

# 2023

## RETIREE BENEFITS OVERVIEW



**Your Benefits, Your Choice.**



**COUNTY** OF **SAN MATEO**  
HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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## Introduction to your 2023 Benefit Guide

Welcome to the 2023 Retiree Benefits Guide! Whether you are planning your retirement or if you have already retired from the County, we hope that you find the information in the Guide informative and useful. This Guide is intended to be a summary of benefits offered to you and your family in retirement (mainly health benefits).

All benefits are subject to change and there is no guarantee that these benefits will be continued indefinitely. The benefit descriptions are very general and are not intended to provide complete details about any or all plans. Exact specifications for all plans are included in the official Plan Documents, copies of which are available online at <https://www.smcgov.org/hr/health-benefits> or available at the Benefits Office (455 County Center 5th Floor, Redwood City, CA 94063).

Feel free to contact the County's Benefits Division at 650-363-1919, via email at [benefits@smcgov.org](mailto:benefits@smcgov.org) or visit <https://hr.smcgov.org/retiree-health-benefits-current-retirees> if you have any questions about retiree health benefits.

Thank you.

*The Benefits Team*

# What's New in 2023?



## MEDICAL – NEW CARRIER!

- Effective January 1, 2023, Aetna will replace the Blue Shield Medical Plans and United Healthcare Medicare Plan
- All current Blue Shield plan members and United Healthcare members will automatically be transferred into a similar Aetna plan on January 1, 2023 unless you complete and submit the Open Enrollment Change Form electing a new plan or make a change.
- Aetna offers the following advantages:
  - Lower premiums which equate to lower out-of-pocket costs for employees
  - Lower cost value network which includes the Sutter/Mills-Peninsula Medical Group
  - Additional options for early retirees who move out of state
  - Benefit enhancements
  - Significant premiums saving for Medicare retirees
  - A 24/7 peer support program for first responders

Questions? Call (833) 576-2494 weekdays between 8 AM and 6 PM (PST)

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# Retiree Health FAQs



## Does the County offer health benefits to retirees?

Yes, the County offers medical and dental plans for retirees similar to those offered to active employees. In addition, the County maintains medical plans for retirees and their dependents that have become Medicare eligible. There is no retiree health benefit for “deferred retirements”.

## Am I eligible for retiree health benefits?

The rules pertaining to retiree health benefits are included in the applicable Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or Board Resolution for your employee group (union). The MOUs and Resolutions are posted on the County’s website at <https://hr.smcgov.org/employee-and-labor-relations> or in the Summary of Health Benefits section of this guide.

Generally speaking, any employee who retires from the SamCERA system can continue their group health plan coverage under a County Retiree health plan. Coverage must be continuous, meaning that an employee cannot retire and then decide to enroll in a County plan at a later time.

## When are retiree health benefits effective?

Active benefits terminate on last day of the month following your termination date, and retiree health benefits commence on first day of the month following termination date.

## When/how do I enroll in retiree health benefits?

If you want to continue your health coverage and enroll in one of the County's group retiree health plans, you must enroll within 30 days prior to your retirement date. With the exception of a pending disability retirement, if you do not enroll by your retirement date, you will have waived your right to continue your County coverage under a group plan. You will also have waived your right to use any sick leave hours accumulated as an active employee toward the cost of your retiree health insurance.

Please contact the County's Benefits Division at 650-363-1919 or via email at [benefits@smcgov.org](mailto:benefits@smcgov.org) to schedule an appointment with a Benefits staff member approximately 30 days prior to your retirement date. At that meeting, a Benefits Partner will explain your retiree health options and answer any of your questions. You will also be asked to complete and sign the "Retiree Health Enrollment Form" at the back of this Benefits Guide.

# Retiree Health FAQs

## HEALTH PLAN OPTIONS IN RETIREMENT

### What medical plan options do I have in retirement?

If you are under 65 years old, your plan options are the same as an active employee: Kaiser HMO, Aetna HMO, Aetna Value Network (AVN) HMO , Aetna OAMC, Aetna High Deductible Health Plan, Kaiser High Deductible Health Plan.

If you are over 65 years old, your Medicare plan options are Kaiser Senior Advantage HMO and Aetna Medicare® PPO. **(High Deductible plans are not available once you are on Medicare.)**

### What is the County's Alternate Health Plan?

If you move out of an existing HMO coverage area and you have remaining sick leave credits, you have the option of enrolling in the County's Alternate Health Plan. Under this plan, you enroll in a major medical plan comparable to the plan options offered under the County's benefit package. The County pays a monthly contribution for your elected coverage. The payment is made via direct deposit into the account of your choice. The amount you will be reimbursed depends on the value of your sick leave hours but no more than the total cost of your monthly premium for the plan you have selected. It is important to remember that these payments are taxable income. Also, proof of other coverage is required (copy of your health plan card and proof of premium cost) on a yearly basis. You can always move back to a County plan at Open Enrollment or during a qualifying life event as long as there has been continuous coverage under the Alternate Health Plan and you still have available sick leave hours.

### What are my options for medical, dental and vision insurance?

Based on your bargaining group's Memorandum of Understanding, you may be able to retire and keep your medical, dental, and vision plans. If your MOU does not allow you to keep all three plans and you opt to keep your County's medical plan, you may continue your dental coverage for 18 months through COBRA, or you can enroll in one of the County's Retiree Voluntary dental and vision plans.

For more information on COBRA, please refer to the Important Plan Notices and Documents section of this guide.

### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

If you retiring within the next 12 months, buy up plans will not carryover in retirement unless you opt to pay for the full premium on COBRA for 18 months maximum.\* Once you leave the County's dental plan and you opt for COBRA, you will only be eligible to enroll in the County's retiree voluntary dental plan.

# Retiree Health FAQs

## Can I keep my County life insurance in retirement?

If you wish to continue to be covered for life insurance, you may choose to port coverage to another group term life policy or convert your coverage to an individual policy. Note that the cost of continued coverage if you port to another group policy is generally less than if you convert to an individual whole life policy. You have 30 days from the date of termination to continue life insurance in retirement. Contact Standard Life Insurance at 800-628-8600 for more information.

## Can I keep my money invested in Empower (formerly MassMutual) Deferred Compensation Account?

As a retiree, you can retain your 457 deferred compensation funds with the County's plan or you can roll the funds to another plan. You can also roll funds into your 457 plan. Contact Empower at 1-800-528-9009 for more information or visit [www.viewmyretirement.com/sanmateocounty](http://www.viewmyretirement.com/sanmateocounty)

## COST OF RETIREE BENEFITS

## Will the County help pay for my retiree health premiums?

If you enroll in a retiree health plan through the County, the County will contribute to your monthly retiree health premiums only if you have unused sick leave available when you retire. According to your MOU, the County may provide you with additional sick leave hours based on your years of service or if you retire due to a disability.

## What if I don't have any sick leave when I retire or what happens when my sick leave credits expire?

You may still continue your County medical plan. However, you would be required to pay the full cost of the premium.



