

Please be advised that the law firm of Holm & O'Hara LLP represents the Civil Service Bar Association Security Benefit Fund (the "Fund"). Enclosed is the Fund's application for a waiver of the Annual Limits Requirement of Public Health Service Act Section 2711.

Please note that the Fund is a New York City collectively-bargained, governmental plan offering limited benefits that are intended to supplement members' and their families' major medical coverage, which is provided by the City of New York. As such, the Fund has annual limits well below the restricted annual limits set forth in the Interim Final Rules and contributions cannot be increased to meet the additional cost of increasing the annual limits. Accordingly, the Fund respectfully requests a waiver of these restricted annual limits.

If you require any additional information in connection with this application, please feel free to contact me at (212) 682-2280, ext. 36. Thank you for your courtesy and cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours

Vincent E O'Hara

VFO/tsk

**Enclosures** 

cc:

Trustees

From: Habit, Sandra (HHS/OCIIO)

Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 3:41 PM

**To:** v.ohara@hohlaw.com

Subject: Waiver Application - Civil Service Bar Association Security Benefit Fund

Mr. O'Hara,

Thank you for your application for the Waiver of the Annual Limits Requirements of the PHS Act Section 2711. In order to complete your application, please provide the following information regading CSBA SBF:

(The premium amounts is the total cost to the employer and the employee)

|                     | Premium         | Premium   | Premium          | % increase if the |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------|------------------|-------------------|
|                     | (current level) | (renewal) | (if \$750,000    | \$750,000 was     |
|                     |                 |           | annual limit was | implemented       |
|                     |                 |           | applied)         |                   |
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| appropriate tier)   |                 |           |                  |                   |
| EE + Spouse (if     |                 |           |                  |                   |
| applicable or other |                 |           |                  |                   |
| appropriate tier)   |                 |           |                  |                   |
| Family (if          |                 |           |                  |                   |
| applicable or other |                 |           |                  |                   |
| appropriate tier)   |                 |           |                  |                   |

In addition, please provide the effective renewel date of this plan.

Please provide this information by 5:00 pm, November 19, 2010. We look forward to receiving your completed application. Thank you.

Sandy

**From:** Vincent F. O'Hara [v.ohara@hohlaw.com] Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 4:41 PM

**To:** Habit, Sandra (HHS/OCIIO)

Cc: 'Timothy Klimpl'; 'Aguiar, Sandra'; 'Gloria Johnson'

**Subject:** Response to Questions Regarding Waiver Application for CSBA SBF

Attachments: Response to Questions Regarding Waiver Application- CSBA SBF.pdf

Dear Ms. Habit:

Enclosed please find a response to your email dated November 17, 2010, requesting information relating to the Civil Service Bar Association Security Benefit Fund's application for Waiver.

Very truly yours,

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November 19, 2010

#### Via Email

HHS, Office of Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight Office of Oversight

Attn: Sandra Habit

Re: Waiver of the PHS Act Section 2711 Annual Limits Requirement Civil Service Bar Association Security Benefit Fund Our File No. 4217

Dear Ms. Habit:

As you know, the law firm of Holm & O'Hara LLP represents the Civil Service Bar Association Security Benefit Fund (the "Fund"). In response to your email dated November 17, 2010, please note that the Fund is a governmental plan offering supplemental benefits under a collective bargaining agreement ("CBA") between the City of New York and the Civil Service Bar Association. As such, covered members and their eligible dependents do not pay premiums into the Fund. Instead, the Fund receives contributions made by the City for covered members based on an annual rate per participant, paid on 28-day cycles at the rate of \$\frac{(b)(4)}{2}\$. The Fund is self-insured for prescription drug, dental and optical, but it is fully insured for disability and life insurance. The contribution rate applies to each participant regardless of whether the Fund provides single or family coverage. COBRA beneficiaries pay this same contribution rate to continue their coverage. Because the CBA is currently expired, this contribution rate will remain in effect until a new CBA is reached. In many instances in bargaining with New York City, no new CBA is reached for two to three years after a CBA's expiration. Due to the Fund's financial condition as set forth in the Fund's application, in order to ensure its solvency, the Fund may need to eliminate benefits subject to the restricted annual limits of PHS Act 2711.

