2024 BENEFITS ENROLLMENT GUIDE

Your benefits. Your future.
Open Enrollment Begins November 1

Now is the time to focus on you.

You are a vital part of our success. That’s the reason we invest so much into a benefits plan that helps protect your health, your income, and so much more. It is important to learn about the options we offer and consider how they can help you build a secure future.

This benefit guide presents highlights of the benefits available to you this year. For additional plan details and premiums, please visit BenefitFocus’s Employee Benefits Enrollment portal located under the District’s new website under "Staff". You will use your District’s sign-in credentials for direct access into the portal.

ACTION REQUIRED!

Open Enrollment ends November 15. Each benefit-eligible employee is REQUIRED to complete enrollment online to elect or change coverage by this date. If you do not participate, your current 2023 benefits will roll forward for 2024, other than your FSA or HSA plans, which require you to re-enroll each year.

The Importance of Enrollment

If you and/or your dependent have Medicare or will become eligible for Medicare in the next 12 months, a Federal law gives you more choices about your prescription drug coverage. Please see page 24 for more detail.
Open Enrollment is November 1 – November 15

Who We Cover

**Employees:** You are eligible for benefits if you are a permanent, full-time employee of the District, work at least 20 hours per week, and are eligible for benefits under the Florida Retirement System. You must be actively at work on the plan effective date for new benefits to be effective.

**Eligible Dependents May Include:**

- Your legal spouse
- Your own children
- Children for whom you have been appointed legal guardian (through the courts)
- Stepchildren and legally adopted children (provided they reside in your household and primarily depend on you for support)

**Documentation is required when adding a new dependent to coverages. All documentation has to be provided and approved by ECPS prior to the effective date of 1/1/24.**

How To Enroll (For both Open Enrollment and to complete a qualifying mid-year family life event status change)

We offer different ways to enroll to give you the level of support that is best for you.

**Benefitplace® Mobile App** — Search for “Benefitplace” in the App Store or Google Play and download to your mobile device. Or scan the QR code below. Use Company ID escambiabenefits to activate the app. You will need to use your prior BenefitFocus username and password or register if you are a first-time app user.

[Google Play](#)
[Apple App Store](#)

**Online Self-Service** — Visit BenefitFocus’s Employee Benefits Enrollment portal located under the District’s main website under "Staff". You will use your District’s sign-in credentials for direct access into the portal.

**What’s New for 2024**

- **Enroll via the BenefitFocus App:** Search for “Benefitplace” in the App Store or Google Play and download to your mobile device. Use Company ID escambiabenefits to activate the app.
- **BenefitFocus Health Insights Assistance:** Get help determining which medical plan is the right one for you.
- **Medical Premiums:** Please make sure to review the medical premiums/contributions as there have been some changes for 2024.
- **Dental Plan Changes:** Out-of-Network covered at 10% less than In-Network Dental Providers. See Page 14 for details.
- **FSA and HSA Limits for 2024:** FSA limits have increased for Health Care FSA to $3,200. HSA limits have increased for individuals to $4,150 and for families to $8,300.
- **Changes in the HSA plans:** Individual deductible increased to $3,200 for those that have a HSA Plan with dependent coverage. The family deductible maximum remains at $6,000.
Medical Plans
Health care needs are different for everyone. We offer multiple medical plan options so you can choose the coverage level best-suited to your needs and budget.

UNITED CHOICE HSA  UNITED BASE HRA  UNITED CHOICE HRA

All three plans are administered through UnitedHealthcare and give you access to the same network of high-quality medical providers. The difference is that each plan carries different premiums and out-of-pocket costs. In addition, the United Choice HSA plan includes a Health Savings Account option, and the United Choice HRA plan includes a $500 HRA funding allowance to help offset your deductible.

What’s the Right Plan for You?

Balance your premium cost with the amount you expect to spend on medical services. If you’re healthy and don’t expect to have many doctor’s visits, you can greatly reduce your upfront cost by choosing a lower premium plan. If you require a lot of care and need to limit out-of-pocket expenses, the higher premium plan might make more sense.

UNITED CHOICE HSA

You save money up front with the lowest premium, but you’re exposed to higher out-of-pocket costs.

Best if you are... healthy, active, and rarely expect to use medical care, allowing you to maximize the premium savings.

UNITED BASE HRA

This plan balances premiums with out-of-pocket exposure.

Best if you are... healthy, but want to balance your risk because you’re getting older, have a condition like high cholesterol, or have a big family.

UNITED CHOICE HRA

The plan with the highest premium but the lowest out-of-pocket costs.

Best if you are... going to require plenty of medical care in the coming year, which could include having a baby.

1 in 4 Americans overpay for health care by choosing the wrong medical plan.

The Quarterly Journal of Economics, Volume 132, Issue 3, 1 August 2017

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What’s Your Best Fit?

**SUTTON FAMILY**
Typical family with some risk

- **Ages:** Cyrus, 48; Emily, 44; Devin, 13; and Bettina, 12
- **Lifestyle:** Devin and Bettina both play soccer; Devin is an avid skateboarder
- **Medical Status:** Cyrus has high blood pressure and cholesterol
- **Financial Risk Factors:** Heart and cardiovascular disease; injury risk from sports activities (skateboarding is a very high-risk activity)

**BEST FIT:** A plan with moderate out-of-pocket costs and premiums makes sense because of Cyrus’s risk factors and the chances of injury for the kids. The family chooses the United Base HRA plan. They can also reduce their financial risk with Critical Illness and Accident Insurance.

**MIKE & DIANE**
Planning a new addition

- **Ages:** 34 and 31
- **Lifestyle:** Trips to the beach, jogging, binge-watching TV shows
- **Medical Status:** Very healthy and planning their first child in the coming year
- **Financial Risk Factors:** Having a baby is expensive

**BEST FIT:** Mike and Diane normally lean toward a low-premium plan, but the cost of pregnancy changes that calculation. The plan with the lowest out-of-pocket costs is best for them, so they choose the United Choice HRA. They supplement this with Hospital Confinement Insurance to help cover some of their deductible and coinsurance.

**DANIELLE**
Young, active, and healthy

- **Age:** 26
- **Lifestyle:** Biking, skiing, and hiking
- **Medical Status:** Very healthy
- **Financial Risk Factors:** High-risk activities that could lead to costly injury

**BEST FIT:** Danielle can expect to spend little on medical services and take advantage of the upfront premium savings of the United Choice HSA plan. If she’s worried about a skiing or biking injury, Accident Insurance can give her peace of mind about unexpected treatment and recovery bills.
# Your 2024 Medical Plan Summary

Below is a brief overview of the coverage available under each plan. For a full list of benefits, refer to the Summary of Benefits and Coverage.

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<td><strong>Employer Funding</strong></td>
<td>$0</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Annual Deductible</strong></td>
<td>$3,000/$6,000</td>
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<td>$2,300/$5,400</td>
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<td><strong>Annual Individual Deductible</strong></td>
<td>$3,200/$6,000</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Out-of-Pocket Maximum</strong></td>
<td>$6,250/$12,500</td>
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<td><strong>Coinsurance</strong></td>
<td>80%</td>
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<td><strong>Preventive Care</strong></td>
<td>100% covered</td>
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<td><strong>Primary Care Physician (PCP)</strong></td>
<td>80% after deductible</td>
<td>$40 copay + coinsurance</td>
<td>$35 copay</td>
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<td><strong>Specialist</strong></td>
<td>80% after deductible</td>
<td>$60 copay + coinsurance</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Labs, X-rays &amp; Diagnostics</strong></td>
<td>80% after deductible</td>
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<td><strong>Imaging (CT, PET Scans, MRIs)</strong></td>
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<td>80% coinsurance</td>
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<td><strong>Hospital Inpatient</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Outpatient Surgery</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Urgent Care Center</strong></td>
<td>80% after deductible</td>
<td>$60 copay + coinsurance</td>
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<td><strong>Emergency Room</strong></td>
<td>80% after deductible</td>
<td>$300 copay + coinsurance</td>
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Remember: Getting care from an in-network medical provider always saves you money.

