

District Council 1707 Health & Benefit Fund

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Optical Benefit

Effective January 1 2017, **Optical Voucher Benefit** offered by the Fund is **\$125 every 24 months**. Just use the Voucher at any store that is participating with **CPS**, **GVS**, or **Vision Screening**.

Full Value Redemption at Participating Stores

- **Where to Use:** Your voucher can only be redeemed at select **participating in-network stores** that is participating with **CPS**, **GVS**, or **Vision Screening**.
- **Usage Requirement:** The full value of the voucher can only be applied **at the time of payment**. This means you must present the voucher at checkout to take advantage of its total value.

Key Limitations

- **Timing is Crucial:** If the voucher is not presented during the payment process, its value cannot be applied afterward. For instance, if you forget to use it while checking out, it will not work if you come back later.
- **Reimbursement:** If the voucher is not used, the voucher must be return with written notice to request for Reimbursement.

Please be advise that the requested reimbursement will **not be paid for the full value** of the voucher.

As you already know, the Trustees reserve the right to amend, modify or discontinue all or part of the Plan whenever, in their judgment, conditions so warrant. The Trustees of this Plan believe that it is a “grandfathered health plan” under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, as amended (the “Affordable Care Act”). As permitted by the Affordable Care Act, a grandfathered health plan can preserve certain basic health coverage that was already in effect when that law was enacted. Being a grandfathered health plan means that this Plan may not include certain consumer protections of the Affordable Care Act that apply to other plans, for example, the requirement for the provision of preventative health services without any cost sharing. However, grandfathered health plans must comply with certain other consumer protections in the Affordable Care Act, for example, the elimination of lifetime limits on benefits.

Questions regarding which protections apply and which protections do not apply to a grandfathered health plan and what might cause a plan to change from grandfathered health plan status can be directed to the Fund Office at (212) 343-1660. You may also contact the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor at 1-866-444-3272 or www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform. This website has a table summarizing which protections do and do not apply to grandfathered health plans.