Please let me know if you have any further questions or concerns regarding the Fund or its waiver application. Thank you for your courtesy and cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Vincent F. O'Hara

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# Your Plan At A Glance

# Dental Program (For Full Time And Part Time Members And Their Covered Dependents)

(b)(4) per person, (b)(4) per family calendar year deductible, then covered per fee schedule which is accepted as payment in full by participating dentists to (b)(4) maximum payment per person per calendar year. Lifetime maximum of (b)(4) per person for orthodontics.

# Prescription Drug Plan (For Full Time Members And Their Covered Dependents)

Card program with apid co-payment for generic drugs, a bid copayment for preferred brand name drugs, and bid co-payment for non-preferred brand name drugs, to a bid maximum payment per family per calendar year. Mail order available for a 90-day supply of maintenance drugs with abid co-payment for generic drugs, a bid co-payment for preferred brand name drugs, and a bid co-payment for non-preferred brand name drugs. In addition, member will be responsible to pay the difference between the cost of the brand name and the generic equivalent plus the generic co-pay when brand name medications have a direct generic equivalent available.

The Plan requires Prior Authorization for the Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPIs) therapeutic drug class.

Quantity limitation on **Sleep Aids.** In compliance with the guidelines issued by the FDA, coverage of Sleep Aids are limited to 10 pills/month.

Mandatory Step Therapy or Prior Authorization on all new or refill prescriptions for brand name Statin class drug.<sup>1</sup>

### Two Incentives to using First Line Generic Drugs

- A) First Line generic drugs listed above will be available to you Free of Charge.
- B) The Semiannual (b)(4) Deductible is waived on all First Line generic drugs filled.

# Life-Style Benefit (For Full Time Members and Their Covered Dependents)

Up to [(b)(4)] per family per year reimbursed for prescriptions for sexual dysfunction drugs

# Newborn Benefit (For Full Time Members And Their Covered Dependents)

(b)(4) benefit for birth of a child or adoption of a child who is up to 18 years of age

# 24 Hour Nurse HelpLine (For Full Time and Part Time Members And Their Covered Dependents)

Contact registered nurses to assist with health questions and/or listen to over 1000 pre-recorded tapes dealing with medical topics.

<sup>1</sup> Step therapy/prior authorization will not apply to prescriptions presented for Lipitor 80 mg.

# Your Plan At A Glance (Contd.)

## Hearing Aid Benefit (For Full Time Members And Their Covered Dependents)

Up to (b)(4) per device per person once every three years and up to (b)(4) per mold once every three years.

# Optical Benefit (For Full Time Members And Their Covered Dependents And For Part Time Employees)

Eye exam and one pair of eyeglasses or contact lenses or a supply of disposable lenses per person once per calendar year through participating providers; up to but per person per calendar year reimbursement if using a non-participating provider.

### Short Term Disability Coverage (For Full Time Members)

(b)(4)/6 of gross weekly earning to \$(b)(4) maximum benefit for 13 weeks.

### Long Term Disability Coverage (For Full Time Members)

% of gross salary to \$ (b)(4) maximum per month to age 65.

# Life Insurance Coverage (For Full Time and Part Time Members)

\$ (b)(4) up to age 65; (b)(4) ages 65-69; (b)(4) ages 70 and over.

(b)(4) of the benefit is paid from the first through the twelfth month of employment as a member, with full coverage thereafter.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Step therapy/prior authorization will not apply to prescriptions presented for Lipitor 80 mg.

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# Your Plan At A Glance

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Eye exam and one pair of eyeglasses or contact lenses or a supply of disposable lenses per person once per calendar year at no cost through participating providers; up to here

Dental Program (For Full Time And Part Time Members And Their Covered Dependents)

son per calendar year reimbursement if using a non participating provider.

