

Thank you for calling Local 1262's Information Hotline. This is the latest update from President Harvey Whille as of Friday, June 26, 2026 and contains one message. This hotline – as well as other important updates and information for our members -- can also be found on our web site at www.ufcw1262.org.

Did you know that Local 1262 paid out nearly \$219 million in benefits to our members just in 2025? This includes more than \$100 million in hospital and medical coverage and \$77 million in pension and retirement benefits. At a time when few part-time workers in the country receive any kind of benefits, Local 1262 also paid out benefits for our members who work part-time – and those that work full-time – that included more than \$4 million in dental coverage and nearly \$700,000 in vision benefits and another \$700,000 in pre-paid legal insurance coverage.

As a reminder, Local 1262 members who work part-time receive life insurance coverage after six months of employment, vision care coverage after 12 months, Pre-Paid Legal insurance after 18 months and dental coverage after 24 months of employment. Most members who work full-time receive these benefits after three months of employment.

All members also have a \$4,000 Accidental Death Life Insurance Policy.

If you have questions regarding your benefits speak to your Union Representative or call one of our Assistant Field Directors for Benefits. They are Tom Whille at extension 1928 or Betty Laughery at extension 1915. Tom and Betty are out in the stores on a daily basis educating our members about their benefits and helping our members navigate out-of-the ordinary health insurance, pension and other benefits problems. This includes one-on-one personal assistance to help you understand Explanation of Benefits (EOB) Forms, denied coverage issues and more. They can also assist with any pension or retirement issues our members may have.

If you have general questions about your health coverage or pension please call the Funds Office at 1-800-522-4161, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You can also visit our website www.ufcw1262.org.

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

Concerns At Your Workplace?

Contact your Union Representative at 1-800-562-6913 (from New Jersey)
or 1-800-526-7814 (from other states).