## How Your Medical Plan Works

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<th>YOU + THE PLAN PAY</th>
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<td><strong>DEDUCTIBLE</strong></td>
<td>The costs you cover on your own</td>
<td><strong>COINSURANCE</strong></td>
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Costs above the out-of-pocket maximum:
- You reach your out-of-pocket maximum
- Once you meet your out-of-pocket maximum, the plan covers all costs until the end of the year

For a full list of medical terms you should know, go to [www.benefitsquest.com/terms-to-know](http://www.benefitsquest.com/terms-to-know).
Prescription Plan Summary

Prescription coverage is included with your medical plan. Your prescription plan details are as follows:

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<td><strong>30-day supply:</strong></td>
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<td>Tier 1</td>
<td>Deductible + coinsurance</td>
<td>$15 copay</td>
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<td>$40 copay</td>
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<td>Tier 3</td>
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<td>$100 copay</td>
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<td>Tier 1</td>
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<td>$45 copay</td>
<td>$36 copay</td>
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<td>Tier 2</td>
<td>Deductible + coinsurance</td>
<td>$120 copay</td>
<td>$105 copay</td>
</tr>
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<td>Tier 3</td>
<td>Deductible + coinsurance</td>
<td>$300 copay</td>
<td>$225 copay</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Deductible</strong></td>
<td>Annual Deductible must be met before the plan pays toward the discounted prescription drug cost (Individual Coverage-$3,000 Individual Deductible, Dependent Coverage-$3,200 Individual Deductible, Maximum of $6,000 per Family)</td>
<td>$200 per person per plan year (maximum of three per family)</td>
<td>$150 per person per plan year (maximum of three per family)</td>
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Controlling Health Care Costs

The rising cost of health insurance is a concern for all of us. Keeping costs to a minimum contributes to lower premiums in future years. Here are tips on how you can help lower the cost of health insurance:

- Use the employee medical facility, Marathon Health. You can save money by using Marathon Health for minor illnesses and injuries rather than going to your doctor.
- Request generic rather than brand name prescription drugs. Generic medications, while just as effective, are considerably less expensive.
- Consider seeing your family physician rather than a specialist. Family physicians can often provide the same level of care for a variety of illnesses and conditions.
- Exercise and maintain a proper diet. The healthier you are the less vulnerable you are to disease, reducing doctor’s visits and prescription medicines.

If we become more aware consumers, we can each do our part to lower the cost of health care!
In-Hospital Indemnity Plan

The In-Hospital Indemnity Plan is a self-administered plan by the District for employees who would like to retain another medical plan as their primary insurance plan. This is NOT a major medical plan and only pays daily benefits up to 30 days per plan year (January 1 – December 31). Daily benefits are calculated on a 24-hour period. The plan has a 24-hour (one day) deductible prior to benefits being paid.

All claims are required to be filed with the Risk Management Department within 90 days from your date of discharge to be eligible for consideration.

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<th>MEDICAL CARE BENEFITS</th>
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<td>In-Hospital Indemnity Plan Benefits</td>
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<td>Hospital Room and Board</td>
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<tr>
<td>Maximum daily benefit</td>
<td>$75</td>
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<tr>
<td>Waiting period before benefits are paid</td>
<td>24 hours of hospital inpatient care</td>
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<td>Extended Care Facility Room and Board</td>
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<tr>
<td>Maximum daily benefit</td>
<td>$37.50</td>
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<td>Maximum number of days</td>
<td>30 days</td>
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Annually combined hospital and extended care facility benefits

All claims must be filed with the District’s Risk Management Department within 90 days from the discharge date to be considered for payment.
Critical Illness Insurance

You can protect yourself from the unexpected costs of a serious illness.

Even the most comprehensive medical plans don’t cover all of the expenses of a serious medical condition like a heart attack or cancer. Critical Illness Insurance pays a lump sum benefit directly to you if you are diagnosed with a covered illness. The benefit is paid in addition to any other insurance coverage you may have.

Covered Illnesses Include:

- Heart attack
- Stroke
- Cancer
- Major organ transplant
- End stage renal (kidney) failure
- Coronary artery bypass surgery*
- And more

Plan Features

- Guaranteed Acceptance: There are no health questions or physical exams required.
- Family Coverage: You can elect to cover your spouse and children.
- Health Screening Benefit: The plan pays a $75 benefit once per calendar year for health screening tests performed as the result of preventive care. This benefit is payable for the covered employee and spouse.
- Portable Coverage: You can take your policy with you if you change jobs or retire.
- Value-Added Services: The plan includes 24/7 access to a Telephonic Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and Telemedicine services.

Why We Offer Supplemental Medical Benefits

Medical insurance does not prevent all of the financial strain of a major illness or injury. Depending on the medical plan you choose, you could be exposed to up to $13,200 in out-of-pocket costs if you or a family member were to become seriously sick or injured.

Many families don’t have enough in their savings to cover the deductible and coinsurance of a major medical event. Supplemental medical benefits can help cover this out-of-pocket financial exposure at a reasonable cost.

The benefits are paid directly to you, allowing you to use the funds however you choose. You receive the full benefit even if you have other insurance.

*The coverage pays 25% of the face amount of the policy once per lifetime for coronary artery bypass surgery.

The policy/certificate of coverage or its provisions, as well as covered illnesses, may vary or be unavailable in some states. The policy/certificate of coverage has exclusions and limitations which may affect any benefits payable.
Accident Insurance

Major injuries are painful. But the financial impact of the medical treatment doesn’t have to be.

Accident Insurance pays lump sum benefits directly to you if you suffer a covered injury such as a fracture, burn, or concussion. Benefits are paid even if you have other insurance coverage.

The benefit amount is calculated based on the type of injury, its severity, and what medical services are required in treatment and recovery. The plan covers a wide variety of injuries and accident-related expenses, including:

- Ambulance rides
- Emergency room visits
- Surgery and anesthesia
- Major diagnostic testing
- Injury treatment (fractures, dislocations, concussions, burns, lacerations, etc.)
- And more

Plan Features

- **Guaranteed Acceptance**: There are no health questions or physical exams required.
- **Family Coverage**: You can elect to cover your spouse and children.
- **Wellness Rider**: The plan pays a $100 benefit per insured person per calendar year for covered wellness tests performed as the result of preventive care.
- **Portable Coverage**: You can take your policy with you if you change jobs or retire.
- **Value-Added Services**: The plan includes 24/7 access to a Telephonic Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and Telemedicine services.

How Accident Insurance Works

Sam tears a knee ligament that requires extensive treatment and rehab. Even with medical insurance, this will cost Sam $3,000 out-of-pocket in deductibles and coinsurance.

Fortunately, Sam has Accident Insurance. This coverage paid Sam a total benefit of $2,640.

Rather than $3,000 out of his savings, the injury only costs Sam $360...much better.

How Sam’s Accident Benefit Was Calculated:

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<th>Medical Service</th>
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<td>Ligament Surgery</td>
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<td>Anesthesia</td>
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<td>Physical Therapy</td>
<td>$540</td>
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($90 per visit for six visits)

**TOTAL BENEFIT** $2,640

Accident Insurance

This scenario does not reflect the benefits of a specific Accident Insurance plan schedule. The benefits are generic benefits for the purposes of this example to show how the benefit total of an Accident Insurance plan is calculated. The plan offered to you may provide different benefit amounts and may not cover all services. See the plan details for the benefit schedule for the plan offered to you.

The policy or its provisions may vary or be unavailable in some states. The policy has exclusions and limitations which may affect any benefits payable.
Hospital Confinement Insurance

Receive lump sum payments to help cover the cost of a hospital stay.

If you are admitted into a hospital, it doesn’t take long for the out-of-pocket costs to add up. Hospital Confinement Insurance pays lump sum benefits directly to you, and benefits are paid even if you have other coverage.

You receive a benefit as soon as you are admitted and then an additional benefit based on the number of days you are confined to the hospital. The benefit increases if you are admitted and confined to an intensive care unit. You’ll also receive benefits for inpatient treatment in a rehabilitation facility.