# Retiree Health FAQs

## How are sick leave credits used to pay for my health insurance in retirement?

Generally, 8 hours of unused sick leave pays for a portion of your County retiree health premium. In other words, if you have 96 hours of sick leave left at retirement, the County will pay a portion of your monthly premium for 12 months (96 divided by 8). Once your sick leave is exhausted, you can remain on the County's plan. However, you would be required to pay the full cost of the premium.

Some MOU's allow you to use less or more than 8 hours of sick leave per month. Changing the value of your sick leave can only occur at Open Enrollment or within 31 days of a qualifying life event.

## How much will the County contribute toward my insurance premiums each month?

The County's monthly contribution toward health insurance premiums varies by bargaining group. Generally, 8 hours of unused sick leave equals between \$400 and \$700 based on your group's MOU, Board Resolution and your years of County service.

The amount of sick leave hours that you can use per month depends on your group's MOU or Board Resolution. The higher amount of sick leave hours you elect has a greater County contribution to your monthly premium. However, using a higher amount of hours would mean that your sick leave balance will exhaust faster. You can change your sick leave credits at Open Enrollment or within 31 days of a qualifying life event.

### Example:

Retiree A and B have 120 hours of sick leave at retirement and are in the same bargaining unit. Retiree A chooses to use 8 hours of sick. Retiree B chooses to use 14 hours of sick leave. The County's contribution to Retiree B is higher because she is using more sick leave credits per month. However, the duration of the County's contribution to Retiree B's premiums will be shorter than the duration of the County's contribution to Retiree A.

	<b>Retiree A</b>	<b>Retiree B</b>
Sick leave at retirement	120 hours	120 hours
Sick leave credits used per month	8 credits	14 credits
County contribution per month	\$400	\$700
Duration of County contribution	15 months	9 months

*For illustrative purposes only*

# Retiree Health FAQs

Additional information about retiree health benefits by bargaining group is located later in this guide. Complete details on an employee's retiree health benefits can be found in that employee's applicable Memorandum of Understanding located on the County's website at

<http://hr.smcgov.org/employee-and-labor-relations>.

## How do I pay for my insurance premiums?

### **If you retired before January 1, 2017, have a signed authorization, and already have a deduction from your pension check**

- If you are using your sick leave credit to partially pay for your medical premiums, SamCERA will automatically deduct your premiums from your pension check.
- Once your sick leave credits have been exhausted and you want to pay for your premiums in full, you will receive a letter from Benefits Coordinators Corporation (BCC) with instructions on how you can pay for your premiums.

### **If you retired after January 1, 2017**

- Bank account information will be required to deduct your monthly premium from the account that you noted on the Electronic Fund Transfer form.
- The County's 3<sup>rd</sup> party administrator for retiree health, Benefit Coordinators Corporation (BCC) will deduct your applicable premium one to two days after your pension is deposited.

## Is my deduction for health insurance pre-tax?

No, all health insurance deductions for retirees are post-tax.

## Am I taxed on the County's contribution to my retiree health insurance?

No, the County's contribution to your insurance is not included in a retiree's taxable income. There is one exception to this rule:

- Alternate Health Plan –For retirees who move out-of-area and opt for the Alternate Health Plan (discussed in more detail later in this Guide), the monthly County contribution is deposited in the retiree's bank account. This amount becomes taxable to the retiree.

## Does the County's contribution cover my dependents?

Most MOU's allow retirees to apply the County's contribution toward coverage for retiree, spouse/domestic partner, or children up to age 26.

# Retiree Health FAQs

## If I don't want or need to use sick leave toward retiree health coverage, can I cash out my sick leave?

Unfortunately, the County prohibits employees from cashing out sick leave. If you don't use your hours towards either health or dental, you lose those hours.

## Do the premiums change every year?

Yes. Although the County aggressively negotiates health plan renewals in an effort to control increasing benefit costs for retirees, health insurance premiums typically increase between 5% and 12% every year.

Factors fueling increased costs include: increased use of new medical technologies, higher prescription drug costs, pressure on health insurance plans and the private sector to absorb higher costs as funding for public programs like Medicare and Medicaid decreases, and increased utilization due to the economic environment.

## What are the current health premiums?

Please see the cost section of this guide for current medical and dental premiums.

## OPTIONS FOR ENROLLING DEPENDENTS

### Who is eligible to be on my retiree plan?

- Your current spouse or domestic partner.
- Your natural children, stepchildren, domestic partner's children, foster and/or adopted children under 26 years of age
- Your disabled children age 26 or older.
- A tax-qualified dependent

This is a brief description of the eligibility requirements and is not intended to modify or supersede the requirements of the plan documents. The plan documents will govern in the event of any conflict between this description and the plan documents.

# Retiree Health FAQs

## How can I make changes to my retiree health outside of Open Enrollment?

You must complete and submit the Retiree Change Form with the required documentation to the Benefits Division within 31 days of the qualifying life event.

All changes will become effective first of the following month upon receipt of the completed change form.

Retiree Health Change Forms can be obtained by contacting Benefits Division at 650-363-1919, via email at [benefits@smcgov.org](mailto:benefits@smcgov.org) or visit <https://hr.smcgov.org/retiree-health-benefits-current-retirees>.

## When can I add or remove my dependents?

**You** are responsible for notifying the Benefits Division to update your dependent status during the plan year by completing the Retiree Change Form (marriage, birth, death, divorce, dissolution of domestic partnership, ineligibility of dependent child due to age/school status, etc.). Such notification must be made within 31 days that the status change occurs. Failure to submit the change form in a timely manner may impact dependent eligibility for health care continuation under COBRA, and may result in you incurring liability for medical expenses for non-eligible dependents.

## MAKING CHANGES TO MY PLANS

## When can I cancel my coverage?

You may cancel your coverage at any time by submitting a completed Retiree Change Form via email at [benefits@smcgov.org](mailto:benefits@smcgov.org) or fax at (650)599-1573. A Medicare Disenrollment Form may be required if you are cancelling your County's Medicare coverage. The effective date of your cancellation will generally be the first of the following month. Please note that once you cancel your medical coverage you cannot re-enroll back into a County health plan in the future.

## What if I move out of the area during retirement?

If you move out of the area, you may need to switch to a different health plan that offers coverage in your new area. Contact Benefits Division at 650-363-1919 to assist you with this transition.

## Can I switch my plan during annual Open Enrollment?

Yes, retirees can only switch plans during Open Enrollment in October unless they experience a qualifying life event (moving out of the service area).

## Can I switch my plan at retirement?

No, the plan that you are enrolled in as an active employee is the same plan you will have when you retire. You will need to wait until Open Enrollment unless you are moving out of the HMO service area.

# Retiree Health FAQs

## Can my benefits change when I'm in retirement?

The County's contribution amount based on your sick leave credits do not change. This is set at the time you retire. What can change are the types of plans that are offered to retirees and the plan design (co-pay amounts, deductibles etc.).

