

# National Automatic Sprinkler Industry Welfare Fund

Benefits Highlights

2014

This "Benefits Highlights" booklet does not contain the full plan document and is not a "Summary Plan Description" for the NASI Welfare Fund plan of benefits. The 100+ page NASI Welfare Fund booklet is available on the Fund's website at <a href="https://www.nasifund.org">www.nasifund.org</a> or can be obtained by contacting the NASI Welfare Fund, 8000 Corporate Drive, Landover, Maryland, 20785 or at (800) 638-2603. It is impossible for this brief highlights booklet to contain all of the rules and exceptions contained in the full Plan booklet. Do not expect it to do so. It is intended to highlight the most commonly sought after information about the NASI Welfare Plan. You should review the Plan booklet which is both the Summary Plan Description and the Plan Document for a complete description of the plan rules and benefits.

Interpretations regarding eligibility for benefits, claims, status of employees and employers, or any other matter relating to the NASI Welfare Fund should only be obtained through the Board of Trustees or the Fund Administrator. The Trustees are not obligated by, responsible for, or bound by opinions, information or representations from other sources.

The Board of Trustees, in its sole discretion and in accordance with the Plan Document, may interpret, amend or terminate the Plan and any of its provisions, including classes of coverage, eligibility and requirements for coverage, availability, nature and extent of benefits and conditions and methods of payment.

## For Additional Information, refer to the NASI Welfare Plan booklet available on the internet.

NASI website www.nasifund.org

#### For Assistance Contact the Fund Office

National Automatic Sprinkler Industry Welfare Fund 8000 Corporate Drive Landover, MD 20785

Telephone Assistance: (301) 577-1700

Toll Free Numbers for:

Benefits Verification or Assistance: 1-800-638-2603

*To Certify Hospital Admissions:* 1-866-343-3709

Medical PPO Provider Finder: 1-800-810-BLUE

Delta Dental Provider Finder: 1-800-932-0783

Express Scripts Mail Order 1-866-544-6775

Prescription Inquiries or Assistance:

Vision Service Plan Inquires: 1-800-877-7195

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#### **ELIGIBILITY**

#### **Initial Eligibility**

You become eligible for benefits on the first of the month after you are credited with a total of 600 hours of work under a Collective Bargaining Agreement or a participation agreement, within a period of no more than six (6) consecutive months.

#### Loss of Eligibility

Eligibility for benefits will terminate on:

the last day of the fourth month following the last two consecutive months in which you are credited with 80 or more hours of work with at least one hour in the second of those two months ("Continuing Eligibility period"), or if earlier,

the date that you cease to be available for work covered by the Plan as verified by your Local Union.

#### **Disability Extension of Eligibility**

An employee who becomes disabled while eligible for benefits may extend eligibility for up to four additional months while the disability continues. Regular benefits will continue for you and your eligible dependents. In no event can your eligibility be longer than eight months from the last two consecutive months in which you worked 80 or more hours with at least one hour in the second of these two months.

#### **Reinstatement of Eligibility**

During the first 12 months after losing eligibility, you will be eligible again on the first of the month after two consecutive months in which you are credited with a total of 80 or more hours of work, provided that you have remained available for work covered by the Plan as verified by

your Local Union. After 12 months of ineligibility, you must again qualify under the Initial Eligibility rule.

#### **COBRA** and Self Pay Benefits

When you lose eligibility, you will receive a letter advising you of your rights under COBRA to purchase continuation coverage. Most participants are also eligible to benefit from the lower cost "Self-Pay" level of benefits which may be elected in place of COBRA.

COBRA benefits are generally the same as the benefits you were receiving just before you lost eligibility but do not include Life Insurance, Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefits and Weekly Disability Benefits. COBRA benefits are described in the Summary Plan Description.

Self-Pay benefits are described in this Highlights Booklet and in the Plan Booklet.