Plan Features

- **Guaranteed Acceptance**: There are no health questions or physical exams required.
- **Family Coverage**: You can elect to cover your spouse and children.
- **Health Screening Benefit**: The plan pays a $50 benefit once per calendar year for health screening tests performed as the result of preventive care. This benefit is payable for each covered person.
- **Portable Coverage**: You can take your policy with you if you change jobs or retire.
- **Value-Added Services**: The plan includes 24/7 access to a Telephonic Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and Telemedicine services.

How Hospital Confinement Insurance Works

Cindy is injured in a car accident and is in the hospital for four days. She also receives rehabilitation therapy for three days. Cindy’s medical insurance carries a $2,500 deductible and a $5,000 out-of-pocket maximum. Even with her medical plan, Cindy’s deductible and coinsurance add up to more than $4,000 just for hospital services.

Cindy has Hospital Confinement Insurance. She receives a benefit for being admitted into the hospital, a benefit for each day of her inpatient stay, and benefits for rehab services.

How Cindy’s Hospital Confinement Benefit Was Calculated:

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<tr>
<td>Hospital Admission</td>
<td>$2,000 per admission</td>
<td>$2,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Four-day Hospital Stay</td>
<td>$200 per day</td>
<td>$800</td>
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<tr>
<td>Three Days of Rehab</td>
<td>$75 per day</td>
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**CINDY’S TOTAL BENEFIT**

$3,025

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Health Savings Account (HSA)

Save for current or future medical costs and reduce your income taxes with this special savings account.

When you enroll in the United Choice HSA medical plan, you are also eligible to open a Health Savings Account.

You fund your HSA through pre-tax payroll deductions up to annual IRS limits. The account can be used to pay for eligible out-of-pocket health care expenses until you meet your deductible.

The money can be spent as needed to cover current expenses tax-free. Any unused balances roll over from year-to-year allowing you to build up a savings for future health care expenses, even in retirement when your medical care expenses may increase.

Keys to Growing Your HSA:

- Try not to use your HSA for routine expenses. If you can pay out-of-pocket, leave your HSA funds alone so that they can grow for when you need them in the future.

- Consider electing Critical Illness, Accident, or Hospital Confinement Insurance to cover big-ticket expenses from unexpected serious illnesses or injuries and ensure they don’t wipe away the money in your HSA.

- Monitor your fund’s growth. Like a 401(k), your HSA funds earn interest through investments. Make sure your money is growing at an acceptable and safe pace.

YOUR HSA

Pre-tax contributions from your paycheck

Pay for qualified expenses out of your account

$4,275

The average amount retirees spend out-of-pocket for health care yearly.


ANNUAL MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION AMOUNTS

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<td>$8,300</td>
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Individuals age 55 or older can make additional “catch up” contributions up to $1,000.

HSAs Deliver Triple Tax Savings

1. You don’t pay federal income tax on the money you contribute.

2. You don’t pay taxes on the interest you earn in your account.

3. You don’t pay taxes when you use the money to pay for qualified medical services.

Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs)

Reduce your income taxes while putting aside money for health and dependent care needs.

Flexible Spending Accounts allow you to put aside money for eligible expenses and reduce your income taxes at the same time. The District offers two types of accounts — a Health Care FSA and a Dependent Care FSA.

How Flexible Spending Accounts Work

1. Each year during Open Enrollment, you decide how much money to set aside for health care and/or dependent care expenses.

2. Your contributions are deducted from your paycheck on a pre-tax basis in equal installments throughout the calendar year.

3. Your plan includes an FSA debit card that you can use to pay for eligible expenses at the point of sale. You can also pay out of pocket and submit a claim form for reimbursement if necessary.

Use It or Lose It: The District allows a 2 ½-month grace period to spend any money left in your account at the end of the plan year. You have until March 15, 2025 to spend your 2024 FSA funds. You also have a 120-day “run-out period” (ending April 30th each year) to submit reimbursement requests for all eligible FSA expenses incurred during the plan year. Any money left in your account after this date must be forfeited per IRS regulations.

Please note that these accounts are separate. You may participate in one, both, or neither. You cannot use money from the Health Care FSA to cover expenses eligible under the Dependent Care FSA or vice versa.

Annual Contribution Amounts

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<th>Flexible Spending Account</th>
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<td>Health Care Flexible Spending Account</td>
<td>$100 – $3,200</td>
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<td>Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account</td>
<td>$100 – $5,000 ($2,500 if married and filing separate tax returns)</td>
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Go to [www.benefitsquest.com/fsa](http://www.benefitsquest.com/fsa) for a complete list of covered expenses.

Health Care Items You Might Not Realize are FSA Eligible:

- Sunscreen
- Heating and cooling pads
- First aid kits
- Shoe inserts and other foot grooming treatments
- Travel pillows
- Motion sickness bands

Deductibles, copays, prescription and over-the-counter drugs, medical equipment, etc.

Babysitters, day care, day camp, home nursing care, etc.
Dental Plans

The District is offering two dental plan options through The Standard. Both plans cover the same services, but the Enhanced Buy-up plan offers a higher annual maximum and orthodontia lifetime maximum. To find a participating dentist, visit [www.standard.com](http://www.standard.com).

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<td><strong>Out-of-Network (UCR is at 90th %)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Deductible - Basic &amp; Major Services (Individual/Family)</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Annual Maximum</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Preventive Services (Exams, Cleanings, X-rays)</strong></td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td><strong>Basic Restorative Services (Fillings, Extractions)</strong></td>
<td>80%</td>
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<td><strong>Major Restorative Services (Crowns, Dentures, Implants, Root Canals, Anesthesia and Endodontics)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Orthodontia (Children only)</strong></td>
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If charge is less than the 90th UCR, then no charge. If charge is within $10 of 90th UCR, then no charge. If charge is more than $10 of 90th UCR, then the balance is paid (cleaning charge of $82 and UCR is $70, then member owes $12).

What Does Preventive Dental Care Typically Cover?

Every dollar spent on preventive care can save you money later on procedures that are more urgent, complex, and costly.

- **Routine dental checkups and cleanings** should be scheduled every six months. Your dentist may recommend more frequent or fewer visits, depending on your dental health history.
- **Professional fluoride treatments** can be a key defense against cavities if you’re at high risk for decay. Professional fluoride treatments have significantly more fluoride than tap water or toothpaste, and take only a few minutes to apply.
- **Dental sealants** go a step beyond fluoride by providing a thin, plastic coating to the chewing surface of your teeth. Most dental plans cover sealants as preventive care for children under 18 on their first and second molars.
- **X-ray images** of your mouth may be taken by your dentist or dental hygienist to better evaluate your oral health. These images go beneath the surface to provide a more detailed look inside your teeth and gums.
Vision Plan

The District offers vision coverage through Humana Insight. The plan provides coverage for annual eye exams, prescription glasses or contacts, and even discounts for laser vision correction.

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<td>Frames (every 24 months)</td>
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<td>Standard contact lens fit and follow-up</td>
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5 Tips for a Lifetime of Healthy Vision

1. **Schedule yearly eye exams.** Visiting your ophthalmologist regularly helps you see your best, protect your sight, and even detect serious health conditions such as diabetes.

2. **Protect your eyes against UV rays.** No matter what the season, it is important to wear sunglasses. When selecting and purchasing sunglasses, be sure to confirm they offer 100% UVA/UVB protection.

3. **Give your eyes a break from digital devices.** Digital screens emit a specific type of blue and violet light which can negatively impact eye health and cause digital eye strain.

4. **Live a smoke-free lifestyle.** Smoking increases your risk of developing macular degeneration, optic nerve damage, and cataracts.

5. **Practice safe wear and care of contact lenses.** Keep them clean and follow your optometrist’s recommendations for use and wear.
Personal Wellness Appraisal Program

The health and well-being of employees is very important to the District. Employees need to feel their best so they can come to work each day and give their best. That’s why we sponsor the Personal Wellness Appraisal Program. It is designed to help you develop healthy habits for life. The program focuses on education and prevention as effective ways to reduce the cost of health care. Through early screening of potential medical conditions and appropriate intervention and prevention activities, it helps head off serious health problems that could occur now or in the future.

