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To: All Active and Retired Members

Dear Members:

The Executive Board of the Uniformed Firefighters Association is pleased to inform you that the Optical, Hearing Aid and Cataract Benefits for ALL Members (and their dependents) have been increased, **Effective July 1, 2016.**

OPTICAL BENEFITS

	Current	NEW
Eye Exam	\$15.00	\$30.00
Lenses	\$25.00	\$50.00
Frames	\$20.00	\$50.00
Contacts	\$45.00	\$100.00
Eligibility – ACTIVE	Once a Year	Once a Year
Eligibility - RETIRED	Once every OTHER Year	Once every OTHER Year
Annual Maximum	\$60.00	\$130.00

HEARING AID BENEFITS

	Current	NEW
Hearing Aid	\$600.00	\$1,000.00
Eligibility – ALL MEMBERS	Every 5 Years	Every 3 Years

CATARACT BENEFITS

	Current	NEW
Cataract Reimbursement (after Medicare Pays)	\$75.00	\$150.00
Eligibility – ALL MEMBERS		

Again, these increased benefits **will not go into effect until July 1, 2016,** and will **be for services provided on or after July 1, 2016.** Please see the reverse side of this letter for a more in-depth explanation of your Optical Benefits. Please note that all claims **MUST** be submitted within **ONE YEAR of service.**

Thank you.

Fraternally,

Stephen J. Cassidy
Chairman

UFA / SBF Optical Benefits (eff. July 1, 2016)

Active Members can submit a claim once a year; Retirees once **EVERY OTHER** year. Claims go by Calendar Year. For instance, a Retired member can use their optical coverage in August 2016, then again in January 2018.

The UFA allows ACTIVE members to claim up to \$130 for optical benefits per calendar year - or **EVERY OTHER** year if you're retired.

The reimbursement rate is as follows:

\$30 for exam

\$50 for frames

\$50 for lenses

... or \$100 for contact lenses (instead of glasses)

PREFERRED METHOD - FINDING UFA OPTICAL PROVIDERS

You can find an optical provider by looking on the UFA Website for one - just put in your zip code and it will tell you who is near you. If there is none by your zip code, try going up one number or down one number for the zip code number.

From the main address (www.ufanyc.org) go to Sections, then Security Benefit Fund then scroll down to where it says

UFA Members: **Click Here to Search for Participating UFA Optical Providers**

Or you can just click here to find a provider here:

http://www.ufanyc.org/security_benefit_fund/optical_provider_search.php

UFA OPTICAL PROVIDERS

Go to the provider, give them your info, and they will verify and generate your benefits electronically.

ALTERNATIVE METHOD – USING A NON-UFA PROVIDER

If you go to a provider that is ***not*** on the UFA list of providers, you would need to pay out of pocket and submit the ORIGINAL, ITEMIZED receipt for reimbursement.

REIMBURSEMENT

If you choose to go to an optical provider who does not participate in our plan, you can pay up front, get an itemized receipt, and mail the ORIGINAL receipt to us for reimbursement. Be sure to include: 1) Your Name, 2) the Name of the Family Member using the benefit, and 3) the last 4 digits of YOUR Social Security Number. See above for reimbursement rates. **Make sure you keep copies of everything you send!**

Please mail the ITEMIZED optical receipt to:

Security Benefit Fund of the UFA

204 East 23rd Street, 3rd Floor ATTENTION OPTICAL

New York, NY 10010-4697

Please allow up to 4 weeks for optical claims to be processed and reimbursement checks to be mailed to you.