## **Family Coverage**

The NASI Welfare Fund provides family coverage. You need to enroll your dependents in order for your dependents to receive benefits. The enrollment form is available on the Fund's website. Eligible dependents include:

- 1) Your spouse.
- 2) Your dependent child or children under age 26.
- 3) Your unmarried "other" child or children under age 19.
  "Other" child includes a grandchild or other child who lives with you in a parent-child relationship. See the Plan Document for a complete description of the rules about who can be your dependent child.
- 4) Your unmarried "other" child under the age of 23 who is a full-time student. See the Plan Document for a complete description of the rules about who can be your dependent child.
- 5) Your unmarried dependent child or children over age 25 who are totally incapable of self-support.

#### Enrollment

You and your dependents must be enrolled within 60 days of the date you gain eligibility under the plan. If you fail to enroll yourself or any dependent, you will be able to enroll at a later date, but such later enrollment will provide benefits only for covered expenses that are incurred on or after the date of that later enrollment.

You can add new dependents within 60 days of "life events" such as marriage or birth.

Enrollment is done by completing an Enrollment Form and mailing it to the Fund Office along with the supporting documents. Enrollment Forms are available on the Fund's website or by calling the Fund Office.

#### **Retiree Eligibility**

To be eligible for benefits as a retiree you must meet all of the following requirements:

- 1. You must receive a monthly pension from the NASI Pension Fund, and agree to authorize a deduction from your monthly pension check.
- 2. You must have been eligible for benefits from this Welfare Fund for at least ten years, and for at least seven out of the last ten years prior to the start of your pension.
- 3. During the three years made up of the year you retire and the two calendar years before you retire, you must have a total of 500 hours of work reported to the Fund (not 500 hours each year, but a total of 500 hours).

The Plan also has an alternate retiree eligibility rule for disabled sprinkler fitters.

In general, while retiree coverage is family coverage, you cannot add new dependents after your retirement. Retirees and their dependents must enroll in Medicare Part B when they become eligible for Medicare benefits. Medicare will pay first in that situation and these benefits after Medicare. The NASI Welfare Plan requires that individuals who are eligible for Medicare Part B benefits sign up for those benefits. If you could get Medicare benefits, the Fund will pay benefits as if you have both Medicare Part A and Part B Benefits whether you are signed up for them or not.

If you fail to get Medicare Part B, you could incur substantial medical expenses not covered by this Plan. In addition, Medicare Part B premiums will be higher if you enroll after you are first eligible to do so.

#### **How to Get In-Network Coverage**

Use Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) providers to get the In-Network level of benefits. To find BCBS doctors or hospitals in your area, you can follow the link on the NASI Welfare Fund's website (<a href="www.nasifund.org">www.nasifund.org</a>) or you can call (800)810-BLUE.

The plan has a few limited exceptions to this rule. For example, if you are taken to an out-of-network hospital in an emergency situation, the In-Network level of coverage can be provided even though neither you nor the Plan will receive a discounted charge for the services provided.

## **Pre-Certification of Hospital Admission**

Call 1-866-343-3709 as soon as you or your dependent are planning an admission, preferably at least 7 days before the anticipated admission date or within 48 hours after an emergency admission. This applies to medical, surgical, and psychiatric hospitalization.

## **Prescription Drug Benefits**

If you purchase prescription drugs at a local pharmacy, show them your ID card. They probably participate with Express Scripts and then you will only pay 25% of the discounted price for the prescription (your portion of the drug cost is 35% for non-preferred brand-name drugs).

There is no claim to file when you purchase your prescription at a participating local pharmacy.

If you purchase a prescription from a non-participating pharmacy (this is unusual), you will have to pay for the full cost of the prescription and then you mail the prescription receipt to the Fund Office for reimbursement under the Plan.

If you are taking the same prescription for a long time (more than two months), this is considered a "Maintenance Drug" and you should use Express Script's Mail-Order pharmacy. You can download a form from the Fund's website (<a href="www.nasifund.org">www.nasifund.org</a>) or you can call the Fund Office, (800)638-2603, to have one mailed to you. If you purchase more than two fills of Maintenance Drugs at a retail pharmacy, your reimbursement will be limited to the amount that the Fund would have paid had you used the Mail Order pharmacy.