Marathon Health, the health care provider for our Health Center, is working with District staff to provide the opportunity for all permanent benefit-eligible employees to participate in the Personal Wellness Appraisal Program annually at no cost. In addition, you can earn a wellness credit of $40/month ($480 annually) for completing the four steps listed below. All screenings will be conducted at the Health Center facility at the ECSD Center for Health and Wellness.

How to Earn the Employee Wellness Credit

1. Have a biometrics screening (blood draw).
4. Be tobacco-free and/or complete a tobacco cessation counseling program, as defined by the Escambia County Health Department. Proof of completion of the program must be submitted to Marathon.

Spousal Wellness Credit

Employees with spouses covered under a District medical plan can earn an additional $30/month spousal wellness credit when their spouse completes the same steps as the employee. This will be paid to the employee. A monthly qualification and monthly waiting period also applies during the year.
Life and AD&D Insurance

Always be there financially for your loved ones.

Basic Life Insurance

The District pays the full cost of your Basic Life Insurance coverage. If you are under age 70, your benefit is equal to one times your annual salary (rounded to the nearest $1,000) to a maximum of $150,000. If you are age 70 or over, your benefit is equal to 50% of your annual salary.

Additional Life and AD&D Insurance

You have the option to purchase Additional Life Insurance as a supplement to the employer-paid benefit. You may choose a coverage amount from one to three times your annual salary (rounded to the nearest $1,000) to a maximum of $300,000. This amount will reduce to 50% at age 70.

Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) Insurance covers accidental loss of life or limb. The plan pays you (or your beneficiary) a scheduled benefit, up to the policy maximum, depending on the nature and extent of the loss. When you purchase Additional Life Insurance, you may also enroll in AD&D coverage. AD&D coverage expires at age 70.

Evidence of Insurability (EOI) is required after your initial 30-day new hire window.

Dependent Life Insurance

The District also offers Dependent Life Insurance to provide coverage for your spouse and children. You may choose from one of three plan options noted below. Dependent coverage cannot exceed 50% of the amount of the employee’s Basic and Additional Life Insurance coverage. Dependent Life benefits are Guaranteed Issue during Open Enrollment. Spouse coverage elections made outside of Open Enrollment require Evidence of Insurability. Evidence of Insurability for children is never required.

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How Much Life Insurance Do You Need?

Many financial experts recommend you have at least five to eight times your household income in Life Insurance. To calculate the level sufficient to cover your needs, you should consider your current income and how much it costs to maintain your family’s standard of living. You should also consider your current expenses and your family’s future financial needs such as the following:

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<td>• Other Debt</td>
<td>• Routine Household Expenses</td>
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After you add your financial responsibilities, how does the sum compare with your current coverage?

NOTE: Medical Evidence of Insurability is required when increasing coverage amounts at times other than your initial enrollment. Enrollment in additional life is allowed throughout the year with medical evidence of insurability.
Universal (Permanent) Life Insurance

Universal Life Insurance underwritten by Transamerica Life Insurance Company, is permanent Life Insurance that helps complete your family’s protection, providing a cost-effective benefit for final expenses such as funeral costs, credit card debt, and medical bills. As long as premiums are paid, the policy will not expire until maturity. Premiums will not change due to your age. The policy includes an accelerated death benefit rider for terminal conditions and offers an optional accelerated death benefit rider for "living benefits" (care for chronic conditions).*

Plan Features

☑ Guaranteed Acceptance: No physical exams are required to apply for coverage if you are newly eligible (although health questions may be asked).

☒ Family Coverage: You can purchase coverage for yourself, your spouse, and your children.

☒ Portable Coverage: You can take your policy with you if you change jobs and carry your Life Insurance coverage into your retirement.

☒ Coverage for Your Needs: Permanent Life Insurance is voluntary, which means you purchase the precise amount of coverage that is right for your needs.

💵 Cash Value: This policy builds cash value.

Premiums are based on your age, tobacco status, and the amount of coverage you elect.

Life Insurance Policy Comparison

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<td>Replaces your income so that your family can maintain their dreams and lifestyle</td>
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<td>Pays for final expenses, such as funeral costs and nuisance debt such as credit cards</td>
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<td>Coverage ends when you leave the District</td>
<td>You may have the option to change to an individual policy that you can continue</td>
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*Terminal Illness and Living Benefits Riders are not included in Issue Ages 76+

This is a brief summary of TransElite® Universal Life Insurance underwritten by Transamerica Life Insurance Company (TLIC), Cedar Rapids, IA. TLIC is not an authorized insurer in New York. Policy form series CPGUL300 and CCGUL300. Forms and form numbers may vary. This insurance may not be available in all jurisdictions. Limitations and exclusions apply. Refer to the policy, certificate and riders for complete details.

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Disability Insurance

Your ability to bring home a paycheck is your most valuable asset. We help you protect it.

Short-Term Disability (STD) Insurance

Short-Term Disability Insurance helps replace a portion of your income if a covered injury or illness keeps you out of work for an extended period of time. The plan pays a weekly benefit of 60% of your pre-disability earnings, reduced by deductible income. The maximum weekly benefit is $1,250. The minimum weekly benefit is $15.

Benefits become payable after a 14-day waiting period. Benefits can continue until you are no longer disabled, or until Long-Term Disability benefits are payable, whichever occurs first, but no longer than the 166th day of disability.

Evidence of Insurability (EOI) is required after your initial 30-day new hire window.

Long-Term Disability (LTD) Insurance

Long-Term Disability Insurance helps protect your finances when your disability continues beyond the period covered by the STD plan. The LTD plan pays a monthly benefit of 60% of the first $10,000 of your pre-disability earnings, reduced by deductible income. The maximum monthly benefit is $6,000. The minimum monthly benefit is the greater of $100, or 10% of your LTD benefit before reduction by deductible income.

Benefits become payable after a 180-day waiting period. If you become continuously disabled before age 62, benefits can continue during disability until age 65, or to Social Security Normal Retirement Age (SSNRA), or three years six months, whichever is longest. Additional rules apply if disability occurs at age 62 or older.

Evidence of Insurability (EOI) is required after your initial 30-day new hire window.

The number of American workers receiving disability benefits nearly doubled from 4.6 million workers in 1998 to more than 8.5 million workers in 2018.

Social Security Administration, Disability Insurance, 2018
Identity Theft Protection

Digital thieves constantly discover new ways to extract your personal information, open credit accounts in your name, sell your sensitive data on the dark web, and take over your financial accounts.

We offer comprehensive Identity Theft Protection that safeguards multiple gateways into your identity and credit.

Protection Services Include:

- Credit Reports and Monitoring
- Court Records Monitoring
- Bank Account Monitoring
- Dark Web Monitoring
- Sex Offender Registry Monitoring
- Lost Wallet and Document Replacement
- Change of Address Monitoring
- Child Social Security Number Monitoring
- Social Media Reputation Monitoring
- Full Service Identity Restoration Services
- And more

$1.48 Billion

Total losses from identity theft fraud in the U.S. in 2018.

Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Sentimental Network Data Book, 2019

Monitor Your Child’s Credit Report

A child’s Social Security number gives ID thieves a fraudulent “clean slate.”
Monitor your child’s credit report as often as your own.

Increasing Digital Threats

Percentage increase from 2017-2018

Formjacking: 117%
Stealing credit card information from online payment forms

Account Takeovers: 79%
Opening accounts using the victim’s name

New Account Fraud: 13%

Symantec, Internet Security Report, 2019
Legal Plan

The Legal Plan provides you and your covered family members with access to a network of experienced attorneys who can help with a range of personal legal matters. Attorneys are available in person, by phone, or by email, and you will also have access to online tools and resources.

Covered Legal Services Include:

- Money matters – debt collection defense, personal bankruptcy, tax audit representation
- Home and real estate – sale or purchase of a home, landlord/tenant matters
- Estate planning – wills, powers of attorney
- Family matters – adoptions, divorce, prenuptial agreements
- Civil lawsuits – consumer disputes, small claims assistance
- Elder care issues – Medicaid, Medicare, nursing home agreements
- Driving and criminal issues – traffic ticket defense, misdemeanor defense
- And more

How to Use the Plan

1. Visit members.legalplans.com or call 1-800-821-6400 to find an attorney that is right for you.
2. Call the attorney you select and schedule a time to talk or meet.
3. Get legal assistance with no copays, deductibles, or claims forms when you use a network attorney for a covered matter.

