

# OUTSTATE TROWEL TRADES FRINGE BENEFIT FUNDS

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Michigan Trowel Trades Health & Welfare Fund  
Outstate Michigan Trowel Trades Pension Fund

Michigan Operative Plasterers' & Cement Masons' International Association Apprenticeship  
and Training Fund

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **How are my benefits Funded?**

The primary source of financing for the benefits provided under the Health and Welfare Fund and for the expenses of Fund operations is employer contributions.

### **What are the Fund's eligibility requirements?**

Initial eligibility requires 345 hours of contributions within three (3) months or less. There is a one (1) month bookkeeping period in which you are not eligible.

Continuing eligibility requires 345 hours of employer contributions within three (3) months or less. There is a one (1) month bookkeeping period in which you are not eligible.

### **What do I do if my employer does not remit my fringes?**

First, call your employer. There may be a very good reason that the fringes have not been remitted. If your employer cannot explain the reason to your satisfaction, you should contact the Local Union.

### **How can I add my dependents to the Plan?**

Complete a Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) "Membership and Record Change Form" and submit copies of marriage or birth certificates.

### **What do I do when I get divorced?**

You must send a copy of your complete divorce decree otherwise coverage will be maintained for your ex-spouse. If the Fund pays for benefits that should not be paid because your spouse no longer meets the definition of a dependent, you will be held responsible.

### **When does coverage stop for my dependent children?**

The Health Care and Education Affordability Reconciliation Act of 2010 requires the Fund to extend Adult child coverage up to age 26 effective June 1, 2011. Therefore, if you are eligible for benefits and you have a child that was previously covered in the Plan, and their coverage was terminated, you should complete a “Request for Extension of Dependent Coverage” and return it to the Fund Office. Coverage may continue until the last day of the month in which that adult child turns 26 years old or earlier if you do not maintain your eligibility under the Plan. This requires annual verification.

### **Can I continue coverage when I retire?**

No, at this time, there is no coverage for retirees.

### **What is Coordination of Benefits?**

Coordination of Benefits or COB coordinates benefits with other health benefits you may have such as coverage through your spouses’ employer.

### **What is covered in the Dental Plan?**

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) handles the Dental Benefit Plan. They can be reached at 1-800-637-2227 with any questions.