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# **Dental Program**

The Dental Program is provided for full time members and part time members and their eligible dependents.

The Dental plan is administered through Self-Insured Dental Services (S.I.D.S), based on a schedule of payments.

The dental program offers two dental options:

- You may select one or more dentists from the listing of S.I.D.S' MetroDent Premier Participating Provider Organization participating providers. These dentists agree to accept the schedule as payment in full for all covered dental services after the deductible is paid. A fee would be charged for any service provided which is considered a non-covered service. Contact S.I.D.S. at 516-396-5500 or 718-204-7172 for a listing of participating providers.
- You may utilize a dentist(s) of your choice. Upon receipt of a completed claim form, reimbursement will be made to you or you may assign benefits to your dentist for all services which are covered under the dental program.

## **Covered Expenses**

Covered expenses include charges made by a dentist for the performance of dental services when the service is performed by or under the direction of a dentist, is essential dental care, and begins and is completed while the individual is covered for benefits.

A service is deemed to start when the actual performance of the service starts except that:

- for fixed bridgework and full or partial dentures, it starts when the first impressions are taken and/or abutment teeth are fully prepared;
- for a crown, inlay or onlay, it starts on the first date of preparation of the tooth involved;
- for root canal therapy, it starts when the pulp chamber of the tooth is opened.

# Maximum Amount Payable

There is a maximum payment for each individual covered by the Plan per calendar year for other than orthodontics.

There is a bi(4) lifetime maximum benefit for orthodontic treatment. Orthodontic treatment is not subject to the bi(4) annual maximum.

There is a (b)(4) lifetime maximum payment for surgical implants.

## **Annual Deductible**

Each individual covered under the Plan is subject to a (b)(4) deductible, with a (b)(4) maximum family deductible per calendar year. Orthodontic services are not subject to the deductible.

### How Benefits Are Paid

After dental work is performed, send completed claim form to:

S.I.D.S. Dept. 33, P.O. Box 9005, Lynbrook, NY 11563

Claim forms are available from the Fund Office. All claims must be filed within 12 months of the date if of service. Claims filed later than 12 months after the date of service may not be reimbursed. If you would like the payment made directly to your dentist, sign the "Assignment of Benefits" section on the claim form. Payment will be at the rate of 100% of the amounts listed in the Schedule of Covered Dental Expenses, not to exceed actual dentist charges.

#### **Pre-treatment Authorizations**

If you require substantial dental work be sure to have your dentist submit a pre-treatment authorization so you will know if you have and out-of-pocket expense at the onset of treatment. Pre-treatment authorizations are required for inlays, crowns, laminate veneers, bridges, dentures, periodontal surgery, or when expenses will exceed \$300 in a 90 day period.

If you fail to comply with the pre-authorization requirements, you run the risk of your claim not being paid by the Fund.

#### **Alternate Benefit Provision**

Due to the element of choice available in the treatment of some dental conditions, there may be more than one course of treatment that could provide a suitable result based on accepted dental standards. In these instances, S.I.D.S. will determine the alternate course of treatment on which payment will be based and the expenses that will be included as covered expenses. You may elect to follow the original course of treatment and be responsible for charges which exceed Plan allowances for alternate treatment.

#### Limitations

| Examination - (b)(4) in a calendar year                                  |
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| X-ray - (b)(4) maximum per calendar year                                 |
| Prophylaxis - (b)(4) in a calendar year                                  |
| Replacement of crowns, bridges and dentures - not more than              |
| (b)(4) in 5 years  |
| Palliative treatment - (b)(4) given that same visit                      |
| Topical fluoride treatment - to age 19,04application per year            |
| Root scalling, curettage, bite correction, any combination - (b)(4)      |
| in a calendar year   |
| Sealants - (6)(4) on molars of children under age 19 with lifetime maxi- |
| mum of (b)(4)  |
| Denture adjustment - (b)(4) in a calendar year                           |
| Orthodontic treatment - maximum (b)(4) months; limited to eligible       |
| dependent children and non-cosmetic adult                                |