To learn more, visit info.legalplans.com or call 1-800-821-6400.

Other Benefits

Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

The EAP offers you and your family members free, 24/7 access to professional help through the Cordova Counseling Center. The program offers information, consultation, and counseling (up to four visits per problem per year) for issues such as mental health, substance abuse, financial and legal problems, stress, family problems, bereavement, and more.

To schedule an appointment, call 1-850-474-9882 weekdays between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. (CT). Counselors are also available for after-hours emergencies or urgent situations.

ECSD Center for Health & Wellness

The ECSD Center for Health and Wellness can diagnose, treat, and prescribe medication for a variety of common illnesses and minor injuries. It can also provide health assessments, coaching, and disease management. To schedule an appointment, call 1-850-444-3400 or visit www.mymarathon-health.com.

Virtual Visits

A Virtual Visit lets you talk with a doctor from your laptop or mobile device. You have access to a network of Virtual Visit provider groups. To learn more, log in to myuhc.com or the UnitedHealthcare app.
## Contact Information

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<td>Allac</td>
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| Identity Theft Protection                  | IdentityForce                  | 1-855-441-0270 | For members to log in -  http://mybenefits.identityforce.com  
For general info - https://www.identityforce.com/ |
| Legal Plan                                 | MetLife                        | 1-800-821-6400 | members.legalplans.com                      |
| Employee Assistance Program                | Cordova Counseling             | 1-850-474-9882 | www.cordovacounselingcenter.com             |
| Employee Medical Center (Marathon Health)  | ECSD Center for Health & Wellness | 1-850-444-3400 | www.mymarathon-health.com                   |

### Online Enrollment

Visit BenefitFocus's Employee Benefits Enrollment portal located under the District's main website under "Staff". You will use your District's sign-in credentials for direct access into the portal.

### Benefitplace® Mobile App

Search for “Benefitplace” in the App Store or Google Play and download to your mobile device. Use Company ID escambiabenefits to activate the app. You will need to use your prior BenefitFocus username and password or register if you are a first-time app user.
# 2024 Benefit Plan Premiums

Below are the employee premiums for benefits effective January 1, 2024.

## Medical Plans

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Escambia County Public Schools 2024 Annual Required Notices

The following pages include:

- Health Insurance Marketplace Coverage Options
- Premium Assistance Under Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- HIPAA Special Enrollment Notice
- Patient Protections Notice
- Notice of Availability – ECSD Health Plan Notice of Privacy Practices
- Women’s Health and Cancer Rights Act Notice
- Your Prescription Drug Coverage and Medicare
- Collection of Medicare Health Insurance Claim Numbers (HICNs), Social Security Numbers (SSNs) and Employer Identification Numbers (EINs) (Tax Identification Numbers) – ALERT
- Coverage Continuation Rights under COBRA
- Notice Regarding Wellness Programs
- Protections from Disclosure of Medical Information

NOTE: This statement is intended to summarize the benefits you receive from The Escambia County School District. The actual determination of your benefits is based solely on the plan documents provided by the carrier of each plan. This summary is not legally binding, is not a contract, and does not alter any original plan documents. For additional information, please contact the Human Resources department.
Important Notice About Your Prescription Drug Coverage and Medicare

Please read this notice carefully and keep it where you can find it. This notice has information about your current prescription drug coverage with ECSD and about your options under Medicare's prescription drug coverage. This information can help you decide whether or not you want to join a Medicare drug plan. If you are considering joining, you should compare your current coverage, including which drugs are covered at what cost, with the coverage and costs of the plans offering Medicare prescription drug coverage in your area. Information about where you can get help to make decisions about your prescription drug coverage is at the end of this notice.

There are two important things you need to know about your current coverage and Medicare's prescription drug coverage:

- Medicare prescription drug coverage became available in 2006 to everyone with Medicare. You can get this coverage if you join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or join a Medicare Advantage Plan (like an HMO or PPO) that offers prescription drug coverage. All Medicare drug plans provide at least a standard level of coverage set by Medicare. Some plans may also offer more coverage for a higher monthly premium.

- ECSD has determined that the prescription drug coverage offered by the ECSD is, on average for all plan participants, expected to pay out as much as standard Medicare prescription drug coverage pays and is therefore considered Creditable Coverage. Because your existing coverage is Creditable Coverage, you can keep this coverage and not pay a higher premium (a penalty) if you later decide to join a Medicare drug plan.

When Can You Join a Medicare Drug Plan?
You can join a Medicare drug plan when you first become eligible for Medicare and each year from October 15th to December 7th. However, if you lose your current creditable prescription drug coverage, through no fault of your own, you will also be eligible for a two (2) month Special Enrollment Period (SEP) to join a Medicare drug plan.

What Happens To Your Current Coverage If You Decide to Join A Medicare Drug Plan?
If you decide to join a Medicare drug plan, your current ECSD coverage will not be affected. If you do decide to join a Medicare drug plan and drop your current ECSD coverage, be aware that you and your dependents will not be able to get this coverage back until the next enrollment period, unless you experience a qualified life event. Note that your current coverage pays for other health expenses in addition to prescription drugs, and you will still be eligible to receive all of your current health and prescription drug benefits if you choose to enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan and keep your coverage under the ECSD plan.

When Will You Pay a Higher Premium (Penalty) To Join A Medicare Drug Plan?
You should also know that if you drop or lose your current coverage with ECSD and don't join a Medicare drug plan within 63 continuous days after your current coverage ends, you may pay a higher premium (a penalty) to join a Medicare drug plan later.

If you go 63 continuous days or longer without creditable prescription drug coverage, your monthly premium may go up by at least 1% of the Medicare base beneficiary premium per month for every month that you did not have that coverage. For example, if you go nineteen months without creditable coverage, your premium may consistently be at least 19% higher than the Medicare base beneficiary premium. You may have to pay this higher premium (a penalty) as long as you have Medicare prescription drug coverage. In addition, you may have to wait until the following October to join.

For More Information About This Notice Or Your Current Prescription Drug Coverage
Contact the person listed below for further information. NOTE: You’ll get this notice each year. You will also get it before the next period you can join a Medicare drug plan, and if this coverage through ECSD changes. You also may request a copy of this notice at any time.

For More Information About Your Options Under Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage...
More detailed information about Medicare plans that offer prescription drug coverage is in the “Medicare & You” handbook. You’ll get a copy of the handbook in the mail every year from Medicare. You may also be contacted directly by Medicare drug plans.

Remember:
You’ll get this Notice each year before the next period you can join a Medicare drug plan. You may be required to provide a copy of this notice when you later decide to show whether or not you have maintained creditable coverage and, therefore, whether or not you are required to pay a higher premium (a penalty).

Date: September 20, 2023
Name of Entity/Sender: Escambia County School District Florida
Contact/Position/Office: Risk Management and Benefits Department
Address: 75 North Pace Blvd, Pensacola, FL 32505
Phone Number: 850-469-6267

HIPAA Special Enrollment Opportunity
If you are declining enrollment for yourself or your dependents (including your spouse) because of other health insurance or group health plan coverage, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents in this plan if you or your dependents lose eligibility for that other coverage (or if the employer stops contributing toward your or your dependents’ other coverage). However, you must request enrollment within 30 days after your or your dependents’ other coverage ends (or after the employer stops contributing toward the other coverage).

In addition, if you have a new dependent as a result of marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents. However, you must request enrollment within 30 days after the marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption.

Also, if you or your dependents lose eligibility for coverage under Medicaid or the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) or become eligible for a premium assistance subsidy under Medicaid or CHIP, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents in this plan. You must request enrollment within 60 days of the loss of Medicaid or CHIP coverage or the determination of eligibility for a premium assistance subsidy.

To request special enrollment or obtain more information, contact Florida Blue at 800-545-6565.

