

Health Benefits	•	Three health plan options:
		 Kaiser HMO: \$15 doc visit; \$10/\$20 generic/brand drugs
		 Blue Shield HMO: \$15 doc visit; \$15/\$25 generic/brand drugs
		 Blue Shield POS: HMO Tier (\$15 doc visit; \$15/\$30 generic/brand
		drugs); PPO Tier (80% coverage); Out of Network Tier (60% coverage)
	•	County pays 90% of total Kaiser and Blue Shield HMO premium; 80% of
		total Blue Shield POS premium
Dental Benefits	•	Two dental plan options:
		 DeltaCare DHMO: No charge for basic services
		 Blue Shield PPO: 60% coverage if employed less than 1 year; 85%
		coverage if employed 1 year or more
	•	County pays 90% of total dental premium
Vision Benefits	•	Vision coverage through Vision Service Plan (VSP); benefit is fully paid
		by the County; includes eye exam every 12 months and frames or
		contact lenses every 24 months
Pension Benefit (for	•	If hired before August 7, 2011: Eligible for Plan 4 2%@55.5;
employees hired on or after July 13, 1997)		employee's cost in Plan 4 is a % based on age at time of hire with the
July 13, 1997)		County or with a qualified reciprocal system.
	•	If hired August 8, 2011 or later: Eligible for Plan 5 – 2%@61.25;
		employee's cost in Plan 5 is a % based on age at time of hire with the
		County or with a qualified reciprocal system.
	•	Employees also can enroll in Plan 3 (noncontributory plan); employee
		makes no contributions.
	•	Eligible to retire in Plan 4 or Plan 5 at age 50 with a minimum of 10 year
		of membership including a minimum of 5 years of service credit for full
		time employees or 30 years of service credit. If age 70, employees can
		receive a benefit regardless of years of service. Permanent part time
		employees must meet the same time requirements but must be at least
		55 years old. Employees are eligible to retire from Plan 3 at age 55 with
		10 years of service credit.
	•	Lifetime monthly pension benefit based on # of years of service credit,
		final average monthly compensation (average of highest 3 one year
		periods), and a factor for age at retirement. The Plan 3 benefit uses
		smaller age factors and is offset by payments from Social Security.
	•	Employees in Plan 4 pay 3% additional cost share. Employees in Plan 5
D 6 16		do not pay this additional cost share, but pay 50% of COLA cost.
Deferred Compensation	•	457 Deferred Compensation Plan through The Hartford; employees can
		set aside a portion of salary on a tax-free basis and invest the funds for
1:6 7		retirement.
Life Insurance	•	\$9,000 Basic Life Insurance benefit (including an additional \$10,000 if
		the employee's death is the result of an accident) and \$500 life
		insurance benefit for spouse/domestic partner and dependents fully paid
		by the County
	•	Supplemental Life Insurance (at employee cost) up to \$500,000 for
		employee, \$250,000 for spouse, and \$10,000 for dependents.

^{*}This Benefits Summary is a general outline of the benefits offered under the County's benefits program. Specific details and plan limitations are provided in the Evidence of Coverage (EOC) and plan documents. In the event that the information in this document or in the EOC differ from the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the MOU will prevail. For more information about County benefits, visit www.co.sanmateo.ca.us/hr/benefits, or www.samcera.org.



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Short-Term Disability	State Disability Insurance (SDI) program provides partial income
(STD)	replacement in the event of a non work-related injury, illness or
	pregnancy (automatic enrollment; employee paid)
Long-Term Disability	Eligible for LTD benefits after 3 years of service
(LTD)	Benefit is two-thirds of salary after a waiting period of 120 days, with
	the maximum benefit being \$2,400 per month; benefit is fully paid by
	the County
Voluntary Long-Term	Voluntary employee paid benefit, which provides support services for
Care Program	those who are not able to perform daily living activities due to chronic
	illness, disability, or injury.
Flexible Spending	Employees can set aside up to \$5,000 of pre-tax earnings into a
Accounts	healthcare or childcare flexible spending account to pay for eligible
	medical and childcare expenses.
Paid and Unpaid Time	11 fixed holidays and 1 "floating" holiday
Off	 Vacation is accrued every pay period (pp) based on years of service: 0 -
	5 years = 4hrs/pp; 5 - 10 years = 4.9 hrs/pp; 10 - 15 years = 5.9
	hrs/pp; 15 – 20 years = 6.5 hrs/pp; 20 – 25 years = 6.8 hrs/pp; 25+
	years = 7.4 hrs/pp
	Sick leave is accrued at a rate of 3.7 hrs/pp.
Voluntary Time Off	Helps employees balance their work with their personal needs by
(VTO)	allowing for a more flexible work schedule without losing County benefits
	afforded to a full-time employee
Catastrophic Leave	Allows an employee who has exhausted paid time off due to a serious
	illness, injury or condition to receive donations of paid time from other
	employees
Commute Alternative	The County offers cash incentives up to \$75/month that support the use
Program	of public transportation, carpool, vanpool and walking/biking to work
Employee Assistance	Counseling services (4 free visits per year) and resources to help
Program	employees and family members manage problems related to work,
_	personal relations, stress, finances, substance abuse and other life
	concerns
Homebuyer Education	Workshops designed to help employees understand credit capability,
Program Program	assess home ownership costs, evaluate first-time homebuyer programs,
	and learn negotiating strategies
Childcare	Employee discounted childcare at the County-owned childcare facility
	"Our Place" in Redwood City, including back-up childcare
	Childcare tuition assistance program
	"Preferred" enrollment status at Imagination Station (Daly City) and
	Palcare (Burlingame)
Tuition Reimbursement	Financial assistance for participating in job-related degree or certificate
	programs, skill enhancement workshops or programs for continuing
	education units
Workplace Mediation	A voluntary and confidential program for resolving conflicts in the
•	workplace in partnership with Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center
	(PCRC)
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College Enrollment and Financial Assistance	Workshops designed to help employees with high-school aged children explore their college options and maximize financial assistance
Wellness Program	 Preventative health services (flu clinics, heart check clinics etc), health promotion programs (exercise classes, worksite massage etc.), and health improvement programs (recreation tournaments, weight management programs etc.) Rewards for participating in Kaiser and Blue Shield wellness clinics and online health assessments
Telecommuting	Employees, with Supervisor and Department Head approval, may request working from home or a remote location
Retiree Health Benefit	 County pays the full cost of the "Retiree Only" monthly health premium for every 8 hours of unused sick leave up to a maximum of 240 months (for Licensed Vocational Nurses the maximum is 180 months) Employees who separate from County service without retiring are not eligible for this benefit
San Mateo County Credit Union	All employees of San Mateo County are eligible for membership in San Mateo Credit Union, which offers a broad range of financial, and investment services