## Can I add/drop dependents to my health plan?

You may add/drop eligible dependents during the year if you experience a qualifying life event, i.e. death of a spouse, divorce, marriage, domestic partnership, birth of a child, etc. Any change to benefits must be made within 31 days of a qualifying life event and completed Retiree Change form and required documentation must be submitted to Benefits Division. Otherwise you may only make changes during the annual Open Enrollment period.

## When does my coverage as an active employee end?

Upon retirement, your medical, dental and vision plan coverage as an active employee ends on the last day of the month following your date of retirement or loss of eligibility. Your coverage ends on the date of your retirement for your Flexible Spending Accounts, Group Life/AD&D, Long Term Disability, and Employee Assistance Program.

## Can I cancel my benefits anytime?

As a retiree, you have the option of terminating your health coverage at any time. Once you decide to terminate coverage, however, you will forfeit the option of ever opting back in to the retirement health plans. You will only be eligible for the Voluntary Dental or Vision Plans.

### **TERMINATION OF VOLUNTARY DENTAL AND VISION PLAN PROVISION:**

- Retirees who are cancelled because of non-payment of premiums will be excluded from participation in any of the Retiree Voluntary Benefits Plans in the future and will waive their right to enroll in any of the Retiree Voluntary Benefits Plans in the future.
- Please note: Enrollment in any of the voluntary plans requires a 12-month calendar year enrollment period from January 2022-December 2022.

# About Medicare

## Where do I find out about my medical benefits with Medicare?

If you are approaching 65 and reaching eligibility for Medicare, you will need to be aware of the transition process and any action that might be required on your part. The best resource for finding out about Medicare is the official publication, "Medicare & You", published annually by The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). You can find this publication and other valuable information at [www.Medicare.gov](http://www.Medicare.gov). You can also look in the Retiree Guide Benefits for Retirees Over 65.

## What happens when I or one of my dependents become Medicare eligible?

Once retired, individuals must enroll in Medicare Part A and B three (3) months before their 65<sup>th</sup> birthday or risk paying a penalty to Social Security. You and your eligible family members must enroll in Medicare Part A and B or you will be dropped from coverage. The Benefits Division will send you a reminder letter 3 months prior to your or your covered dependents 65<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## How do I enroll in Medicare?

About three (3) months before your 65<sup>th</sup> birthday, the Social Security office will send you information about enrolling in Medicare. You must enroll in both Medicare Part A (hospital coverage) and Part B (Outpatient coverage). You do not enroll in Part D (prescription drugs) because this benefit is already included in the County's plans.

Once you are enrolled in Medicare, you will need to choose from one of the Medicare plans (Kaiser Senior Advantage, or the Aetna Medicare® PPO). You will need to complete an enrollment application form for the plan you elect. The enrollment form along with a copy of your Medicare Card showing both Medicare Part A and Part B must be returned to the County's Benefit Office [benefits@smcgov.org](mailto:benefits@smcgov.org) or faxed to (650)599-1573 prior to enrollment in the plan.

It is critical that you complete and submit this form before your 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. If you do not enroll in Medicare Part B during your Special Enrollment Period, you'll have to wait until the next General Enrollment Period, which is January 1 through March 31 of each year. You may then have to pay a higher Medicare Part B premium because you did not enroll in a timely manner.

# About Medicare

## What is an “Advantage” plan?

An Advantage plan is a managed care or HMO plan in which you “assign” your Medicare. Assigning your Medicare means that you are enrolled in Medicare through the plan (Kaiser Senior Advantage or Aetna Medicare® PPO). This means that when you choose to enroll in Kaiser Senior Advantage or Aetna Medicare® PPO, you assign your Medicare to the insurance plan. This means that Kaiser or Aetna provides your Medicare Parts A and B coverage.

## Do I need both my Medicare Card and my Kaiser or Aetna Medicare® PPO ID Card when I see medical services?

You only need your Kaiser or Aetna Medicare® PPO ID Card. Your Medicare card is not needed for all Medicare plans.

## Do I need to pay Part B premiums as a retiree on a County plan?

Yes. Part B premiums are set every year by the social security office. In order to remain on a County Medicare plan, you must pay your Part B premiums to the Social Security Office.

## What if my spouse turns 65 before me?

If your spouse turns 65 before you, your spouse will receive a letter 3 months before their 65<sup>th</sup> birthday requesting a copy of the Medicare card and application for one of our Medicare plans. Once received, you will automatically be adjusted to a “split plan” upon receipt of your spouse’s Medicare application and copy of the Medicare Card. You will remain in a non-Medicare plan and your spouse will be enrolled in the Medicare plan which may reduce your premium costs.

# About Medicare

## What are the options for Split Coverage Families?

Split families are those families that may have some members eligible for Medicare and some members who are not.

## Employees 65 or over (Medicare-eligible) with Dependents under 65 (non-Medicare)

- **If you elect the Aetna Medicare® PPO plan**, your non-Medicare dependents would go on either the Active Aetna OAMC plan, or the Active AVN or HMO plans.
- **If you elect the Kaiser Senior Advantage Plan**, your non-Medicare dependents would stay on the Kaiser Active plan. The Senior Advantage plan is almost identical to Active plan.

## Employees under 65 (non-Medicare) with Dependent(s) over 65 (Medicare-eligible)

- **If you are on the Active Aetna AVN or HMO plans**, your Medicare-eligible dependents would go on the Aetna Medicare® PPO plan.
- **If you are on the Active Kaiser plan**, your Medicare-eligible dependents would go on the Kaiser Senior Advantage plan.



# Summary of Retiree Health Benefits

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Represented Group	Retiree Health Benefit
<p>American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) – COURTS            Service Employees International Union SEIU)            Probation and Detention Association (PDA)            Law Enforcement Unit (LEU) –            Deputy Sheriff’s (Non-Safety)            San Mateo County Council of Engineers (SMCCE)</p>	<p><u>If hired prior to January 1, 2011 for AFSCME (May 1, 2011 for PDA, January 23, 2011 for SEIU, and July 10, 2011 for SMCCE, BCTC, DSA non-safety-LEU)</u></p> <p>If the employee has 10-14 years of service, the County pays \$440 toward the monthly premium for one plan (either health or dental) for every 8 hours of sick leave remaining upon retirement. The employee can use up to 14 hours of sick leave to pay for the monthly premium, and can enroll in the other plans through COBRA. If the employee has more than 20 years of service, the 8-hour sick leave conversion is reduced to 6 hours. Employees are credited with additional sick leave hours based on years of service. There may be an inflation factor of 2% for employees with 15-19 years of service and 4% for employees with 20+ years.</p> <p><u>If hired on/after January 1, 2011 for AFSCME (May 1, 2011 for PDA, January 23, 2011 for SEIU, and July 10, 2011 for SMCCE, BCTC, DSA non-safety-LEU)</u></p>
<p>Building Construction Trades Council (BCTC)</p>	<p>County pays \$400 toward the monthly premium for one plan (either health or dental) for every 8 hours of sick leave remaining upon retirement. The employee can use up to 14 hours of sick leave to pay for the monthly premium, and can enroll in other plans through COBRA. Employees are credited with additional sick leave hours based on years of service. There may be an inflation factor of 2% for employees with 15-19 years of service and 4% for employees with 20+ years.</p>

