

**SOUTHERN WESTCHESTER
BOCES
TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**

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PLEASE KEEP THIS LETTER FOR YOUR RECORDS

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Dear Certified Staff Members,

Below you will find a summary of your benefits provided by the *BOCES Teachers' Association Benefits Trust Fund* as well as important information that will help you navigate the dental plan.

As a reminder, on January 1, 2021, your **Delta Dental PPO Group Plan** benefits increased! The following changes took effect:

- **Deductibles waived for Diagnostic & Preventive (D & P) services**
- **Diagnostic & Preventive (D & P) services do not count towards the yearly maximum benefit**

As always, we encourage you to visit an in-network provider as they have contracted rates with Delta Dental which will lower your out-of-pocket expenses.

Please check our website under the **BTA BENEFITS tab** where you will find the *Delta Dental Highlights page*. We would also like to point out a couple of features already listed:

- **All members have the same group # 10919 and the plan's name is *Southern Westchester BOCES Benefits Trust Fund (NYSUT)*.**
- **The plan's address is:**
Delta Dental of New York
One Delta Drive
Mechanicsburg, PA 10755
- **Delta Dental DOES NOT provide ID cards. If you would like one, you must create an online account at deltadentalins.com where you may view or print your card.**
- **Delta Dental customer service # is 800-932-0783.**
- Delta Dental has partnered with QualSight (855-248-2020) and Amplifon Hearing (888-779-1429) to offer plan members LASIK and hearing aid discounts.

Effective March 1, 2022, the BTA Benefits Trust Fund purchased the **Davis Vision Designer Gold Group Plan** Biennial Services (every March 1st). All members received a mailing with the benefit information and your cards. Please visit our website **bocesta.net** for a copy as well as directions on how to create an account to access your benefits.

Listed below are a couple of plan highlights:

- You must create an online account at **davisvision.com/members** to view benefits, track usage, find providers, update your info., **order new cards**, ect.
- Davis Vision defines dependents as your spouse/domestic partner and *children up to age 26*
- *Covered children are eligible for the benefit every 12 months*
- For additional discounts, log in to your account where you will find the links to **Laser Vision Correction** and **Your Hearing Network**

Effective April 1, 2022 the **Group Access Legal Service Plan** now includes the **Elder Law Services** benefit which extends to **covered members, their parents and grandparents**. Please see our website **bocesta.net** for a list of additional services and any fees that may apply. A total of two Legal Security Packages per year are included in that plan at no cost. Additional Legal Security Packages may be purchased for a fee.

Below is a complete list of benefits that the **BOCES Teachers' Association Benefit Trust Fund** provides for our certified staff and their eligible dependents. The BTA continues to update and improve its website **bocesta.net** so that all certified staff can readily locate plan highlights, policy information, plan contacts and requested forms. As a reminder, these programs include:

- **Davis Vision Designer Gold Group Plan** Biennial Services (every March 1st)
- **Individual and Family Dental Insurance (Delta Dental PPO Group Plan)**
- **Group Access Legal Service Plan** including **Elder Law Services (Feldman, Kramer & Monaco P.C.)**
- **Group Life & Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D) Insurance (Unum) \$25,000**
- **Group Long Term Disability Plan (Unum)**

The **BOCES Teachers' Association Benefit Trust Fund** was established to provide certain benefits to supplement the basic health plan provided by Southern Westchester BOCES. It was created as a result of collective bargaining between the BTA and Southern Westchester BOCES. It is strictly funded by employer contributions and administered solely by the fund's Trustees, whose hard work and dedication have maintained a sound and successful fund! Please feel free to contact the Trustees listed below if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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