## **Comprehensive Medical Benefit Limitations**

In general, the NASI Welfare Fund covers medically necessary expenses for non-work-related illness or injury. Almost all of the medical care most Sprinkler Fitters and their families ever need is covered by this Plan. Your doctor has a good idea of whether insurance usually covers a particular service. For the complete list of benefit limitations and benefit exclusions, refer to the Plan Booklet.

### DIFFERENT LEVELS OF BENEFITS

Most active and retired sprinkler fitters and apprentices are eligible for Level 1 benefits. However, apprentices with some local unions have level 2 coverage and some apprentices do not have dental or other benefits. If the contribution rate in your collective bargaining agreement for your class of apprenticeship is the same as the rate paid for journeyman, you also have Level 1 coverage. If the contribution rate paid on your behalf is lower than the Level 1 (journeyman) rate, you should check with the Fund office to understand which level of benefits

applies to you and determine whether you have Life Insurance, Dental, Disability and Vision benefits.

## **Dental Benefits through Delta Dental**

Dental claims are filed directly with Delta Dental by participating dentists. Non-participating dentists and you may file industry standard claim forms for dental services in cases where the claim is not automatically filed by sending the claim to the following address:

Delta Dental P. O. Box 2105 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-2105

# SUMMARIES OF BENEFITS AND DEDUCTIBLES

#### Level 1

#### Certain Preventive Services as required by law:

100% coverage, no deductible. See Plan Booklet for list of services that qualify for this level of benefit.

#### Urgent Care Centers and Walk-in Clinics

Services provided at an In-Network Walk-in Clinic or In-Network Urgent Care Center will be covered at 90% and will not be subject to the Deductible.

### Comprehensive Medical Benefits:

For "In-Network" BCBS providers,

coverage is subject to the Deductible,

Deductible per calendar year, per person.

then 75% of the first \$10,000.00 (not including Deductible) of allowed charges

\$400

then 100% of Usual and Customary charges thereafter.

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• Maximum Deductible per calendar year, per family	\$1,200
<ul> <li>Unlimited Lifetime Medical Benefit</li> </ul>	
• Out-of-Pocket maximum, per person, per vear.	\$2,900

• Out-of-Pocket maximum, per family, per year, \$12,700

For "Out-of-Network" providers,

coverage is subject to the Deductible,

then 55% of the first \$11,111.11 (not including Deductible) of allowed charges,

then 100% of Usual and Customary charges thereafter.

<ul> <li>Deductible per calendar year, per person</li> </ul>	\$900
• Maximum Deductible per calendar year, per family	\$2,700

• Unlimited Lifetime Medical Benefit

• Out-of-Pocket maximum, per person, per year, deductible plus \$5,000

- No Family Out-of-Pocket maximum for Out-of-Network claims
- Mental or Nervous Disorder Expenses subject to Comprehensive Medical Deductible, then if in-Hospital, subject to the PPO/Non-PPO co-insurance rules; outpatient, 50% of Usual and Customary Charges

## Prescription Drug Benefit:

75% coverage for preferred drugs and 65% coverage for non-preferred drugs is provided through mail order and retail pharmacies. Maintenance drugs purchased at retail are subject to reimbursement limitation. Comprehensive Medical Out-of-Pocket maximum benefit applies to prescription drugs.

## Dental Benefits:

<ul> <li>Deductible per calendar year, per person</li> </ul>	\$75
• Deductible per calendar year, per family	\$225

- Preventive and diagnostic services (exam, cleaning, some x-rays),
   90% of Usual and Customary charges up to maximum annual amount
- Class I restorative services (fillings, oral surgery), 80% of Usual and Customary charges up to maximum annual benefit
- Class II restorative services (crowns, bridges, gold) 70% of Usual and Customary charges up to maximum annual benefit

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•	Maximum annual benefit	\$3,000	
•	Oral Surgery (additional to maximum annual amount)	\$500	

• Oral Surgery (additional to maximum annual amount)	\$500
• Orthodontia, 70% of Usual and Customary charges	
Lifetime Maximum	\$3,000

• TMJ, 50% of Usual and Customary charges
Lifetime Maximum \$1,000

Preauthorization is required if dental services are expected to exceed \$400.

