



## CONNECTICUT LABORERS' HEALTH FUND

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## Need a Hearing Aid?? Effective June 1, 2022 you have an OPTION!

May 6, 2022

To All Medicare Retirees:

Please be advised that the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut Laborers' Health Fund amended the Hearing Benefit, effective June 1, 2022, to include Audiologists in Aetna's Provider Network. You can still use the UCONN benefit as it remains in-force, as follows:

**UCONN:** The Health Fund pays 100% of the first \$2,000 per Hearing Aid (which includes the examination, etc.) All charges in excess of \$2,000 per Hearing Aid are then paid by the Health Fund at 80%. Once every three (3) consecutive years unless recommended by the Audiologist.

**Health Fund:** Effective June 1, 2022 if you use an **Aetna Audiologist** the Health Fund will reimburse you the first \$2,000 per Hearing Aid (which includes the examination, etc.) at 100% and you will be reimbursed for any charges in excess of \$2,000 per Hearing Aid at 80% up to a Maximum Out of Pocket (OOP) of \$250 per Hearing Aid.

**IMPORTANT: All Charges per Hearing Aid have to be paid by you directly to the Aetna Audiologist.**

Once the Audiologist is paid in full, please submit to the Health Fund an itemized statement from the Aetna Audiologist which includes a description of the Hearing Aid, the cost as well as the amount you paid to the Audiologist. The Health Fund, on a self-insured basis, will reimburse you the first \$2,000 per Hearing Aid at 100% and any charges over \$2,000 per Hearing Aid will be reimbursed at 80% up to a Maximum Out of Pocket (OOP) amount of \$250 per Hearing Aid.

Example:	Hearing Aid Cost (Aetna Audiologist) =	\$2,950.00
	The Health Fund will reimburse you at 100%:	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
	Health Fund will Reimburse you at 80%, i.e.,	\$950.00(x 80%) = \$760.00
		<u>\$760.00</u>
	Your FINAL Out of Pocket (OOP):	\$190.00 (per Hearing Aid)

This benefit remains at once every three (3) consecutive years unless recommended by the Audiologist.

To find an Aetna Audiologist go to: [www.aetn navigator.com](http://www.aetn navigator.com) for In-Network Medical Providers choose the Aetna Choice POSII Plan – then go to Medical Specialists.

You can also call the Aetna at 800 225-1263 or the Fund Office for assistance.

Sincerely,  
Board of Trustees