Implants - (b)(4) in a life time

Specialist Consultation - includes allowance for examination, maximum (b)(4) per calendar year

#### **Extension Of Benefits**

An expense incurred in connection with a dental service that is completed after a person's benefits cease will be deemed to be incurred while that person was eligible if:

- for crowns, inlays, fixed bridgework and full or partial dentures, a pretreatment authorization was issued and impressions were taken and/or teeth were prepared while that person was an eligible beneficiary and the device was installed or delivered within one month after the date the pre-treatment authorization was issued;
- for root canal therapy, the pulp chamber of the tooth was opened while that person was eligible for benefits and the treatment was completed within one month after that person's eligibility terminated.

There is no extension for any dental service not shown above.

# **Expenses Not Covered**

Covered expenses will not include, and no payment will be made for expenses incurred for:

- cosmetic restoration
- replacement of a lost or stolen appliance
- replacement of a bridge, crown or denture within five years after the date it was originally installed
- any replacement of a bridge, crown or denture which is or can be made usable according to common dental standards
- procedures, appliances or restorations (except full dentures) whose main purpose is to:
  - (a) change vertical dimension, or
  - (b) diagnose or treat conditions or dysfunctions of the tempor mandibular joint, or
  - (c) stabilize periodontally involved teeth
- multiple bridge abutments
- dental services that do not meet common dental standards
- services that are provisional or temporary
- services not included as covered dental services in the Civil Service Bar Association Dental Schedule
- services for which benefits are not payable according to the "General Limitations" section.

#### **General Limitations**

No payment will be made for expenses incurred for you or any one of your dependents:

- for or in connection with an injury arising out of, or in the course of, any employment for wage or profit
- for or in connection with a sickness which is covered under any workers' compensation or similar law
- for charges made by a hospital owned or run by the United States Government unless there is a legal obligation to pay such charges whether or not there is any insurance
- to the extent that payment is unlawful where the person resides when the expenses are incurred
- for charges which would not have been made if the person had no insurance, including services provided by the member's spouse
- to the extent that they exceed the amounts shown in the schedule of allowances
- for charges for unnecessary care, treatment or surgery
- to the extent that you or any of your dependents is in any way paid or entitled to payment for those expenses by or through a public program
- for or in connection with experimental procedures or treatment methods
- for or in connection with an injury caused by an accident covered by an automobile no-fault or financial responsibility law.

### Claim Submission

You may use computer generated or universal claim forms, however, signature on file and signature trips are not acceptable. For more information contact S.I.D.S. at 516-396-5500.

Mail claims to:

Self Insured Dental Services P.O. Box 9005, Dept. 33 Lynbrook, NY 11563

Claim forms are available at Alicare.

