

Dear Participants of the YFT Welfare Fund,

In response to requests from participants and providers of the YFT Welfare Fund for more efficient, streamlined, and expedited processes to best serve the covered membership and their families, the Trustees conducted extensive research and interviews. After careful consideration, the Trustees of the Yonkers Federation of Teachers Welfare Fund have authorized our current third-party administrator, Daniel H. Cook Associates, Inc. (“Cook”), to continue processing dental claims and to expand their role by assuming all other duties normally performed by the Fund office, including benefit claims, customer service, and administrative operations. “Cook” has been the YFT Welfare Fund’s third-party administrator, processing dental claims for over 40 years, and we are confident they will continue to serve us well.

With the help of our office staff, we will initiate the onboarding process. The transfer will take effect on July 1, 2025. Before that date, you will receive a letter from “Cook” with details on how to file claims and contact their staff for assistance. After July 1, 2025, the Fund office staff will no longer manage the benefits program. This change will not affect the level of benefits you receive from the Fund. All your benefits and providers will remain in place. Through Daniel H. Cook Associates, Inc., you can still access live representatives during business hours, meet in person upon request, and enjoy 24-hour online access to all benefits and status inquiries.

We appreciate our staff’s commitment, thank them for their service, and have addressed their concerns during this transition period, which we expect will be smooth. The staff currently working in the Fund office will no longer be employed by the Fund effective June 30, 2025. They have received an extensive severance package that acknowledges their many years of service and dedication.

Best Regards,

Trustees of the Yonkers Federation of Teachers Welfare Fund

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