

2019 SPECIAL BULLETIN – 2019-2

DATE: MAY 24, 2019
TO: LOCAL UNIONS AFFECTED BY THE RECENT TORNADO IN MISSOURI
RE: TEAMCARE HEALTH BENEFITS

The Trustees of the Central States Health Fund are concerned about the devastating effect the recent tornado has had on our TeamCare members in southwest Missouri. National, state and local officials have declared a state of emergency and continue to work to improve conditions in this area. The Funds' Trustees would like to assist our members during this crisis and remind them of the following TeamCare benefits to help stay safe and healthy:

- **Continued Coverage** - For active members who are unable to work because of the tornado, TeamCare will provide continued healthcare coverage without COBRA contributions until June 29, 2019. This extension also covers all eligible family members.
- **Immunizations and Screenings** - All immunizations and screenings recommended by the Center for Disease Control will be covered at no-cost for covered family members.
- **Vision Benefits** – For active and retired members who have TeamCare vision coverage, TeamCare will waive the 12-month restriction on pick up new glasses or contacts if lost due to the tornado.
- **Prescription drugs through CVSCaremark**
 - TeamCare will reimburse retail and mail-order co-payments for prescription drugs that need to be filled due to being lost in the tornado.
 - All limitations regarding “refill-too-soon” prescriptions have been lifted.
 - Until mail service is restored, individuals currently using the Caremark’s mail-order service will be allowed to obtain their medicine at any retail outlet. TeamCare will reimburse for any additional costs incurred on prescriptions filled at out-of-network retail outlets.
- **Out-of-Network health care providers** - All penalties related to utilization of out-of-network health-care providers will be waived until June 29, 2019.
- **Filing deadlines** - All filing deadlines will be waived (i.e. Cobra, appeals, etc) until June 29, 2019.
- **Mailings** – Participants and retirees may instruct TeamCare to mail all correspondence to an alternative address outside of the tornado area.

Local Union staff can contact their Field Service Representative Jackie Kovacs or Wendy Herman to have these benefits applied to any affected member.

The Trustees' thoughts and prayers are with our members and retirees during this tragedy and we will continue to evaluate the situation.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CENTRAL STATES, SOUTHEAST
AND SOUTHWEST AREAS HEALTH AND WELFARE FUND, BY:



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