# Schedule

| Diagnostic Services                    | <u>Plan Pays</u> | Restorative Services (contd.)  | <u>Plan Pays</u> |
|--|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Oral Examination                       |                  | three or more surfaces         |                  |
| Periodic Oral Examination              |                  | incisal edge                   |                  |
| maximum two in a calendar year         |                  | Composite Inlay                |                  |
| Full Mouth Series X-Rays               |                  | one surface                    |                  |
| 10 to 14 periapical & bitewing films   |                  | two surfaces                   |                  |
| Panoramic Film                         |                  | three surfaces                 |                  |
| Intraoral Film                         |                  | Ceramic Inlay                  |                  |
| periapical or bitewing-each film       |                  | one surface                    |                  |
| X-ray maximum-\$90 per calendar yea    |                  | two surfaces                   |                  |
| Occlusal Film                          |                  | three surfaces                 |                  |
| Extraoral-each film                    |                  | Metallic Inlay                 |                  |
| posterior-Anterior, Lateral Film 20.00 |                  | one surface                    |                  |
| Saliography                            |                  | two surfaces                   |                  |
| TMJ Film                               | (b)(4)           | three surfaces                 |                  |
| Cephalometric Film                     |                  | Pin Retention-Per Tooth        |                  |
| Pulp Vitality Test                     |                  | Crowns                         |                  |
| Diagnostic Casts                       |                  | acrylic jacket, laboratory     |                  |
| Palliative Treatment                   |                  | porcelain jacket               |                  |
| no other treatment that same visit     |                  | resin fused to metal           |                  |
| Preventive services                    |                  | full cast & 3/4 cast           |                  |
| Prophylaxis                            |                  | porcelain fused to metal       | (b)(4)           |
| Adult                                  |                  | Porcelain Laminate Veneer, Lab |                  |
| Child                                  |                  | Prefab SS Crown-primary tooth  |                  |
| including scaling & polishing          |                  | Post & Core, pre-fabricated    |                  |
| maximum-two ier calendar year          |                  | Post & Core, laboratory cast   |                  |
| Fluoride Excl. Prophy                  |                  | <u>Prosthodontics</u>          |                  |
| to age 19, maximum one application     | per year         | Complete Denture               |                  |
| Sealant                                |                  | immediate or permanent         |                  |
| to age 19, \$120 lifetime maximum      |                  | Partial Denture-unilateral     |                  |
| Space Maintainer                       |                  | Partial Denture-bilateral      |                  |
| Restorative Services                   |                  | acrylic base                   |                  |
| Silver Amalgam Fillings                |                  | cast metal base                |                  |
| one surface                            |                  | Reline Denture-chair side      |                  |
| two surfaces                           | (h)(4)           | Reline Denture-lab             |                  |
| three surfaces                         | Bridge Abutments |                                |                  |
| four or more surfaces                  |                  | inlay-two surface              |                  |
| Sedative Filling                       |                  | inlay-three surface            |                  |
| Composite Resin Fillings               |                  | porcelain fused to metal       |                  |
| one surface                            |                  | resin fused to metal           |                  |
| two surfaces                           |                  | full cast and 3/4 cast         |                  |
|  |                  |                                |                  |

#### Prosthodontics (contd.)

Bridge Pontic

porcelain fused to metal

Precision Attachment

Recement Bridge

Recement inlay or crown

Repair Comp Dent Base

Replc Miss/Brkn TTN-Com Dent

Repair Part Acrylic Saddle/Base

90.00

Repair Cast Framework

Repair or Replace Crown Facing

Denture Adjustment

#### Oral Surgery

Simple Extraction

Surgical Extractions

### must be demonstrated by pre-operative x-ray

surgical extraction

soft tissue impaction

partial bony impaction

complete bony impaction

root recovery

Surgical Exposure Imp/Unerup

Surgical Exp Imp/Unerup-Ortho

Removal Of A Cyst

<1/2 inch in diameter

>1/2 inch in diameter

Alveoplasty per quad

Incision & Drainage

Endosseous Implant per fixture

Subperiosteal Implant

Biopsy or Oral Tissue

Removal of Frenum

#### Plan Pays

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## Pays Periodontic Services

Although eight teeth constitute the anatomic compliment of a quadrant, for purposes of settling claims for periodontal treatment, payment will be based on five teeth per quadrant. Accordingly, if at least five teeth are treated in a quadrant, payment will be based on the allowance for a full quadrant. If fewer than five teeth are treated, payment will be pro-rated on the basis of five teeth per quadrant. When more than one periodontal procedure is performed on the same day, claims for services will be combined and payment will be based on the most costly procedure.

Plan Pays

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Root Scaling & Gingival Curettage,

Bite Correction, including prophylaxis

per visit

full mouth

perio maintenance procedure

maximum allowance on any combination of the

above services- (b)(4) per calendar year

Periodontal Surgery

confirmation by charting and/or x-rays required

per quadrant of at least 5 teeth

Gingivectomy-per quad

Osseous Surgery-per quad

Osseous Graft-per site

Osseous Graft-per quad

Occlusal Adjustment-Complete

Occlusal Adjustment-Limited

Free Soft Tissue Graft-per quad

#### **Endodontics**

## x-ray of satisfactory completion required

Pulp-Cap, direct

Vital Pulpotomy

Root Canal Therapy

one canal

two canals

three canals

four canals

Apicoectomy, 1st root

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## Endodontics (contd.)

