



October 15, 2025

RE: Important Announcement Regarding the ATU Local 1056 Benefits Fund:
New Third-Party Administrator for BENEFIT Premiums and COBRA

Dear Member,

We are writing to inform you of an important upcoming change regarding the administration of your BENEFIT Premiums and COBRA payments for the ATU Local 1056 Benefits Fund. Effective 12/1/2025, ASO will serve as the new Third-Party Administrator (TPA) responsible for collecting and processing all enrollments, any monthly premiums for the dental plans and COBRA payments. Your coverage and benefits will not change at all with this transition.

What This Means for You

- **BENEFIT Premium Collection and COBRA Collections:** As of 12/1/2025, payments will be collected by the new administrator, ASO. Payments will continue to be collected via either checking account, debit card, or Credit Card. If you have recurring monthly payments set up, you will be asked to re-enroll.
- **ACTIVE MEMBERS:** If you choose a dental plan that has a monthly premium and its currently paid through your Checking account, debit card, or Credit card, you will need to complete and sign an enrollment form providing your Banking information or credit card information to the new administrator.
- **RETIREES:** If you previously had your Dental premiums paid through your checking account, debit card, or credit card you will need to complete and sign an enrollment form providing your banking information to the new administrator.
- **SPECIAL NOTE TO RETIREES who are enrolled into DDS/Healthplex dental:** Effective January 1, 2026, NYCERS will no longer be deducting your DDS/Healthplex Dental premiums from your Pension check. You will need to complete and sign an enrollment form providing your checking or credit card banking information.

Member Services: ASO has a dedicated team available to answer questions, and assist with payment setup, and ensure a smooth transition.

What You Need to Do

- Look for more information to be sent in the coming weeks regarding the next Open Enrollment Period, which will be in November 1, 2025 through November 30, 2025.
- Extensive Benefits is the current TPA until the end of November 2025 and can answer your benefits-related questions until then.

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The ATU Local 1056 Union Fund and ASO Administrators are committed to making this transition as seamless as possible, and are here to assist with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Luis Alzate, President & Trustee
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Byron Bolling, Financial Secretary/Treasurer & Trustee.
Sharon Hutcherson, Benefit Administrator

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