Thank you for calling Local 1262's Information Hotline. This is the latest update from President Harvey Whille as of Friday, December 22, 2023 and contains two messages. This hotline – as well as other important updates and information for our members -- can also be found on our web site at <u>www.ufcw1262.org</u>.

Local 1262 will launch a new enhanced Dental Plan Network for its members beginning January 1, 2024.

Members will now have dental coverage through the Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO Plan Network. The new network has more than 329,000 providers nationwide which is a significant increase from the old plan.

Members with dental coverage will receive their new Dental ID Card from Horizon in the mail starting next week. Please watch for this envelope. It is not junk mail and you will need your new Dental ID Card when making dental appointments going forward.

"We are extremely proud of the new enhanced benefits in the Dental Plan," said Local 1262 President Harvey Whille. "We heard what our members were saying about having more dentists from which to choose and responded by implementing this new expanded network."

Please remember that if you work part-time, you become eligible for Dental Coverage after 24 months of employment. Full-Time workers are eligible after three months of employment.

For more details on this improved member benefit – including how to locate a dental provider – visit our website at <u>www.ufcw1262.org</u>. If you have questions or concerns about your coverage contact Horizon Dental at 1-800-4-DENTAL or the Fund Office at 1-800-522-4161.

In closing, all of us here at Local 1262 would like to wish our members and their families a Happy and Safe Holiday and a Healthy New Year.

We recognize how hard you work each and every day and that is especially true during the Holiday Season. We value your service and the role you play in putting food on our neighbor's tables.

I thank all of our more than 22,000 members here in New Jersey and New York for your ongoing dedication and service to your communities. It is truly an honor and privilege to serve as your president.

That concludes this hotline. Thank you for calling Local 1262.

Please ask your fellow Local 1262 Brothers and Sisters to join Local 1262's texting program.

Simply text UPDATES1262 to 83071.