Apicoectomy, maximum per tooth Root Resection/Hemisection Retrograde Root Filling

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## <u>Adjunctive Services</u>

General Anesthesia
plan pays 1st 30 min. only
Specialist Consultation
maximum two in a calendar year
Therapeutic Injection
Orthodontic Services

Diagnosis & Initial Appliance Active Treatment, per month Passive Treatment, per 3 months Post-Txstabilization Device

### Plan Pays



Localized delivery of Chemo-Therapeutic Agents (such as Perio-Chip Implants) annual allowance

(b)(4) per year, (b)(4) per tooth. Annual maximum

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## **Prescription Drug Plan**

The Prescription Drug Plan is provided for full time members and their eligible dependents. Part time members and their dependents are not covered.

## How The Plan Works

The Prescription Drug Plan is administered by Express Scripts. All active full time members receive one plastic prescription drug identification card per family.

When you need to have a prescription filled or refilled, present your prescription drug identification card to a participating pharmacy. As long as you use a participating pharmacy, all you have to pay is a copayment amount, regardless of the total cost of the prescription or refill.

The copayments are as follows:

- If a prescription or refill is dispensed using a generic drug the copayment is \$\( \begin{align\*} \begin{alig
- If a prescription or refill is dispensed using a preferred brand name (formulary) drug the copayment is \$\[ \bigo|\_{(b)(4)} \]
- If a prescription or refill is dispensed using a non-preferred brand name (non-formulary) drug, the copayment is (b)(4)

The Fund will pay up to a maximum of \$\bigset{b\bigset} \text{ per family per calendar year. Any member who expects to exceed the maximum of \$\bigset{b\bigset} \text{ in any one calendar year must call Alicare at 212-539-5117.}

The card plan allows you to receive up to a 30-day supply at Retail. However, you will be able to obtain up to a 90-day supply of a maintenance medication from CFI, the Plan's mail order pharmacy.

Mail order pharmacy copayments are as follows: a bid copayment for generic drugs, a bid copayment for preferred brand name drugs, and a copayment for non-preferred brand name drugs for each prescription or refill ordered through Central Fill. A maximum 90-day supply will be dispensed.

The mail order prescription should be mailed to: Express Scripts, 4415 Lewis Road, P.O. Box 69301, Harrisburg, PA 17106-9301. Fill out the information on the provided envelope along with the doctor's prescription for a three-month supply of medication. Please make sure to enclose the copayment for each prescription. Once you have filled an original prescription through mail order, you can easily order refills through Central Fill's automated Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system at 1-800-233-7139, or by logging on to the Express Scripts web site, www.express.scripts.com.

If your pharmacy is non-participating, either contact Alicare for a participating Express Scripts pharmacy in your area or pay for your prescription in full and you will be reimbursed through the drug plan on a direct payment basis. Direct reimbursement can be more costly. If you are unable to use your card or have forgotten your card when filling a prescription, either you or your pharmacy should contact Express Scripts or Alicare immediately. There are steps which can be taken to assist you in acquiring the medication without having to submit on a direct reimbursement basis at a higher out-of-pocket cost. To receive direct reimbursement claim forms, contact Alicare.

