



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PIPE TRADES PENSIONERS & SURVIVING SPOUSES HEALTH FUND

SUPPLEMENT No.17

To: All Participants
 From: Board of Trustees
 Date: September 2023
 Re: Colorectal Cancer Screening

KEEP THIS NOTICE WITH THE SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION

Effective January 1, 2022, the Board of Trustees has amended the Plan to improve the benefits by changing the earliest age at which screening for colorectal cancer is covered from age 50 to age 45. This screening will continue to be covered once every five years.

All claims must be submitted within 12 months from the date of services, or, in cases where that timeframe has already elapsed, claims must be submitted within 12 months from September 30, 2023, whichever is later.

This change applies to in-network and out-of-network charges and amends the 2019 Summary Plan Description as follows:

SUMMARY OF PLAN BENEFITS Benefit details are listed in alphabetical order in Section 8 beginning on page 22.		
TYPE OF SERVICE	BLUE SHIELD OF CALIFORNIA (BSC) PPO NETWORK PROVIDER Plan Pays:	OUT-OF-NETWORK PROVIDER Plan Pays:
COLONOSCOPY / SIGMOIDOSCOPY SCREENING Covered once every five years for Patients age 45 and older.	80% of the BSC PPO Network Rate	80% of the Allowable Charge

SECTION

8. MEDICAL BENEFITS

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Colonoscopy/Sigmoidoscopy (Screening)

The Plan will pay 80% of the Blue Shield of California PPO Network Rate or 80% of the Allowable Charge, whichever is applicable, for a screening colonoscopy or sigmoidoscopy once every five years for Patients age 45 and older.

A colonoscopy/sigmoidoscopy rendered in a Hospital or Outpatient facility setting will be paid under the Hospital benefit.