

## SUMMARY OF MATERIAL MODIFICATIONS

**TO:** All Plan Participants

**FROM:** The Writers' Guild-  
Industry Health Fund



This document is a Summary of Material Modifications (SMM), intended to notify you of changes to your benefits under the Writers' Guild-Industry Health Fund.

These changes include:

- Expanded Delta Dental PPO benefit related to Dental Implants

### PLAN BENEFIT CHANGES

The Writers' Guild Industry Health Fund ("the Fund") is implementing changes to the Plan benefits indicated herein, beginning January 1, 2024.

#### **Delta Dental PPO Plan – Expansion of Implant Benefits**

Benefits for Delta Dental provided by a licensed provider are covered for the following services and categories:

- Basic benefits (usually includes restorations (fillings), oral surgery (extractions), endodontics (root canals), periodontal treatment (root planning), and sealants);
- Diagnostic and preventive care;
- Emergency care;
- Major benefits (usually includes crowns, dentures, implants and oral surgery, jackets, and cast restorations);
- Orthodontic care for children up to age 19; and
- Prosthodontic benefits

The Fund currently allows dental implants every 5 years from the date of the last implant. These include prosthetic appliances placed into or on bone of the maxilla or mandible (upper or lower jaw) to retain or support dental prostheses, including endosseous, transosseous, subperiosteal, and endodontic implants; implant connecting bars; implant repairs; and implant removal.

As of January 1, 2024, the dental implant benefit is expanded to include the surgical procedures, such as bone allograft, extraoral grafts, or tissue regeneration that are performed in connection with the placement of the implant.

Coverage for dental implants is still limited to once every 5 years from the date of the last implant. All benefits for dental implants and related services are subject to the Dental Plan's calendar year benefit maximum.

*(\*The amount the dental benefit pays for each dental service depends on the dental care provider you choose.)*

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*This summary is intended to satisfy the requirement for issuance of a SMM. You should take the time to read this SMM carefully and keep it with the Summary Plan Description ("SPD") that was previously provided to you. If you need another copy of the SPD or if you have any questions regarding these changes to the Plan, please contact the Fund Office during normal business hours at: (818) 846-1015 or toll-free (800) 227-7863 or email your questions to: [Participantservices@wgaplans.org](mailto:Participantservices@wgaplans.org)*