#### Vision Benefits:

- One exam in a 12-month period unless more than one exam is Medically Necessary.
- One pair eyeglasses/contact lenses in a 12-month period

Vision deductible \$10

#### For Eligible Employees only

• Life Insurance \$15,000

• Accidental Death, Dismemberment and Injury Benefit \$15,000

• Weekly Disability Benefit for up to 26 weeks for the same Disability, per week \$250

### For Eligible Dependents only

• Death Benefit:

o Spouse \$3,000

o Dependent Child (15 days to 19 years old) \$2,000

#### Level 2

#### Certain Preventive Services as required by law:

100% coverage, no deductible. See Plan Booklet for list of services that qualify for this level of benefit.

#### Urgent Care Centers and Walk-in Clinics

Services provided at an In-Network Walk-in Clinic or In-Network Urgent Care Center will be covered at 90% and will not be subject to the Deductible.

### Comprehensive Medical Benefits:

For "In-Network" BCBS providers,

coverage is subject to the Deductible,

then 70% of the first \$12,500.00 (not including Deductible) of allowed charges

then 100% of Usual and Customary charges thereafter.

<ul> <li>Deductible per calendar year, per person</li> </ul>	\$700
• Maximum Deductible per calendar year, per family	\$2,100
• Unlimited Lifetime Medical Benefit	
• Out-of-Pocket maximum, per person, per year,	\$4,450
• Out-of-Pocket maximum, per family, per year,	\$12,700

For "Out-of-Network" providers,

coverage is subject to the Deductible,

then 55% of the first \$12,500.00 (not including Deductible) of allowed charges,

then 100% of Usual and Customary charges thereafter.

• Deductible per calendar year, per person	\$1,500
• Deductible per calendar year, per family	\$4,500
• Unlimited Lifetime Medical Benefit	

• Out-of-Pocket maximum, per person, per year, \$8,000

• No Family Out-of-Pocket maximum for Out-of-Network claims

## Prescription Drug Benefit:

75% coverage for preferred drugs and 65% coverage for non-preferred drugs is provided through mail order and retail pharmacies. Maintenance drugs purchased at retail are subject to reimbursement limitation. Comprehensive Medical Out-of-Pocket maximum benefit applies to prescription drugs.

Be advised that not all individuals eligible for Level 2 benefits are entitled to the following benefits. Check with the Fund Office to determine which, if any, of the following benefits your family is also eligible to receive.

#### Dental Benefits:

• Deductible per calendar year, per person	\$75
• Deductible per calendar year, per family	\$225

- Preventive and diagnostic services (exam, cleaning, some x-rays),
   90% of Usual and Customary charges up to maximum annual amount
- Class I restorative services (fillings, oral surgery), 80% of Usual and Customary charges up to maximum annual benefit
- Class II restorative services (crowns, bridges, gold) 50% of Usual and Customary charges up to maximum annual benefit

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•	Maximum annual benefit	\$2,000	
•	Oral Surgery (additional to maximum annual amount)	\$500	

• Orthodontia, 70% of Usual and Customary charges	
Lifetime Maximum	\$3,000

• TMJ, 50% of Usual and Customary charges
Lifetime Maximum \$1,000

Preauthorization is required if dental services are expected to exceed \$400.

#### Vision Benefits:

- One exam in a 12-month period unless more than one exam is Medically Necessary.
- One pair eyeglasses/contact lenses in a 12-month period

Vision deductible \$10

#### Out-of-network maximums

- o eye examination, per person, per year \$35
- Annual Vision Care maximum, per person, including exam

#### For Eligible Employees only

• Life Insurance \$15,000

• Accidental Death, Dismemberment and Injury Benefit

\$15,000

Weekly Disability Benefit for up to 26 weeks for the same Disability, per week \$250

## For Eligible Dependents only

• Death Benefit:

o Spouse \$3,000

o Dependent Child (15 days to 19 years old) \$2,000

## **Level 3 – Transition Benefits for Newly Organized Individuals**

## Certain Preventive Services as required by law:

100% coverage, no deductible. See Plan Booklet for list of services that qualify for this level of benefit.