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Represented Group	Retiree Health Benefit
<p>American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) – COUNTY ONLY</p>	<p><u>If hired prior to June 11, 2022 retired on or after 6/12/2022</u></p> <p>Post-65 and Pre-65 Benefit            A monthly County contribution is provided based on years of service and age.            This contribution can be used towards County medical, dental and/or vision plan premium            Any remaining contribution amount that remains AFTER the premium/s is paid in full will be deposited into the retiree’s RHRA on a monthly basis            If not enrolled in a County retiree benefit plan/s, the full monthly contribution will be deposited into the retiree’s RHRA on a monthly basis</p>
	<p><u>f hired on/after June 12, 2022</u></p> <p>All employees will pay a bi-weekly contribution of \$25 into their RHRA account.            After 5 years of continuous service under an AFSCME (County) union, the County will deposit a contribution of \$3000 into their RHRA and the County will begin paying a bi-weekly County contribution of \$25 bi-weekly into the employee’s RHRA            A time of retirement, employees can opt to keep the County medical, dental and vision and pay the full cost of premiums with the option to use their RHRA fund to offset the monthly premium cost</p>

# Summary of Retiree Health Benefits

Represented Group	Retiree Health Benefit
<p>Union of American Physicians and Dentists (UAPD)</p>	<p>County pays \$400 toward the monthly premium for one plan (either health, or dental or vision) for every 8 hours of sick leave remaining upon retirement. The employee can use up to 14 hours of sick leave to pay for the monthly premium, and can enroll in other plans through COBRA.</p>
<p>California Nurses Association (CNA) and Licensed Vocational Nurses (in AFSCME)</p>	<p>The County pays the full cost of the “Retiree Only” monthly premium for the retiree health plan for every 8 hours of sick leave remaining upon retirement up to a maximum of 240 months (for Licensed Vocational Nurses the maximum is 180 months). The employee can enroll in the dental and vision plans through COBRA.</p>
<p>Management, Confidential, Attorneys, Elected Officials</p>	<p><u>If hired before April 1, 2008</u></p> <p>The County pays the full cost of the retiree + family monthly premium for the health, dental and vision plans for every 8 hours of sick leave remaining upon retirement. The employee can keep all three County plans in retirement.</p> <p><u>If hired between April 1, 2008 and December 31, 2010</u></p> <p>The County pays \$700 toward the monthly premium for the retiree health plan for every 8 hours of sick leave remaining upon retirement. The employee can keep all three County plans in retirement.</p> <p>The County pays the full cost of the dental and vision premiums for every 8 hours of sick leave upon retirement. The County also contributes \$100 per month per employee to a post-employment health reimbursement account on a pre-tax basis. Upon retirement or termination, payments made for eligible premiums or medical expenses are not taxed.</p> <p><u>If hired on/after January 1, 2011</u></p> <p>The County pays \$400 toward the monthly premium for the retiree health plan for every 8 hours of sick leave remaining upon retirement.</p>

# Summary of Retiree Health Benefits

Represented Group	Retiree Health Benefit
<p>Management, Confidential, Attorneys, Elected Officials</p>	<p><u>Elected Officials hired on/after January 1, 2011</u></p> <p>For elective officers who retire concurrently with separation from County service, for each month of County service, the County will pay \$400 toward the premium for one month of the retiree health plan and the full cost of one month of the dental and vision coverage.</p>
<p>Deputy Sheriff's Association (Safety)</p>	<p><u>Employees hired prior to April 1, 2011- Tier 1 Employees</u></p> <p>If employees agreed to a continued salary deduction into the retirement Tier 1 benefit, for each eight (8) hours of unused sick leave at time of retirement, the County shall pay for one month's premium for health, dental, and/or vision coverage for the employee and eligible dependents (if such dependents are enrolled in the plan at the time of retirement) provided that the County shall not be obligated to contribute in excess of \$675 per month. Employees may increase the number of hours per month to be converted up to a maximum of fifty (50) hours of sick leave per month.</p> <p><u>Employees hired after June 30, 2011 and those employees in Tier 2</u></p> <p>For each 8 hours of unused sick leave at time of retirement, the County shall pay for one month's premium for health, dental, and/or vision coverage for the employee and eligible dependents (if such dependents are enrolled in the plan at the time of retirement) provided that the County shall not be obligated to contribute in excess of \$400 per month. Employees may increase the number of hours per month to be converted up to a maximum of fifty (50) hours of sick leave per month.</p>

# Medical Benefits for Retirees Under 65



The County's medical plans are designed to help maintain wellness and protect you and your family from major financial hardship in the event of illness or injury. For Early Retirees, the County offers a choice of medical plans through **Aetna and Kaiser Permanente**.



- **HMO** – a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) in which patients seek medical care from a doctor participating in the plan's network. If you join Aetna, you select a PCP and medical group within Aetna's network of doctors. Most services and medicines are covered with a small co-payment. Any specialty care you need will be coordinated by your PCP/medical group and will require a referral or authorization. More information about Aetna's health plan benefits is available at <https://www.smcgov.org/hr/health-benefits>; click on Medical Plans.
- **Aetna Value Network (AVN) HMO** – The Aetna Value Network (AVN) plan is also an HMO, but the provider network is only in California and Nevada and is comprised of a preferred list of medical groups. In all other aspects though the AVN plan works the same as the HMO described above.
- **OAMC PPO (\$200 Deductible)** – a Preferred Provider (PPO) plan that allows members the choice and flexibility to receive medical services from an in-network doctor or out-of-network doctor.
  - **In Network:** Medical services are provided through the Aetna Managed Choice POS (Open Access) network (OAMC for short). You are responsible for paying an annual deductible and a percentage of the cost of the services (generally 20% of Aetna's allowable amount).
  - **Out-of-network:** This allows you to access services through any licensed doctor or hospital. You are responsible for paying a deductible and a higher annual percentage of the cost of care (generally 40% of Aetna's allowable amount).
- **High Deductible Health Plan\*\*** - This is a plan that works in conjunction with a Health Savings Account. You use the same OAMC Network that you would under the standard plan. All of your preventative services are covered in full. You pay for the entire cost of non-preventive services until you satisfy your annual deductible. From that point, you pay 10% of the cost for non-preventive services until you reach your Calendar Year Maximum. At that point, do not pay out of pocket for any services the rest of the year.

# Medical Benefits for Retirees Under 65



**Kaiser Permanente Traditional HMO** – a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) in which patients seek medical care within the plan’s own facilities. Under this plan, most services and medicines are covered with a small co-payment. You select your doctor, or Primary Care Provider (PCP), from the staff at a local Kaiser Permanente facility. All of your care is provided at a Kaiser facility. Services outside of a Kaiser facility are not covered except if it is a life-threatening emergency.