A federal law called HIPAA requires that we notify your right to enroll in the plan under its "special enrollment provision" if you acquire a new dependent, or if you decline coverage under this plan for yourself or an eligible dependent while other coverage is in effect and later lose that other coverage for certain qualifying reasons.
Special Enrollment Provision
Loss of Other Coverage (Except Medicaid or a State Children’s Health Insurance Program). If you decline enrollment for yourself or for an eligible dependent (including your spouse) while other health insurance or group health plan coverage is in effect, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents in this plan if you or your dependents lose eligibility for that other coverage (or if the employer stops contributing toward your or your dependents’ other coverage). However, you must request enrollment within 31 days after your or your dependents’ other coverage ends (or after the employer stops contributing toward the other coverage).

Loss of Eligibility Under Medicaid or a State Children’s Health Insurance Program. If you decline enrollment for yourself or for an eligible dependent (including your spouse) while Medicaid coverage or coverage under a state children’s health insurance program is in effect, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents in this plan if you or your dependents lose eligibility for that other coverage. However, you must request enrollment within 60 days after your or your dependents’ coverage ends under Medicaid or a state children’s health insurance program.

New Dependent by Marriage, Birth, Adoption, or Placement for Adoption. If you have a new dependent as a result of marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption, you may be able to enroll yourself and your new dependents. However, you must request enrollment within 31 days after the marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption.

Eligibility for Medicaid or a State Children’s Health Insurance Program. If you or your dependents (including your spouse) become eligible for a state premium assistance subsidy if you or your dependents’ coverage ends under Medicaid or through a state children’s health insurance program with respect to coverage under this plan, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents in this plan. However, you must request enrollment within 30 days after your or your dependents’ coverage ends under Medicaid or a state children’s health insurance program.

New enrollment rights are subject to the approval of the Plan Administrator.

HIPAA Privacy Notice Reminder
The health plans offered by Escambia County School District are required by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) Privacy Rule to maintain the privacy of your health information. The Notices of Privacy Practices for our Health Plans are available from the insurance carriers; in addition, you may also request a copy of a Notice by calling your insurance provider. Be assured Escambia County School District and our insurance carriers fully comply with this requirement.

Note: Because this reminder is required by law, you will receive separate reminders from each of the insurance plans in which you enroll as well as other providers describing the availability of their HIPAA notice of privacy practices and how to obtain a copy.

Woman’s Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998
If you have had or are going to have a mastectomy, you may be entitled to certain benefits under the Women’s Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (WHCRA). For individuals receiving mastectomy-related benefits, coverage will be provided in a manner determined in consultation with the attending physician and the patient, for:

- All stages of reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed;
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance;
- Prostheses; and
- Treatment of physical complications of the mastectomy, including lymphedema.

These benefits will be provided subject to the same deductibles and coinsurance applicable to other medical and surgical benefits provided under the group medical plan. If you would like more information on ECSV benefits, call your plan administrator.

Do you know that your plan, as required by the Women’s Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998, provides benefits for mastectomy-related services including all stages of reconstruction and surgery to achieve symmetry between the breasts, prostheses, and complications resulting from a mastectomy, including lymphedema? Call your plan administrator at 850-973-1536 for more information.

Newborns and Mothers’ Health Protection Act of 1996
Group health plans and health insurance issuers generally may not, under Federal law, restrict benefits for any hospital length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or newborn child to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery, or less than 96 hours following a cesarean section. However, Federal law generally does not prohibit the mother’s or newborn’s attending provider, after consulting with the mother, from discharging the mother or her newborn earlier than 48 hours or 96 hours as applicable. In any case, plans and issuers may not, under Federal law, require that a provider obtain authorization from the plan or the insurance issuer for prescribing a length of stay not in excess of 48 hours or 96 hours.

Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Notice
What does the Family and Medical Leave Act provide?
The Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) provides eligible employees up to 12 work weeks of unpaid leave a year and requires group health benefits to be maintained during the leave as if employees continued to work instead of taking leave. Employees are also entitled to return to their same or an equivalent job at the end of their FMLA leave.

Who can take FMLA leave?
To be eligible to take leave under FMLA an employee must:
- Have worked 1,250 hours during the 12 months prior to the start of the leave (Note: Full-time teachers and other exempt employees are assumed to have worked 1,250 hours unless proven otherwise), and
- Have worked for the employer for 12 months (in total, not consecutive) within the last 7 years.

When can an eligible employee use FMLA leave?
A covered employer must grant an eligible employee up to a total of 12 work weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave (26 weeks in the case of military caregiver leave described below) in a 12-month period for one or more of the following reasons:

- For the birth of a child:
- For the placement with the employee of a child for adoption or foster care;
- To take medical leave when the employee is unable to work due to a serious health condition;
- To care for an immediate family member (spouse, child or parent-but not parent “in-law”) with a serious health condition;
- To care for a spouse, son, daughter, parent or next-of-kin on covered active-duty service with a service-related serious health condition or injury;
Discrimination is Against the Law
Escambia County School District complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex. Escambia County School District does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.

Escambia County School District provides free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as:
- Qualified sign language interpreters
- Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)
- Provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:
  - Qualified interpreters
  - Information written in other languages.

If you need these services, contact Equity & Compliance Officer. If you believe that School District of Escambia County has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can file a grievance with:

Name & Title—Melia Adams, Director of Human Resources
Address—75 North Pace Blvd., Pensacola, FL 32505
Phone—850.469.6102
Email - madams@ecsdfl.us

Social Security Numbers Generally Required for Enrollment
Under Section 111 of the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007 (MMSEA), the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) generally requires Social Security numbers for employees and dependents to assist with reporting under the Medicare Secondary Payer requirements. Accordingly, School District of Indian River will require that you provide Social Security numbers at the time of enrollment, so that School District of Escambia County can assist its health plan administrator(s) to comply with this requirement.

For a newborn or newly adopted child, the newborn may be enrolled, provided that School District of Escambia is notified within 30 days of the birth, adoption, or placement for adoption. However, if a Social Security number is not provided by the later of (1) the end of the plan year, or (2) 90 days following the birth, adoption, or placement for adoption, the child will be disenrolled from the plan and will no longer be considered eligible for coverage. The child cannot be re-enrolled until the Social Security number is provided, and the child meets one of the mid-year enrollment or change in status coverage events.

COBRA
You're getting this notice because you recently gained coverage under a group health plan (the Plan). This notice has important information about your right to COBRA continuation coverage, which is a temporary extension of coverage under the Plan. This notice explains COBRA continuation coverage, when it may become available to you and your family, and what you need to do to protect your right to get it. When you become eligible for COBRA, you may also become eligible for other coverage options that may cost less than COBRA continuation coverage.

The right to COBRA continuation coverage was created by a federal law, the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA). COBRA continuation coverage can become available to you and other members of your family when group health coverage...
would otherwise end. For more information about your rights and obligations under the Plan and under federal law, you should review the Plan’s Summary Plan Description or contact the Plan Administrator.

You may have other options available to you when you lose group health coverage. For example, you may be eligible to buy an individual plan through the Health Insurance Marketplace. By enrolling in coverage through the Marketplace, you may qualify for lower costs on your monthly premiums and lower out-of-pocket costs. Additionally, you may qualify for a 30-day special enrollment period for another group health plan for which you are eligible (such as a spouse’s plan), even if that plan generally doesn’t accept late enrollees.

What is COBRA continuation coverage?

COBRA continuation coverage is a continuation of Plan coverage when it would otherwise end because of a life event. This is also called a “qualifying event.” Specific qualifying events are listed later in this notice. After a qualifying event, COBRA continuation coverage must be offered to each person who is a “qualified beneficiary.” You, your spouse, and your dependent children could become qualified beneficiaries if coverage under the Plan is lost because of the qualifying event. Under the Plan, qualified beneficiaries who elect COBRA continuation coverage must pay for COBRA continuation coverage.

If you’re an employee, you’ll become a qualified beneficiary if you lose your coverage under the Plan because of the following qualifying events:
- Your hours of employment are reduced, or
- Your employment ends for any reason other than your gross misconduct.

If you’re the spouse of an employee, you’ll become a qualified beneficiary if you lose your coverage under the Plan because of the following qualifying events:
- Your spouse dies;
- Your spouse’s hours of employment are reduced;
- Your spouse’s employment ends for any reason other than his or her gross misconduct;
- Your spouse becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both); or
- You become divorced or legally separated from your spouse.