#### Urgent Care Centers and Walk-in Clinics

Services provided at an In-Network Walk-in Clinic or In-Network Urgent Care Center will be covered at 90% and will not be subject to the Deductible.

#### Comprehensive Medical Benefits:

For "In-Network" BCBS providers,

coverage is subject to the Deductible,

then 70% of the first \$16,666.67 (not including Deductible) of allowed charges

then 100% of Usual and Customary charges thereafter.

• Deductible per calendar year, per person	\$800
• Maximum Deductible per calendar year, per family	\$2,400
• Unlimited Lifetime Medical Benefit	
• Out-of-Pocket maximum, per person, per year,	\$5,800
• Out-of-Pocket maximum, per family, per year,	\$12,700

## For "Out-of-Network" providers,

coverage is subject to the Deductible,

then 55% of the first \$20,000.00 (not including Deductible) of allowed charges,

then 100% of Usual and Customary charges thereafter.

• Deductible per calendar year, per person	\$1,700
• Maximum Deductible per calendar year, per family	\$5,100
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• Unlimited Lifetime Medical Benefit

• Out-of-Pocket maximum, per person, per year, \$10,700

• No Family Out-of-Pocket maximum for Out-of-Network claims

## Prescription Drug Benefit:

75% coverage for preferred drugs and 65% coverage for non-preferred drugs is provided through mail order and retail pharmacies. Maintenance drugs purchased at retail are subject to reimbursement limitation. Comprehensive Medical Out-of-Pocket maximum benefit applies to prescription drugs.

# **Self-Pay Level --** For Unemployed and Disabled Individuals and their Families

## Certain Preventive Services as required by law:

100% coverage, no deductible. See Plan Booklet for list of services that qualify for this level of benefit.

## Urgent Care Centers and Walk-in Clinics

Services provided at an In-Network Walk-in Clinic or In-Network Urgent Care Center will be covered at 90% and will not be subject to the Deductible.

## Comprehensive Medical Benefits:

For "In-Network" BCBS providers,

coverage is subject to the Deductible,

then 70% of the first \$9,166.67 (not including Deductible) of allowed charges

then 100% of Usual and Customary charges thereafter.

• Deductible per calendar year, per person	\$450
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• Maximum Deductible per calendar year, per family \$1,350

• Unlimited Lifetime Medical Benefit

• Out-of-Pocket maximum, per person, per year, \$3,200

• Out-of-Pocket maximum, per family, per year, \$12,700

### For "Out-of-Network" providers,

coverage is subject to the Deductible,

then 50% of the first \$11,000.00 (not including Deductible) of allowed charges,

then 100% of Usual and Customary charges thereafter, up to the Maximum Lifetime Medical Benefit.

<ul> <li>Deductible</li> </ul>	per calendar year, per person	\$900
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- Maximum Deductible per calendar year, per family \$2,700
- Unlimited Lifetime Medical Benefit
- Out-of-Pocket maximum, per person, per year, \$6,400

• No Family Out-of-Pocket maximum for Out-of-Network claims

## Prescription Drug Benefit:

75% coverage for preferred drugs and 65% coverage for non-preferred drugs is provided through mail order and retail pharmacies.

Maintenance drugs purchased at retail are subject to reimbursement limitation. Comprehensive Medical Out-of-Pocket maximum benefit

limitation. Comprehensive Medical Out-of-Pocket maximum benefit applies to prescription drugs.

#### Dental Benefits:

• Dental Benefits 60% of charges up to maximum benefit, per person

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0	Deductible	\$200
0	Annual Dental Maximum	\$3,000
	Orthodontia - Lifetime Maximum	\$3,000
• TMJ, 5	0% of Usual and Customary charges	
	Lifetime Maximum	\$1,000

(there are no maximum limitations for pediatric dental)

Preauthorization is required if dental services are expected to exceed \$400.

### Other Benefits:

• Death Benefit Employee	\$5,000
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- Accidental Death and Dismemberment for Employee \$5,000
- Weekly Disability Benefit for up to 13 weeks for the same Disability, per week, Employee only \$200