**TEMPORARY TELEHEALTH BENEFIT EXTENDED**

**THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024**

December 2023

To All Participants of the IBEW Local 701 Welfare Fund:

The Trustees of the IBEW Local 701 Welfare Fund have extended the temporary coverage for telehealth visits through December 31, 2024.

* As before, this coverage applies to medically necessary telehealth visits by participants and dependents who are unable to visit their doctors’ offices in person due to coronavirus precautionary measures.
* For the purpose of this coverage, a “telehealth visit” is a one-on-one consultation with a physician, or the physician’s assistant or nurse, via telephone or audio/video conferencing.
* A telehealth visit will be considered medically necessary if the same service would have been covered had it been provided during a face-to-face consultation.
* The same deductibles, coinsurance, etc. that apply to in-person visits will apply to teleconferences.
* Use in-network providers whenever possible. You could be balance-billed if an out-of-network provider charges more than a reasonable and customary amount.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact the Fund Office.

Sincerely,

Board of Trustees

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