Your dependent children will become qualified beneficiaries if they lose coverage under the Plan because of the following qualifying events:
- The parent-employee dies;
- The parent-employee’s hours of employment are reduced;
- The parent-employee’s employment ends for any reason other than his or her gross misconduct;
- The parent-employee becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (Part A, Part B, or both);
- The parents become divorced or legally separated.

Your Group Benefits Under Section 125 – Qualifying Events
Your employee benefit program is a Premium Conversion Plan (“Plan”) that is administered under the provisions of Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code (“Code”). These provisions permit your contributions for various employee benefit plans to be deducted from your gross pay before calculation of withholding taxes. The result is that you have fewer taxes deducted from your paycheck, which increases your take home pay.

Plan elections you make during your initial enrollment and annual enrollment periods are binding for the applicable Plan year. In addition to the HIPAA Special Enrollment Right certain permitted mid-year Plan election changes are permitted. These permitted election changes are discussed below.

All enrollment changes due to a permitted election change are subject to the approval of the Plan Administrator. The Plan Administrator will have the discretionary authority to make a determination as to whether an election change has occurred in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Internal Revenue Service.

Change in Status
Please see the Notice of HIPAA Special Enrollment Rights for election change during the Plan Year if you experience a Change in Status event. You must notify the Plan Administrator within 31 days of the event. Any election change due to a Change in Status event must be on account of and consistent with your Change in Status as determined by the Plan Administrator.

Generally, an election change will be considered consistent with your Change in Status only if it is on account of and corresponds with a Change in Status that affects an individual’s eligibility for coverage under the Plan or a plan maintained by the employer of your Dependent. A Change in Status that affects eligibility under an employer’s health plan includes a Change in Status that results in an increase or decrease in the number of your Dependents who may benefit from coverage under the Plan.

Permitted Change in Status events under the Plan include the following:
- Change in your legal marital status due to marriage, divorce, legal separation, annulment, or death of your spouse, or you enter into a domestic partnership, dissolve a domestic partnership or your Domestic Partner dies.
- Change in the number of your Dependents due to birth, death, adoption, or placement for adoption.
- Change in employment status of you, your covered Dependents including a termination or commencement of employment, commencement of or return from an unpaid leave of absence, a change in worksite, or any other change in employment status, if such change in employment status affects eligibility under a plan.
- Change in eligibility status of your Dependent Child(ren) on account of age, or any other circumstance affecting eligibility.

- Change in residence of you or your covered Dependent.

Qualified Medical Child Support Orders. If required by a Qualified Medical Child Support Order (“QMCSO”), you and/or an eligible dependent will be enrolled in the Plan in accordance with the terms of the order. Any required premiums will be deducted from your compensation. Upon request to the Plan Administrator, you may obtain, without charge, a copy of the Medical Plan’s procedures governing QMCSO determinations.

You may make an election change to cancel coverage for your child if a QMCSO requires your spouse, former spouse, or other individual to provide coverage for the child; and that coverage is actually provided.

Entitlement To or Loss of Entitlement To Medicare or Medicaid. If you or your Covered Dependent becomes entitled to coverage (i.e., becomes enrolled) under Part A or Part B of Medicare or Medicaid, other than coverage consisting solely of benefits under section 1928 of the Social Security Act (the program for distribution of pediatric vaccines), you may make a prospective election change to cancel or reduce coverage under the Plan for you or your applicable covered Dependent. In addition, if you or an eligible Dependent has been entitled to coverage under Medicare or Medicaid and loses eligibility for such coverage, you may make a prospective election to commence or increase your or your eligible Dependent’s coverage, as appropriate, under the Plan.

Significant Change in Cost or Coverage Changes. You may also change your election mid-year due to a significant change in Plan cost or coverage, as provided below.
**Significant cost changes.** If the cost you are charged for a coverage option significantly increases or decreases during the Plan Year, you may make a corresponding change to your Plan election. Changes that may be made include commencing participation in the Plan for an option with a decrease in cost, or, in the case of an increase in cost, revoking an election for that coverage and, in lieu thereof, either receiving on a prospective basis coverage under a Plan option providing similar coverage or dropping coverage if no option providing similar coverage is available.

Significant coverage changes curtailment with or without loss of coverage.

**Significant Curtailment without loss of coverage.** If you or your covered Dependent has a curtailment of coverage under the Plan that is significant but does not represent a total loss of coverage (for example, there is a significant increase in the deductible, the co-pay, or the out-of-pocket cost sharing limit), you may revoke your Plan election and elect to receive on a prospective basis coverage under another Plan option providing similar coverage. Coverage under the Plan is significantly curtailed only if there is an overall reduction in coverage provided under the Plan so as to constitute reduced coverage generally. Thus, in most cases, the loss of one particular physician in a network does not constitute a significant curtailment.

**Significant curtailing with loss of coverage.** If you or your covered Dependent has a curtailment of coverage under the Plan that constitutes a total loss of coverage, you may revoke your Plan election and elect either to receive on a prospective basis coverage under another Plan option providing similar coverage or to drop coverage if no similar option is available. A loss of coverage means a complete loss of coverage under the Plan option or other option.

**Addition or improvement of a benefit package option.** If the Plan adds a new coverage option, or if coverage under an existing coverage option is significantly improved during the Plan Year, the Plan may permit eligible employees (whether or not they have previously made an election under the Plan or have previously elected a coverage option) to revoke their election under the Plan and to make an election on a prospective basis for coverage under the new or improved coverage option.

**Change in coverage under another employer plan.** You may make a prospective election change that is on account of and corresponds with a change made under another employer plan if (i) the other plan permits participants to change an election as described in this section, and (ii) the other plan permits participants to make an election for a period of coverage that is other than the Plan Year. For example, if you elect coverage through your spouse’s employer’s plan and that plan has a different annual enrollment period from this Plan, you may make a corresponding election change.

**Family and Medical Leave Act.** If you take leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) you may revoke an existing Plan election and make another election for the remaining portion of the Plan year as may be provided for under the FMLA and regulations of the Internal Revenue Service.

**Exchange Enrollment.** Two mid-year election changes will be available to participants who meet the requirements of these election changes.

**Reduction of Hours.** If your hours are reduced to an expected average of less than 30 hours per week, you may revoke your election for coverage under the Plan if you intend to enroll in coverage offered in a government-sponsored Exchange (Marketplace) or in another group health plan that offers minimal essential coverage. This election change may be made even if the reduction in your hours would not cause you to lose coverage under the Plan. You will be required to provide the Plan Administrator with evidence that you intend to enroll in another plan with coverage effective no later than the first day of the second month following the revocation (i.e., if your coverage is revoked in May, coverage under the new plan must begin on July 1).

**Obtaining Cover Through the Health Insurance Marketplace.** If you are enrolled in the Plan and are eligible to enroll for coverage in a government-sponsored Exchange (Marketplace) during a special or annual open enrollment period, you may prospectively revoke your election for Plan coverage, provided that you certify that you and any related individuals whose coverage is being revoked have enrolled or intend to enroll for new Exchange coverage that is effective beginning no later than the day immediately following the last day of Plan coverage.

**Premium Assistance Under Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)**

If you or your children are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP and you’re eligible for health coverage from your employer, your state may have a premium assistance program that can help pay for coverage, using funds from their Medicaid or CHIP programs. If you or your children aren’t eligible for Medicaid or CHIP, you won’t be eligible for these premium assistance programs, but you may be able to buy individual insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace. For more information, visit <www.healthcare.gov>.

If you or your dependents are already enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP and you live in a State listed below, contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office to find out if premium assistance is available.

If you or your dependents are NOT currently enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, and you think you or any of your dependents might be eligible for either of these programs, contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office or dial 1-877-KIDS NOW or <www.insurekidsnow.gov> to find out how to apply. If you qualify, ask your state if it has a program that might help you pay the premiums for an employer-sponsored plan.

If you or your dependents are eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP, as well as eligible under your employer plan, your employer must allow you to enroll in your employer plan if you aren’t already enrolled. This is called a “special enrollment” opportunity, and you must request coverage within 60 days of being determined eligible for premium assistance. If you have questions about enrolling in your employer plan, contact the Department of Labor at <www.askesba.dol.gov> or call 1-866-444-EBSA (3272).

