

Dental Benefit Enhancements adopted by the Board of Trustees on Thursday, July 25, 2013, retroactive to January 1, 2013, for members in the **Active Levels** are as follows:

- **Increased** the General Dentistry **Annual Maximum** from \$2250 to \$2750 per eligible participant/per calendar year.
- **Increased** the lifetime maximum from \$2000 to \$4000 for **Implants and Abutments** per eligible participant.
- **Added** additional coverage towards **Implant Abutments to the Implant Benefit Lifetime Maximum***. Eligible participants can be reimbursed for up to four (4) Abutments at \$500 per Abutment/per lifetime, in addition to the previously covered four (4) Implants, also covered at \$500 per implant/per lifetime. *(Please note: Eligible members are responsible for remaining out-of-pocket costs.)
 - Implant-Supported Crowns will continue to be covered individually, once per lifetime/per tooth, under the separate General Dentistry \$2750 annual maximum.

Additional coverage, also retroactive, January 1, 2013:

- **Added** coverage for Periodontal ADA code 0180 at \$25 General Practitioner and \$35 Specialist per participant, once/per calendar year.
- **Increased** Prosthodontics (Implant-Supported Full Denture) ADA Code 6053 from \$500 to \$650.
- **Increased** Prosthodontics (Implant-Supported Removable Partial Denture) ADA Code 6054 from \$500 to \$695.
- **Removal of the coverage exclusion** for dental treatment, resulting from attrition, abrasion and/or bruxism (**teeth grinding**).

The Fund and our Third-Party Dental Administrator, ASO, Inc. will review all claims previously processed under the former guidelines. Refunds, repayments and/or pre-approvals will be forthcoming shortly. More details will follow in the next Fund Newsletter.

Dental Providers with additional questions should contact the Fund's Claims Supervisor at:

631-319-4099 ext. #314

Members with additional questions should contact Administration at:

631-319-4099 ext. #319

Disclaimer: To the extent this notice describes any benefit provided by this Fund, which is already described in the Fund's comprehensive Benefit Reference Guides, or as amended in subsequent writings by the Fund, the language of the 2008 Benefit Reference Guide, as amended, and/or the group insurance contract, which specify the exact benefits provided, will govern in the event of inconsistency between it and the language of the 2008 Benefit Reference Guide or the amendments. Certain exclusions apply for Basic Retiree Coverage and Retiree Dependent COBRA.

Good News for Eligible Active, COBRA and "Self- Pay" Enhanced Retiree Members!

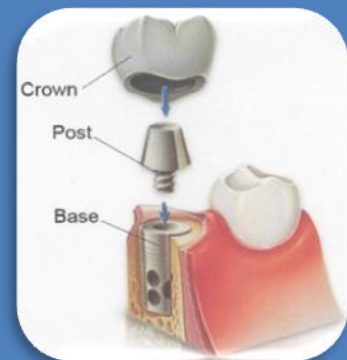
Thanks to the continued cooperation of the Joint Labor/Management SCME Benefit Fund Board of Trustees, the Lifetime **IMPLANT Maximum** is increased to **\$4000** and now includes coverage** towards all three (3) Dental Implant components!

*** (Must be eligible within covered plan, pre-approved and clinically necessary.)*

Increased Coverage for:

**Implants = base
Abutments = post
and
Crown = cap**

(Covered separately under General Dentistry)



**(providing Implant related procedures are clinically necessary and pre-approved)*