1199SEIU NATIONAL BENEFIT FUND FOR HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICE EMPLOYEES
SUMMARY OF MATERIAL MODIFICATIONS

This Summary of Material Modifications describes temporary changes that affect your welfare benefit plan and updates the Summary Plan Description (“SPD”) and Summary of Benefits and Coverage (“SBC”) that was previously distributed to you. You should keep this summary with your current SPD and SBC until the changes discussed herein expire.

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Effective on or about March 20, 2020, and until the end of the State of Emergency (“SoE”) declared by New York Governor Cuomo in Executive Order 202, issued March 7, 2020, or as otherwise noted or determined by the Fund, the 1199SEIU National Benefit Fund for Health and Human Service Employees (the “Fund”) SBC and SPD and/or Plan shall be temporarily amended to include the following provisions:

1. To expand Participants’ access to telehealth by covering telehealth visits at network providers (in addition to Teladoc);

2. To provide continuity of coverage for Participants who are temporarily unable to meet the eligibility threshold due to a loss of hours because of an involuntary quarantine and an involuntary isolation related to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic;

3. To extend coverage for up to 30 days after the last day of a member’s short-term disability leave or workers’ compensation leave (up to 26 weeks);

4. To expand eligibility for Paid Family Leave and Short-term Disability benefits for members in private sector shops of less than 100 employees that are subject to a mandatory or precautionary order of quarantine or a mandatory order of isolation from their local health department, or a licensed medical provider that has treated the employee and that provides documentation attesting that the employee qualifies for such order, up to his or her regular rate of pay;

5. To expand eligibility for Paid Family Leave benefits for members in private sector shops of less than 100 employees that have a dependent child subject to a mandatory or precautionary order of quarantine or a mandatory order of isolation from his or her local health department, or a licensed medical provider that has treated the child and that provides documentation attesting that the child qualifies for such order;

6. To permit the Chief Medical Officer to approve Skilled Nursing Facility admissions for Participants who cannot be safely transferred home, yet do not need the level of services for which the hospital must make the space available for other patients during the current bed shortage, at a rate of pay to be determined by the Executive Director;
7. To extend the time frame for services with prior approval as of March 20, 2020, to 180 days;

8. Until June 18, 2020, to suspend prior authorization requirements, reserving the right to conduct retrospective reviews, for certain procedures managed by the Fund’s Care Management Programs and review vendors, including scheduled surgeries or admissions at hospitals;

9. To clarify that retired members who are currently receiving a pension benefit from the 1199SEIU Health Care Employees Pension Fund and Retiree Health Benefits, and who return to work due to the high demand for healthcare workers during the SoE are not entitled to active coverage under the SPD, but are entitled to continue the Retiree Health Benefits they are otherwise entitled to notwithstanding their return to work; and

10. To exclude the period from March 1, 2020, until sixty (60) days after the announced end of the National Emergency, or such other date announced by the U.S. Departments of Labor and the Treasury, from the members’ time limits for taking the following actions: electing COBRA coverage; notifying the Fund of a divorce, legal separation or disability determination for purposes of COBRA coverage; and filing a claim for benefits or an appeal of adverse benefit determination.

This summary only highlights the key changes made to the 1199SEIU National Benefit Fund for Health and Human Service Employees. Summaries of material modifications together with the Summary Plan Description make up your official plan descriptions; please keep them together and refer to them as necessary. If you would like to review the Plan Document or have any questions, please contact the Fund’s Member Services Representatives at (646) 473-9200.

The National Benefit Fund for Health and Human Service Employees believes it is a “grandfathered health plan” under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (the “Affordable Care Act”). A grandfathered health plan can preserve certain basic health coverage that was already in effect when that law was enacted in 2010. Being a grandfathered health plan means that this plan may not include certain consumer protections of the Affordable Care Act that apply to other plans, for example, the requirement for an external review process for claims appeals. 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. The Wage Class III plan is not a grandfathered health plan. Questions regarding which protections apply and which protections do not apply to a grandfathered health plan can be directed to the Plan Administrator at (646) 473-9200. You may also contact the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor at (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.

The plan sponsor of the 1199SEIU National Benefit Fund for Health and Human Service Employees reserves the right to amend or terminate the Fund, or any part of it, at any time.