If you live in one of the following states, you may be eligible for assistance paying your employer health plan premiums. The following list of states is current as of July 31, 2023. Contact your State for more information on eligibility.

**ALABAMA – Medicaid**
Website: http://myalhpo.com/
Phone: 1-855-692-5447

**ALASKA – Medicaid**
Website: http://myakhpo.com/
Phone: 1-866-251-4861
Email: Customerservice@MyAlKHP.com
Medicaid Eligibility: <https://health.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/default.aspx>

**ARKANSAS – Medicaid**
Website: http://myarkhpo.com/
Phone: 1-855-MyARHHP (855-692-7447)

**CALIFORNIA – Medicaid**
Website: Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program
http://dhcs.ca.gov/hipp
Phone: 916-445-8322
Fax: 916-440-5676
Email: hipp@dhcs.ca.gov
Website: <http://dhcs.ca.gov>

**COLORADO – Health First Colorado (Colorado’s Medicaid Program) & Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)**
Website: <http://myarhipp.com/>
Phone: 916-440-5676
Email: hipp@dhcs.ca.gov
Fax: 916-445-8322
Website: <http://dhcs.ca.gov>

**FLORIDA – Medicaid**
Website: Florida Health Premium Payment Program
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Phone: 1-855-MyFLHPP (855-692-7447)

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New Health Insurance Marketplace Coverage Options and Your Health Coverage

PART A: General Information

When key parts of the health care law take effect in 2014, there will be a new way to buy health insurance: the Health Insurance Marketplace. To assist you as you evaluate options for you and your family, this notice provides some basic information about the new Marketplace and employment-based health coverage offered by your employer.

What is the Health Insurance Marketplace?
The Marketplace is designed to help you find health insurance that meets your needs and fits your budget. The Marketplace offers "one-stop shopping" to find and compare private health insurance options. You may also be eligible for a new kind of tax credit that lowers your monthly premium right away. Open enrollment for health insurance coverage through the Marketplace begins in October 2013 for coverage starting as early as January 1, 2014.

Can I Save Money on my Health Insurance Premiums in the Marketplace?
You may qualify to save money and lower your monthly premium, but only if your employer does not offer coverage, or offers coverage that doesn't meet certain standards. The savings on your premium that you're eligible for depends on your household income.

Does Employer Health Coverage Affect Eligibility for Premium Savings through the Marketplace?
Yes. If you have an offer of health coverage from your employer that meets certain standards, you will not be eligible for a tax credit through the Marketplace and may wish to enroll in your employer's health plan. However, you may be eligible for a tax credit that lowers your monthly premium, or a reduction in certain cost-sharing if your employer does not offer coverage to you at all or does not offer coverage that meets certain standards. If the cost of a plan from your employer that would cover you (and not any other members of your family) is more than 9.5% of your household income for the year, or if the coverage your employer provides does not meet the "minimum value" standard set by the Affordable Care Act, you may be eligible for a tax credit.

Note: If you purchase a health plan through the Marketplace instead of accepting health coverage offered by your employer, then you may lose the employer contribution (if any) to the employer-offered coverage. Also, this employer contribution -as well as your employee contribution to employer-offered coverage- is often excluded from income for Federal and State income tax purposes. Your payments for coverage through the Marketplace are made on an after-tax basis.

How Can I Get More Information?
For more information about your coverage offered by your employer, please check your summary plan description or contact Escambia County School District. The Marketplace can help you evaluate your coverage options, including your eligibility for coverage through the Marketplace and its cost. Please visit HealthCare.gov for more information, including an online application for health insurance coverage and contact information for a Health Insurance Marketplace in your area.

An employer-sponsored health plan meets the “minimum value standard” if the plan’s share of the total allowed benefit costs covered by the plan is no less than 60 percent of such costs.

PART B: Information About Health Coverage Offered by Your Employer

This section contains information about any health coverage offered by your employer. If you decide to complete an application for coverage in the Marketplace, you will be asked to provide this information. This information is numbered to correspond to the Marketplace application.

Here are some basic information about health coverage offered by this employer:

- As your employer, we offer a health plan to:
  - All employees. Eligible employees are:
  - All regular employees working at least 20 hours per week.

With respect to dependents:

We do offer coverage. Eligible dependents are:

- An employee’s legal spouse, the covered employee’s natural newborn, adopted or stepchild(ren) until the end of the plan in which he or she turns 26, the newborn child of a covered dependent child for 18 months after birth, and handicapped children beyond age 26. See Summary Plan Description for more information.

We do not offer coverage.

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If checked, this coverage meets the minimum value standard, and the cost of this coverage to you is intended to be affordable, based on employee wages.

** Even if your employer intends your coverage to be affordable, you may still be eligible for a premium discount through the Marketplace. The Marketplace will use your household income, along with other factors, to determine whether you may be eligible for a premium discount. If, for example, your wages vary from week to week (perhaps you are an hourly employee, or you work on a commission basis), if you are newly employed mid-year, or if you have other income losses, you may still qualify for a premium discount.

Your Rights and Protections Against Surprise Medical Bills

When you get emergency care or are treated by an out-of-network provider at an in-network hospital or ambulatory surgical center, you are protected from balance billing. In these cases, you shouldn't be charged more than your plan's copayments, coinsurance and/or deductible.

What is “balance billing” (sometimes called “surprise billing”)?

When you see a doctor or other health care provider, you may owe certain out-of-pocket costs, like a copayment, coinsurance, or deductible. You may have additional costs or have to pay the entire bill if you see a provider or visit a health care facility that isn't in your health plan's network.

“Out-of-network” means providers and facilities that haven't signed a contract with your health plan to provide services. Out-of-network providers may be allowed to bill you for the difference between what your plan pays and the full amount charged for a service. This is called “balance billing.” This amount is likely more than in-network costs for the same service and might not count toward your plan’s deductible or annual out-of-pocket limit.

“Surprise billing” is an unexpected balance bill. This can happen when you can’t control who is involved in your care—like when you have an emergency or when you schedule a visit at an in-network facility but are unexpectedly treated by an out-of-network provider. Surprise medical bills could cost thousands of dollars depending on the procedure or service.

You're protected from balance billing for:

**Emergency services**

If you have an emergency medical condition and get emergency services from an out-of-network provider or facility, the most they can bill you is your plan’s in-network cost-sharing amount (such as copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles). You can’t be balance billed for these emergency services. This includes services you may get after you're in stable condition unless you give written consent and give up your protections not to be balance billed for these post-stabilization services.

**Certain services at an in-network hospital or ambulatory surgical center**

When you get services from an in-network hospital or ambulatory surgical center, certain providers there may be out-of-network. In these cases, the most those providers can bill you is your plan’s in-network cost-sharing amount. This applies to emergency medicine, anesthesia, pathology, radiology, laboratory, neonatology, assistant surgeon, hospitalist, or intensivist services. These providers can’t balance bill you and may not ask you to give up your protections not to be balance billed. If you get other types of services at these in-network facilities, out-of-network providers can’t balance bill you, unless you give written consent and give up your protections.

You’re never required to give up your protections from balance billing. You also aren’t required to get out-of-network care. You can choose a provider or facility in your plan’s network.

When balance billing isn’t allowed, you also have these protections:

1. You’re only responsible for paying your share of the cost (like the copayments, coinsurance, and deductible that you would pay if the provider or facility was in-network). Your health plan will pay any additional costs to out-of-network providers and facilities directly.
2. Generally, your health plan must:
3. Cover emergency services without requiring you to get approval for services in advance (also known as “prior authorization”).
4. Cover emergency services by out-of-network providers.
5. Base what you owe the provider or facility (cost-sharing) on what it would pay an in-network provider or facility and show that amount in your explanation of benefits.
6. Count any amount you pay for emergency services or out-of-network services toward your in-network deductible and out-of-pocket limit.

If you think you've been wrongly billed, contact 1-800-985-3059 for information and complaints. Visit as www.cms.gov/nosurprises/consumers for more information about your rights under federal law.