## Covered Items

- Federal Legend Drugs (including oral contraceptives)
- State Restricted Drugs
- Compounded Prescriptions
- Prescription Birth Control
- Diabetic Pills

### **Exclusions**

The following items are not covered:

- Fertility Drugs (with the following exception: Fertility drugs are covered only for the maintenance of a pregnancy.)
- Sexual Dysfunction Drugs (e.g. Viagra, Muse, etc.)-for this coverage see page D1
- Items lawfully obtainable without prescription
- Syringes and Needles (covered through NYC Contract)
- Devices and Appliances
- Insulin, Diabetic Agents (covered through NYC Contract)
- Chemotherapy Drugs (covered through NYC Contract)
- Prescriptions covered without charge under Federal, State, or Local Programs, to include Workers" Compensation
- Any charge for administration of a drug
- Investigational or experimental drugs
- Unauthorized refills
- Immunizational agents, biological sera, blood or plasma
- Medication for an eligible person confined to a rest home, sanitarium, extended care facility, hospital, etc.
- Any charge where the usual and customary charge is less than the Plan's deductible
- Any charge above the usual and customary, advertised or posted price, whichever is less than the scheduled amount
- Genetically Engineered Drugs (e.g. Protropin)
- Asthma Drugs (covered through NYC Contract)
- Psychotropic Drugs (covered through NYC Contract)

Effective July 1, 2001, the Citywide PICA Drug Program (Psychotropic/Injectable/Chemotherapy/Asthma) was established.

IMPORTANT — ONLY MEMBERS COVERED UNDER A CITY-SPON-SORED HEALTH PLAN ARE ELIGIBLE. THESE DRUGS ARE NO LONGER COVERED UNDER THIS CURRENT CIVIL SERVICE BAR ASSOCIATION PROGRAM.

## Copayment Exceptions

Can you get a non-formulary drug at a formulary copayment?

If your physician concludes that for medical reasons you are unable to take the formulary drug, he/she can call the Express Scripts prior authorization department at (866) 374-5549. If authorization is granted, you will be able to fill the prescription in question at the preferred copayment (\$15). The doctor also has the option of faxing in the request to (866) 374-5547. Your doctor should have a response within 48 hours.

# Life-Style Benefit

The Life-Style Benefit is provided for full time members and their eligible dependents. Part time members and their dependents are not covered.

Effective January 1, 2001, up to per family per year will be reimbursed for prescriptions for sexual dysfunction drugs (e.g. Viagra). Reimbursement is made after your primary care reimbursement.

Submit a completed claim form along with your prescription drug receipt to Alicare.

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## **Optical Benefit**

The Optical Benefit provides full or partial payment for an eye exam and/or one pair of eyeglasses/contact lenses for full time members and their eligible dependents and for part time members, once per calendar year.

Contact Alicare at 212-539-5117 or 5118 or e-mail CSBAinfo@Alicare.com prior to your appointment to request an optical voucher or if you have any questions.

You may choose one of the following options:

You may use your own optometrist.

If you elect to use an optician/optometrist of your choice, the voucher will entitle you to up to a (6)(4) reimbursement for glasses and/or exam or contact lenses and/or exam. An itemized sales receipt must be attached to the completed voucher when submitting for reimbursement.

OR

You may use a participating provider.

A list of participating providers will be sent to you with your optical voucher. These vendors provide a selection of private optical centers in many convenient New York locations as well as out of state locations. In addition to an eye examination, a selection of lenses with tint, oversize, as well as an array of boutique frames from which to choose are also available. Additional discounts are available on non-covered items.

#### **GHI Subscribers**

IMPORTANT: If you are a GHI subscriber and utilize a GHI participating physician, the cost of your exam will be excluded from your benefit. If you are a GHI subscriber and utilize a non-GHI provider, you must first submit your claim to GHI. Attach a copy of the GHI Explanation of reimbursement. The benefit paid by GHI will be deducted from the amount you claim.

## **VDT** Program

Civil Service Bar Association members may also be eligible for an additional exam and/or glasses or contacts every 24 months from NYC's VDT program if he or she uses a video display terminal for more than 20 hours a week. A participating optician must be used for this service. Board of Education, CUNY, Transit Authority and OTB employees are not eligible for the VDT program.

A booklet is available from Alicare describing this benefit in greater detail.

