

**ASEA/AFSCME LOCAL 52 HEALTH BENEFITS
TRUST**

**SUMMARY OF TEMPORARY BENEFIT PLAN
CHANGES RELATED TO COVID-19
Updated June 2022**

The Board of Trustees has adopted the following temporary Plan changes related to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Please note that some of these benefit changes may have expired and some will expire when the US Government declares the end of the COVID-19 National Emergency. Please keep this summary with your Plan Booklet until the current booklet is updated.

Plan Changes Effective March 26, 2020 (Temporary Changes)

✓ **COVID-19 related testing**

COVID-19 testing will be covered with no participant cost share, pursuant to federal law.

✓ **COVID-19-related in-patient admissions**

For Participants on Plan A, B and D, inpatient admissions at in-network facilities for care related to COVID-19 will be covered with no participant cost share.

Plan Change Effective April 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 (Temporary Change)

✓ **Non-PPO Penalties at Providence Hospital**

Due to the unusual circumstances of COVID- 19, Providence Hospital in Anchorage will be considered an in-network facility for the period April 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, for Plans A, B and D.

Alaska Regional Hospital is still the primary in- network facility; however, Providence has temporarily been added.

Effective July 1, 2021, Providence Hospital will be considered an out-of-network facility and non-PPO penalties will apply.