**Kaiser Permanente High Deductible Health Plan\*\*** - This is a plan that works in conjunction with a Health Savings Account (please see the Health Savings Account section of this guide). You use the same Kaiser facilities that you would under the standard Kaiser plan. All of your Preventative services are covered in full. You pay for the entire cost of non-preventive services until you satisfy your annual deductible. From that point, you pay 10% of the cost for non-preventive services until you reach your Calendar Year Maximum. At that point, do not pay out of pocket for any services for the rest of the year.

**\*\*Note:** If you have a Health Saving Account as an active employee, your account will move to a retail account with Avidia Bank upon retirement. You will receive your new login information to review and manage your account. You will also receive a new debit card from Avidia Bank to access the balance in your retail account.

You can no longer access your HSA through BCC/SmartCare after retirement.

For more information, you may contact Avidia Bank at:

**Avidia Bank**

42 Main St

Hudson, MA 01749

(855) 248-6311

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[www.avidiabank.com](http://www.avidiabank.com)

# Medical Benefits for Retirees Over 65



**Aetna Medicare® Plan (PPO) with Extended Service Area** – a Preferred Provider Organization with Extended Service Area which gives you the flexibility to see any licensed provider or hospital nationwide. Your cost is the same for any provider in or out of network, as long as they accept Medicare and your Aetna plan. You have the option to choose a Primary Care Provider (PCP), but it is not required. No referrals are needed. This plan also includes Medicare Part D prescription coverage. Most services and medications are covered with a small co-payment.



**Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage**– a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) in which patients seek medical care within the plan’s own facilities. Under this plan, most services and medicines are covered with a small co-payment. You select your doctor, or Primary Care Provider (PCP), from the staff at a local Kaiser Permanente facility. All of your care is provided at a Kaiser facility. Services outside of a Kaiser facility are not covered except if it is a life-threatening emergency. Early Retirees can remain on the Kaiser plan; once you reach age 65, you will need to enroll in the Kaiser Senior Advantage plan.

# Comparison of HMO Plans

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	Aetna		Kaiser Permanente	
	HMO	AVN	Traditional HMO	HDHP
	In-Network	In-Network	In-Network	In-Network
<b>Annual Deductible</b>	\$0 per individual \$0 family limit	\$0 per individual \$0 family limit	\$0 per individual \$0 family limit	\$1,500 per individual \$2,800 (per member in a family of two or more) \$3,000 family limit
<b>Annual Out-of-Pocket Max</b> Individual Family	\$1,000 \$3,000	\$1,000 \$3,000	\$1,500 \$3,000	\$3,000 per individual \$3,000 (per member in a family of two or more) \$6,000 family limit
<b>Physician/Professional Services</b>				
<b>Office Visits</b>				
Physician & Specialist	\$15 copay	\$15 copay	\$15 copay	Plan pays 90% after deductible
Designated Walk-in Clinic Visit (e.g., CVS HealthHUB or CVS MinuteClinic)	\$0 copay	\$0 copay	Not applicable	Not applicable
<b>Telemedicine</b>	\$15 copay	\$15 copay	No charge	No charge
<b>Preventive Services</b>	Plan pays 100%	Plan pays 100%	Plan pays 100%	Plan pays 100%
<b>Chiropractic and Acupuncture Care</b>	\$10 copay (up to 30 visits per year)	\$10 copay (up to 30 visits per year)	\$15 copay (up to 20 visits per year)	Not covered
<b>Lab and X-ray</b>	Plan pays 100%	Plan pays 100%	\$5 copay then plan pays 100%	Plan pays 90% after deductible
<b>Infertility (Please refer to the EOC for additional details)</b>				
Diagnosis and treatment of infertility	Diagnosis and treatment of the underlying medical condition only. (Your cost sharing is based on the type of service and where it is performed)	Diagnosis and treatment of the underlying medical condition only. (Your cost sharing is based on the type of service and where it is performed)	50% coinsurance	50% coinsurance after deductible
Assisted reproductive technology ("ART") Services	Not Covered	Not Covered	50% coinsurance	50% coinsurance after deductible
<b>Family Planning</b>				
Physicians Family Planning Services	Plan pays 100%	Plan pays 100%	Plan pays 100%	Plan pays 100%
Vasectomy	Cost shared based on where performed	Cost shared based on where performed	\$50 per procedure	Plan pays 90% after deductible
Tubal Ligation	Plan pays 100%	Plan pays 100%	\$50 per procedure	Plan pays 90% after deductible

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# Comparison of HMO Plans

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	Aetna		Kaiser Permanente	
	HMO	AVN	Traditional HMO	HDHP
	In-Network	In-Network	In-Network	In-Network
<b>Hospital Benefits</b>				
<b>Inpatient Hospitalization</b>	\$100 admission copay	\$100 admission copay	\$100 admission copay	Plan pays 90% after deductible
<b>Outpatient Surgery</b>	\$50 copay	\$50 copay	\$50 copay	Plan pays 90% after deductible
<b>Urgent Care</b>	\$15 copay	\$15 copay	\$15 copay	Plan pays 90% after deductible
<b>Emergency Room</b>	\$100 copay (waived if admitted)	\$100 copay (waived if admitted)	\$100 copay (waived if admitted)	Plan pays 90% after deductible
<b>Mental Health Services</b>				
Inpatient Hospital	\$100 per admission	\$100 per admission	\$100 per admission	Plan pays 90% after deductible
Outpatient	\$15 copay	\$15 copay	\$15 copay; \$7 group	Plan pays 90% after deductible
<b>Substance Abuse Services</b>				
Inpatient Hospital	\$100 per admission	\$100 per admission	\$100 per admission	Plan pays 90% after deductible
Residential Care	\$100 per admission	\$100 per admission	\$100 per admission	Plan pays 90% after deductible
Outpatient	\$15 copay	\$15 copay	\$15 copay; \$5 group	Plan pays 90% after deductible
<b>Other Services</b>				
Transgender	Covered (see plan document for limitations)	Covered (see plan document for limitations)	Covered (see plan document for limitations)	Covered (see plan document for limitations)
Durable Medical Equipment	No charge	No charge	20% coinsurance	Plan pays 90% after deductible
Orthotic and Prosthetic Devices	No charge	No charge	No charge	No charge after deductible
Skilled Nursing Facility Up to 100 days per Member, per Benefit Period	No charge	No charge	No charge	Plan pays 90% after deductible

<sup>1</sup> New employees hired between December 2022 through November 2023 can receive a \$900 incentive by enrolling in the Aetna Value Network (AVN) HMO during new hire benefits election.

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# Prescription Drugs



Prescription drug coverage provides a benefit that is important to your overall health, whether you need a prescription for a short-term health issue like bronchitis or an ongoing condition like high blood pressure. Here are the prescription drug benefits that are included with our medical plans.