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**From:** Timothy Klimpl [t.klimpl@hohlaw.com] **Sent:** Tuesday, November 30, 2010 2:40 PM

**To:** Habit, Sandra (HHS/OCIIO) **Cc:** v.ohara@hohlaw.com

**Subject:** Addition to Application for Wavier of PHS Act 2711- SPD for Civil Service Bar Association Security

Benefit Fund

Attachments: CSBA Your Plan at a Glance.pdf

Dear Ms. Habit:

The law firm of Holm & O'Hara LLP represents the Civil Service Bar Association Security Benefit Fund. The Fund filed an application by email dated November 10, 2010 with HHS for a Waiver of the Annual Limits Requirement of PHS Act 2711. It has come to our attention that a file for the Fund's Summary Plan Description was not attached with the emailed application. Since then, our office has located a copy of the Fund's SPD, which is attached. Thank you for your courtesy and cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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From: Botwinick, Alexandra (HHS/OCIIO) Sent: Monday, December 06, 2010 8:58 AM

To: 'v.ohara@hohlaw.com'

Subject: Waiver of the Annual Limits Requirements of PHS Act Section 2711

Importance: High

Attachments: Updated Jan 1 Approval Letter .pdf

Good Morning,

Thank you for submitting an application for a Waiver of the Annual Limits Requirements of the PHS Act Section 2711 for **Civil Service Bar Association Security Benefit Fund.** HHS has reviewed your application and made its determination. Please see the attached letter.

Please confirm receipt of this letter by replying to this e-mail address with a copy to OCIIOOversight@hhs.gov.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Alexandra Botwinick

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Office of Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight Washington, DC 20201

Date:

October 2010

From:

Steve Larsen, Director, Office of Oversight,

Subject:

Application for Waiver of the Annual Limits Requirements of PHS Act Section

2711

### Dear Waiver Applicant:

Section 2711(a)(2) of the Public Health Service Act (PHS Act), as added by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Affordable Care Act), requires the Secretary to impose restrictions on the imposition of annual limits on the dollar value of essential health benefits (as defined in section 1302(b) of the Affordable Care Act) for any participant or beneficiary in a new or existing group health plan or a new policy in the individual market for plan or policy years beginning on or after September 23, 2010 and prior to January 1, 2014. Specifically, the Secretary is granted the authority to determine what constitutes a "restricted annual limit" that can still be imposed under such plans or policies prior to January 1, 2014.

The interim final regulations published on June 28, 2010 (codified at 26 CFR § 54.9815-2719T; 29 CFR § 2590.715-2719; and 45 CFR §147.126) established such restricted annual limits. The regulations also provided that these restricted annual limits may be waived by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) if compliance with the interim final regulations would result in a significant decrease in access to benefits or a significant increase in premiums. Pursuant to the regulation, HHS issued guidance on September 3 regarding the scope and process for applying for a waiver.

The Office of Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, Office of Insurance Oversight received and processed your application for the plan(s) or policy(ies) year beginning January 1, 2011. We have determined that your application has met the criteria to obtain a waiver of the restricted annual limits requirements because compliance with the interim final regulations would result in a significant decrease in access to benefits for those currently covered by such plans or policies, or a significant increase in premiums paid by those covered by such plans or policies. To the extent you make any change to your benefit package after March 23, 2010, you must determine whether the change(s) will trigger loss of grandfathering status pursuant to 45 CFR §147.140(g)(1).

An approval of your request for waiver of the restricted annual limits requirements granted under this process applies only to the annual limit(s) provided in your application for the plan or policy year beginning between September 23, 2010 and September 23, 2011. This waiver only applies to the annual limits requirements in Section 2711 of the ACA and does not apply to any other requirement of the Affordable Care Act, ERISA, the IRS Code or the PHS Act. Further, a group

health plan or health insurance issuer must reapply for any subsequent plan or policy year prior to January 1, 2014 when this waiver expires in accordance with future guidance from HHS. HHS may modify this waiver approval process memorandum and other relevant information.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please email OCIIOOversight@hhs.gov.