Check Out the Vision Center—Our Retirees Already Love It!

The Carpenters Center for Vision offers convenient, wellness-inspired vision care for you and your family. Make an appointment to access great benefits, like FREE WellVision Exams and retinal screenings, a wide selection of fashionable frames and safety glasses, and more!

Don’t take our word for it. Here’s what James Orth, a retired member of Local 1 had to say:

I had an appointment at the Vision Center for an eye exam and new glasses. I was very impressed. Everything was very sanitary and the staff was very professional. I definitely recommend the Carpenters Center for Vision to all my fellow carpenters.

• The Carpenters Center for Vision does not accept cash! For copays or if you purchase an add-on such as a lens enhancement, you can pay with a debit or credit card.

• You must be enrolled in Retiree vision benefits to use the Vision Center.

The Vision Center is open by appointment ONLY. Call (630) 598-5120 to schedule.

Hours
Monday: 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
Tuesday–Thursday: 10:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Location
4979 Indiana Avenue
Suite 200
Lisle, IL 60532
Understanding Prescription Drug Costs

The Fund continues to pay more for prescription drugs each year. This cost increase is driven primarily by the rising cost of specialty medications. Specialty medications tend to be very expensive, because they require special handling during storage and distribution. Although our number of specialty medication prescriptions is low, their cost is significant!

The Fund tries to manage the cost of prescription drugs by participating in step therapy programs and requiring prior authorizations in some cases. Generic drugs have the lowest cost, which saves you and the Fund money. They are chemically identical to the brand-name version, so they are just as safe and effective. If your doctor prescribes a brand-name medication, ask if a generic is available. It will save you and the Fund money.

Take a look at the Fund’s prescription drug spend in 2019.

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Not Receiving Our Emails?

To update your email address, call the Fund Office at (312) 787-9455, menu option 4.

Our Website Is Getting a Refresh

Later this fall, we’re launching a redesigned crcbenefits.org. The updated website will be easier to use and offer great features for our participants. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.
Flu Season Is Approaching

During the COVID-19 pandemic, it could be easy to forget about the flu season. Don’t get caught off guard! The Carpenters Center for Health is a full-service doctor’s office. That means you and your eligible family members who are enrolled in Retiree Comprehensive Medical or Comprehensive Medicare Supplement coverage can get FREE immunizations and flu shots.

Make sure you and your family are protected from the flu. Even if you had a flu shot last year, you will still need to get this year’s vaccine, as active flu strains are different each year.

Mark your calendar for our annual flu shot clinic!

Visit the Health Center on October 8 or 9 for a flu shot—no appointment necessary. When you arrive at the Lisle campus, follow the signage that will lead you downstairs to a check-in area. The flu shot clinic will be held during regular business hours. Masks and social distancing rules apply. Please remember to bring a photo ID and your BCBS ID card.

If the Health Center location is not convenient for you, retired, eligible members and dependents can get a flu shot at any location that accepts BCBSIL insurance. Coverage is still 100%.

Updates on the Carpenters Center for Health

The Health Center, in partnership with Premise Health, provides care for non-urgent and ongoing chronic medical conditions to those who are enrolled in Retiree Comprehensive Medical or Comprehensive Medicare Supplement coverage. It is staffed by the highest-quality providers who focus on comprehensive, personalized care—all at no cost to you!

Here’s what Roman Zabicki, a retired member of Local 13, had to say:

The treatment I have received at the Carpenters Center for Health has been outstanding. Meredith Walter, the nurse practitioner, and Angeleen Engblom, the Wellness Coach, have given me great, thorough, and practical advice. They are passionate about helping people lead healthier lives, and we, their patients, are lucky to have them. You guys hit it out of the park with this service! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Call a Registered Nurse

Nurse advice is just a phone call away, 24/7, every day of the year! Call (312) 260-1189 to reach the Carpenters Center for Health 24/7 Nurse Line.

Registered nurses can provide support for:

- Cold or flu symptoms
- Sinus and ear infections
- Possible pink eye and other eye irritations
- Fever and chills
- Rashes and hives
- Sore throat
- To help you decide if you need to see a doctor!

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Questions About Your Benefits?
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