



PSC-CUNY Welfare Fund Benefits Bulletin

Summer 2024

Know your benefits. Use your benefits.

If you've attended a CUNY benefit fair or a PSC union retiree chapter meeting in the past year or so, that's a phrase you would have heard from PSC-CUNY Welfare Fund staff. We emphasize those words because the Fund is focused on making sure its members understand their supplementary benefits and utilize them to maintain a healthy and active lifestyle.

With approximately 40,000 active and retired members, including their dependents, we try hard to make sure that message connects. It's a challenge – a retired Baby Boomer has different concerns and needs compared to an active Generation X or Millennial. So, we go where our members are – in person at CUNY or PSC events, online or on their smart phones. Of course, a phone call or email always works.

What's New?

- We've improved our Davis Vision benefit. We heard from members who didn't like that they were required to get an eye exam and obtain new frames or lenses during the same office visit. We looked into the issue and decided to eliminate the "split services" rule. As of July 1, 2024, you can have an exam during one office visit and obtain frames, lenses or contacts at another visit.
- The Fund's website, www.pscunywf.org, features a new wellness blog called "All's Well." You'll find concise, informative stories about fitness, nutrition and mental health. Check in often!

Reminders

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- Paxlovid, the only FDA-approved medication for the treatment of COVID-19, is available at no cost through a collaboration between the federal government and the drug manufacturer, Pfizer. Now through December 31, Fund members diagnosed with COVID can bring a valid prescription and a downloadable “Paxcess” card to any pharmacy and obtain a supply of Paxlovid. Get all the details on the Fund’s website, www.pscconywf.org.
- On April 1, the Fund enhanced its hearing benefits by switching providers from HearUSA to TruHearing, a company that offers access to a wider selection of providers. TruHearing offers lower out-of-pocket costs, and they offer a wider variety of premium hearing aids. Additional information is available on the Fund’s website, www.pscconywf.org.
- Also, due to an unexpected increase in utilization for some dental implant procedures, the Fund revised its Guardian dental implant coverage as of March 1. Dental implant reimbursements are limited to two (2) per year.

Send Us Your Comments & Suggestions

You rely on the Welfare Fund for help with your benefits questions, and we rely on you to help us improve our service. Please visit our website, www.pscconywf.org, for quick access to information about your benefits. As always, when you need additional help or guidance, you can call our office, 212-354-5230. Email your comments and suggestions to communications@pscconywf.org. The Fund’s office is at 25 Broadway in Manhattan. If you plan to visit, please make an appointment due to building security.

The PSC-CUNY Welfare Fund staff hopes you have an enjoyable and healthy summer!

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