	Aetna		Kaiser Permanente	
	HMO	AVN	Traditional HMO	HDHP
	In-Network	In-Network	In-Network	In-Network (After Plan Deductible)
<b>Pharmacy</b>				
\$0 Chronic Drug List	Plan pays 100%	Plan pays 100%	N/A	N/A
Preferred Generic	\$15 per prescription	\$15 per prescription	\$10 per prescription	\$10 per prescription
Preferred Brand	\$25 per prescription	\$25 per prescription	\$20 per prescription	\$30 per prescription
Non-Preferred Generic and Brand	\$40 per prescription	\$40 per prescription	\$20 per prescription	\$30 per prescription
Specialty Drugs	20% up to \$200 max. copay/prescription; must use Aetna's Specialty Rx network	20% up to \$200 max. copay/prescription; must use Aetna Specialty Rx network	\$20 per prescription (30 day supply)	\$30 per prescription
Supply Limit	30 days	30 days	100 days	30 days
<b>Mail Order</b>				
Value Drug List (chronic)	Plan pays 100%	Plan pays 100%	N/A	N/A
Preferred Generic	\$30 per prescription	\$30 per prescription	\$10 per prescription	\$20 per prescription
Preferred Brand	\$50 per prescription	\$50 per prescription	\$20 per prescription	\$60 per prescription
Non-Preferred Generic and Brand	\$80 per prescription	\$80 per prescription	\$20 per prescription	\$60 per prescription
Specialty Drugs	See Above	See Above	\$20 per prescription (30 day supply)	Not Covered
Supply Limit	90 days	90 days	100 days	100 days

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# Comparison of PPO Plans

Aetna OAMC PPO Plan (\$200 Deductible)

Aetna OAMC PPO Plan (\$300 Deductible)

Note: OAMC is equivalent to a PPO in Aetna's Network

In-Network		Out-Of-Network	In-Network	Out-Of-Network
<b>Annual Deductible</b>				
Individual	\$200 (individual)	\$500 (individual)	\$300 (individual)	\$300 (individual)
Family	\$600 (family)	\$1,000 (family)	\$900 (family)	\$900 (family)
<b>Annual Out-of-Pocket Max</b>				
Individual	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$3,000
Family	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$4,000	\$6,000
<b>Lifetime Max</b>	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
<b>Physician/Professional Services</b>				
<b>Office Visits</b>				
PCP & Specialist	Plan pays 80%	Plan pays 60% after deductible	Plan pays 80%	Plan pays 60% after deductible
Telemedicine	Plan pays 80%	Not Covered	Plan pays 80%	Not Covered
<b>Preventive Services</b>	Plan pays 100%	Plan pays 60% after deductible	Plan pays 100%	Plan pays 60% after deductible
<b>Chiropractic and Acupuncture Care</b> (visit limits apply)	Chiro = Plan pays 80% after deductible Acupuncture = Plan pays 80%	Chiro = Plan pays 80% after deductible Acupuncture = Plan pays 80%	Chiro = Plan pays 80% after deductible Acupuncture = Plan pays 80%	Chiro = Plan pays 80% after deductible Acupuncture = Plan pays 80%
<b>Lab and X-ray</b>	Plan pays 80% after deductible	Plan pays 60% after deductible	Plan pays 80% after deductible	Plan pays 60% after deductible
<b>Infertility (Please refer to the EOC for additional details)</b>				
Diagnosis and treatment of infertility	Diagnosis and treatment of the underlying medical condition only. (Your cost sharing is based on the type of service and where it is performed)	Diagnosis and treatment of the underlying medical condition only. (Your cost sharing is based on the type of service and where it is performed)	Diagnosis and treatment of the underlying medical condition only. (Your cost sharing is based on the type of service and where it is performed)	Diagnosis and treatment of the underlying medical condition only. (Your cost sharing is based on the type of service and where it is performed)
Assisted reproductive technology ("ART") Services	Not Covered	Not Covered	Not Covered	Not Covered

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# Comparison of PPO Plans

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Aetna OAMC PPO Plan (\$200 Deductible)    Aetna OAMC PPO Plan (\$300 Deductible)

Note: OAMC is equivalent to a PPO in Aetna's Network

	In-Network	Out-Of-Network	In-Network	Out-Of-Network
<b>Family Planning</b>				
Physicians Family Planning Services	Plan pays 100%	Plan pays 60% after deductible	Plan pays 100%	Plan pays 60% after deductible
Vasectomy	Cost shared based on where performed	Not Covered	Cost shared based on where performed	Not Covered
Tubal Ligation	Plan pays 100%	Plan pays 60% after deductible	Plan pays 100%	Plan pays 60% after deductible
<b>Hospital Services</b>				
<b>Inpatient Hospitalization</b>	Plan pays 80% after deductible	Plan pays 60% after deductible	Plan pays 100% after deductible	Plan pays 70% after deductible
<b>Outpatient Surgery</b>	Plan pays 80% after deductible	Plan pays 60% after deductible	Plan pays 100% after deductible	Plan pays 70% after deductible
<b>Urgent Care</b>	Plan pays 100%	Plan pays 60% after deductible	Plan pays 80% after deductible	Plan pays 60% after deductible
<b>Emergency Room</b>	\$100 copay (waived if admitted)		Plan pays 100% (deductible waived)	
<b>Mental Health Services</b>				
<b>Inpatient Hospital</b>	Plan pays 80% after deductible	Plan pays 60% after deductible	Plan pays 100% after deductible	Plan pays 70% after deductible
<b>Outpatient</b>	Plan pays 80%	Plan pays 60% after deductible	Plan pays 80% after deductible	Plan pays 60% after deductible
<b>Substance Abuse Services</b>				
<b>Inpatient Hospital</b>	Plan pays 80% after deductible	Plan pays 60% after deductible	Plan pays 100% after deductible	Plan pays 70% after deductible
<b>Residential Care</b>	Plan pays 80% after deductible	Plan pays 60% after deductible	Plan pays 100% after deductible	Plan pays 70% after deductible
<b>Outpatient</b>	Plan pays 80%	Plan pays 60% after deductible	Plan pays 80% after deductible	Plan pays 60% after deductible

# Comparison of PPO Plans

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Aetna OAMC PPO Plan (\$200 Deductible)    Aetna OAMC PPO Plan (\$300 Deductible)

Note: OAMC is equivalent to a PPO in Aetna’s Network

	In-Network	Out-Of-Network	In-Network	Out-Of-Network
<b>Other Services</b>				
Transgender	Covered (see plan document for limitations)	Covered (see plan document for limitations)	Covered (see plan document for limitations)	Covered (see plan document for limitations)
Durable Medical Equipment	Plan pays 80% after deductible	Plan pays 60% after deductible	Plan pays 80% after deductible	Plan pays 60% after deductible
Orthotic and Prosthetic Devices	Plan pays 80% after deductible	Plan pays 60% after deductible	Plan pays 80% after deductible	Plan pays 60% after deductible
Skilled Nursing Facility  Up to 100 days per Member, per Benefit Period	Plan pays 80% after deductible	Plan pays 60% after deductible	Plan pays 100% after deductible	Plan pays 70% after deductible

