

Sheet metal workers local 19 offers PPO option with Blue Medicare Advantage

Effective May 1, 2022, Sheet Metal Workers Local 19 will offer a PPO, Medicare Advantage plan with Blue Medicare Advantage. Retirees with Medicare Parts A and B are eligible to enroll in the Medicare Advantage plan. The plan includes the National Access Plus benefit, which allows retirees to receive services from any provider, as long as the provider accepts Medicare. The provider reimbursement schedule amount for Medicare Advantage claims mirror original Medicare's provider reimbursement schedule amount. The Medicare Advantage plan offers the same hospital and medical benefits that Medicare covers and also covers additional benefits that Medicare does not, such as an annual routine physical exam, routine hearing, LiveHealth Online and SilverSneakers®.

The prefix on the Sheet Metal Workers Local 19 member ID cards will be J2H. The cards will also show the Sheet Metal Workers Local 19 name and logo, along with the PPO icon for Blue Medicare Advantage on the front. Providers may submit claims electronically using the electronic payer ID for the Blue Medicare Advantage plan in their state or submit a *UB-04* or *CMS-1500* form to the Blue Medicare Advantage plan in their state. Claims should not be filed with Original Medicare. Contracted and non-contracted providers may call the provider services number on the back of the member ID card for benefit eligibility, prior authorization requirements, and any questions about Sheet Metal Workers Local 19 member benefits or coverage.

Detailed prior authorization requirements also are available to contracted providers by accessing the Provider Self-Service Tool at [Availity.com](https://www.availity.com).*

* Availity, LLC is an independent company providing administrative support services on behalf of Blue Medicare Advantage. Tivity Health, Inc. is an independent company providing the SilverSneakers fitness program on behalf of Blue Medicare Advantage.