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# Comparison of PPO Plans

## Aetna OAMC PPO HDHP Plan

Note: OAMC is equivalent to a PPO in Aetna's Network

In-Network		Out-Of-Network
<b>Annual Deductible</b> Individual Family	\$1,500 (individual) \$3,000 (individual w/in family) \$3,000 (family)	\$3,000 (individual) \$3,000 (individual w/in family) \$6,000 (family))
<b>Annual Out-of- Pocket Max</b> Individual Family	\$3,000 (individual) \$3,000 (individual w/in family) \$6,000 (family)	\$6,000 (individual) \$6,000 (individual w/in family) \$12,000 (family)
<b>Lifetime Max</b>	Unlimited	Unlimited
<b>Physician/Professional Services</b>		
<b>Office Visits</b>		
PCP & Specialist	Plan pays 90% after deductible	Plan pays 60% after deductible
Telemedicine	Plan pays 90% after deductible	Not Covered
<b>Preventive Services</b>	Plan pays 100%	Not covered
<b>Chiropractic and Acupuncture Care</b> (visit limits apply)	Chiro = Plan pays 90% after deductible  Acupuncture = Plan pays 90% after deductible	Chiro = Plan pays 50% after deductible  Acupuncture = Plan pays 60%
<b>Lab and X-ray</b>	Plan pays 90% after deductible	Plan pays 60% after deductible
<b>Infertility (Please refer to the EOC for additional details)</b>		
Diagnosis and treatment of infertility	Diagnosis and treatment of the underlying medical condition only. (Your cost sharing is based on the type of service and where it is performed)	Diagnosis and treatment of the underlying medical condition only. (Your cost sharing is based on the type of service and where it is performed)
Assisted reproductive technology ("ART") Services	Not Covered	Not Covered

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# Comparison of PPO Plans

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## Aetna OAMC PPO HDHP Plan

Note: OAMC is equivalent to a PPO in Aetna's Network

	In-Network	Out-Of-Network
<b>Family Planning</b>		
Physicians Family Planning Services	Plan pays 100%	Not covered
Vasectomy	Plan pays 90% after deductible	Not covered
Tubal Ligation	Plan pays 100%	Plan pays 60% after deductible
<b>Hospital Services</b>		
<b>Inpatient Hospitalization</b>	Plan pays 90% after deductible	Plan pays 60% after deductible
<b>Outpatient Surgery</b>	Plan pays 90% after deductible	Plan pays 60% after deductible
<b>Urgent Care</b>	Plan pays 90% after deductible	Plan pays 60% after deductible
<b>Emergency Room</b>	Plan pays 90% after deductible	
<b>Mental Health Services</b>		
<b>Inpatient Hospital</b>	Plan pays 90% after deductible	Plan pays 60% after deductible
<b>Outpatient</b>	Plan pays 90% after deductible	Plan pays 60% after deductible
<b>Substance Abuse Services</b>		
<b>Inpatient Hospital</b>	Plan pays 90% after deductible	Plan pays 60% after deductible
<b>Residential Care</b>	Plan pays 90% after deductible	Plan pays 60% after deductible
<b>Outpatient</b>	Plan pays 90% after deductible	Plan pays 60% after deductible

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## Aetna OAMC PPO HDHP Plan

Note: OAMC is equivalent to a PPO in Aetna’s Network

	In-Network	Out-Of-Network
<b>Other Services</b>		
Transgender	Covered (see plan document for limitations)	Covered (see plan document for limitations)
Durable Medical Equipment	Plan pays 90% after deductible	Plan pays 60% after deductible
Orthotic and Prosthetic Devices	Plan pays 90% after deductible	Plan pays 60% after deductible
Skilled Nursing Facility  Up to 100 days per Member, per Benefit Period	Plan pays 90% after deductible	Plan pays 60% after deductible

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# Prescription Drugs

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Aetna

Aetna OAMC PPO Plan (\$200 Deductible)    Aetna OAMC PPO Plan (\$300 Deductible)

Note: AOMC is equivalent to a PPO in Aetna's Network

	In-Network	Out-Of-Network	In-Network	Out-Of-Network
<b>Pharmacy</b>				
Plan Deductible Applies?	No	No	No	No
\$0 Chronic Drug List	Plan pays 100%	25% to \$250 max. copay per prescription	Plan pays 100%	25% to \$250 max. copay per prescription
Preferred Generic	\$15 per prescription	25% + \$15 to \$250 max. copay per prescription	\$10 per prescription	25% + \$15 to \$250 max. copay per prescription
Preferred Brand	\$30 per prescription	25% + \$30 to \$250 max. copay per prescription	\$20 per prescription	25% + \$30 to \$250 max. copay per prescription
Non-Preferred Generic and Brand	\$45 per prescription	25% + \$45 to \$250 max. copay per prescription	\$35 per prescription	25% + \$45 to \$250 max. copay per prescription
Specialty (must use Aetna's Specialty Rx network)	20% to \$100 max. copay per prescription	Not Covered	30% to \$150 max. copay per prescription	Not Covered
Supply Limit	30 days	30 days	30 days	30 days
<b>Mail Order</b>				
Plan Deductible Applies?	No	No	No	No
Value Drugs (chronic)	Plan pays 100%	Not Covered	Plan pays 100%	Not Covered
Preferred Generic	\$30 per prescription	Not Covered	\$20 per prescription	Not Covered
Preferred Brand	\$60 per prescription	Not Covered	\$40 per prescription	Not Covered
Non-Preferred Generic and Brand	\$90 per prescription	Not covered	\$70 per prescription	Not covered
Specialty	20% to \$100 max. copay/prescription	Not covered	30% to \$150 max. copay/prescription	Not covered
Supply Limit	90 days	Not applicable	90 days	Not applicable

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# Prescription Drugs

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Aetna

## OAMC PPO HDHP Plan

Note: AOMC is equivalent to a PPO in Aetna's Network

	In-Network	Out-Of-Network
<b>Pharmacy</b>		
Plan Deductible Applies?	Yes	Yes
\$0 Chronic Drug List	Plan pays 100%	25% to \$250 max. copay per prescription
Preferred Generic	\$10 per prescription	25% + \$10 to \$250 max. copay per prescription
Preferred Brand	\$25 per prescription	25% + \$25 to \$250 max. copay per prescription
Non-Preferred Generic and Brand	\$40 per prescription	25% + \$40 to \$250 max. copay per prescription
Specialty (must use Aetna's Specialty Rx network)	30% up to \$200 max. copay per prescription	Not Covered
Supply Limit	30 days	30 days
<b>Mail Order</b>		
Plan Deductible Applies?	Yes	Yes
Value Drugs (chronic)	Plan pays 100%	Not Covered
Preferred Generic	\$20 per prescription	Not covered
Preferred Brand	\$50 per prescription	Not covered
Non-Preferred Generic and Brand	\$80 per prescription	Not covered
Specialty	20% to \$100 max. copay/prescription	Not covered
Supply Limit	90 days	Not applicable

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# Comparison of Health Plans

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MEDICAL BENEFITS	AETNA MEDICARE® ADVANTAGE PPO		KAISER PERMANENETE SENIOR ADVANTAGE
	**This PPO plan provides the maximum flexibility to see ANY provider who accepts Medicare **		
	Within Aetna Network and Accepts Medicare	Outside Aetna Network and Accepts Medicare	
Deductible	None		None
Maximum Annual Out of Pocket Maximum	\$1,500 per person		\$1,500 per person \$3,000 per family
Service Area	Nationwide. Emergency Care Worldwide		Limited to Kaiser Permanente medical facilities service areas.  Worldwide in emergency only.
Choice of Doctors and Hospitals	Any provider or facility who accepts Medicare		Limited to Kaiser-Permanente doctors and hospitals except in emergency.
Inpatient/Room & Board	Covered in full	Covered in full	Covered in full
Out Patient Surgery	\$10 copay	\$10 copay	\$10 per procedure
Emergency Room	\$20 (waived if admitted)	\$20 (waived if admitted)	\$20 (waived if admitted)
Hospice Care	Provided any Medicare-certified hospice program.	Provided any Medicare-certified hospice program.	Provided by licensed hospice approved by the medical group and certified by Medicare.
Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)	Covered in full (days 1-100) for each stay in a Medicare- certified nursing facility.  There is a limit for 100 days for each benefit period. If you go over the 100 day limit, you will be responsible for all costs	Covered in full (days 1-100) for each stay in a Medicare- certified nursing facility.  There is a limit for 100 days for each benefit period. If you go over the 100 day limit, you will be responsible for all costs	Covered in full up to 100 days per benefit period.

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# Comparison of Health Plans

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**Aetna MEDICARE  
ADVANTAGE PPO**

**\*\*This PPO plan provides the maximum flexibility to see ANY provider who accepts Medicare \*\***

**KAISER  
PERMANENTE  
SENIOR  
ADVANTAGE**

**MEDICAL  
BENEFITS**

**Within Aetna  
Network and Accepts  
Medicare**      **Outside Aetna  
Network and Accepts  
Medicare**

Physician Care	\$10 copay Primary Care Physician \$20 copay Specialists	\$10 copay Primary Care Physician \$20 copay Specialists	\$10 per office visit
Preventive Care (including annual gynecological exams and mammograms)	Medicare assigned providers: Covered in full	Medicare assigned providers: Covered in full	Covered in full.
Vision (Optical)	Medicare Covered: \$20 copay  Non-Medicare Covered: \$10 copay (\$150 combined allowance for lenses & frames every 24 months)	Medicare Covered: \$20 copay  Non-Medicare Covered: \$10 copay (\$150 combined allowance for lenses & frames every 24 months)	\$10 per exam  \$150 combined allowance for lenses & frames every 24 months
Dental Care	Not covered	Not covered	Not covered
Hearing Services	Medicare Covered: \$20 copay per visit Discount on hearing aids  Non-Medicare Covered: \$0 copay (One per 12 months)	Medicare Covered: \$20 copay per visit Discount on hearing aids  Non-Medicare Covered: \$0 copay (One per 12 months)	Routine Exam: \$10 copay Hearing Aids: Not covered
Acupuncture	For Medicare covered: \$15 copay, 12 visits in 90 days):  Non-Medicare covered: \$15 copay up to 20 visits a year	For Medicare covered: \$15 copay, 12 visits in 90 days):  Non-Medicare covered: \$15 copay up to 20 visits a year	\$15 copay 20 combined visits
Chiropractic	For Medicare covered: \$15 copay Non-Medicare covered: \$15 copay up to 20 visits/year	For Medicare covered: \$15 copay Non-Medicare covered: \$15 copay up to 20 visits/year	
Prescriptions	<b><i>Please see next page</i></b>		<b>Retail:</b>  \$10 per prescription 100 day supply for most maintenance medications.

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OVER 65

**PRESCRIPTION  
DRUG  
BENEFITS**



	Retail (30 day supply)	Retail/Mail Order (90 day supply)
Stage 1: Annual Prescription Deductible	No deductible, this payment stage doesn't apply.	
Stage 2: Initial Coverage	You pay the following until your total out-of-pocket drug costs reach <b>\$4,660</b>	
Tier 1: Generic	Preferred Pharmacy: \$9 Copay Standard Pharmacy: \$10 copay	Preferred Pharmacy: \$18 Copay Standard Pharmacy: \$20 copay
Tier 2: Preferred Brand	\$20 copay	\$40 copay
Tier 3: Non-Preferred Brand	\$35 copay	\$60 copay
Tier 4: Specialty	30% coinsurance (up to a \$150 copay max) per prescription	Not covered
Stage 3: Coverage Gap Stage	Because there is no coverage gap for the plan, this payment stage does not apply to you.	
Stage 4: Catastrophic Coverage	After your yearly out-of-pocket drug costs (including drugs purchased through your retail pharmacy and through mail service) reach <b>\$7,400</b> , your share of the cost for a covered drug will be <b>\$0</b> .	

# Enhanced Services



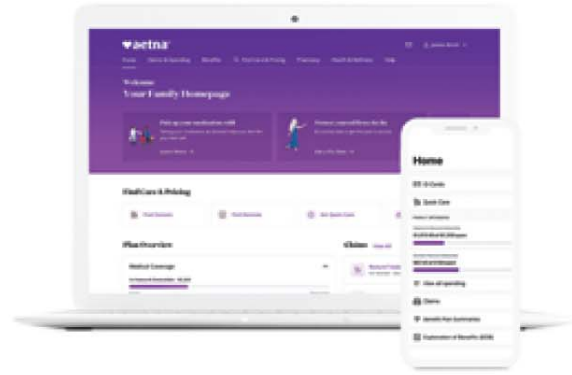
## MOBILE APP

The Aetna® member website and Aetna Health™ app provide members enhanced 24/7 service and ease-of-access to the information that matters most. As a member of Aetna, with the app you can:

**Manage your benefits, connect to care, handle claims — from anywhere..**

### As a member, you can:

- ✓ View your health plan summary and get information about what's covered
- ✓ Track spending and progress toward your deductible or maximums for you and your family
- ✓ View and pay claims, and even see the breakdown of your costs, like what's covered by your plan and what you're responsible for
- ✓ Use tools to help you choose quality in-network providers
- ✓ Get personalized reminders to help improve your health



## MICROSITE

Access all the information you need in one convenient place – paper-free and online. Get the best out of your benefits – visit [www.aetnaresource.com/p/cosmretiree](http://www.aetnaresource.com/p/cosmretiree).



## NO COST/LOW COST MINUTECLINIC®

Sometimes things just happen. You develop flu symptoms after your primary care office has closed for the day. You step on a tack over the weekend. Whatever it is, you want to be able to access care at a price you can afford. That's why we offer a perk to Aetna® members: access to covered MinuteClinic® services at no cost to you, or low cost to you, based on your plan.



*\* OAMC PPO HDHP members must first satisfy the plan deductible.*

## CONDITION MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

Get healthy now. Receive the help of an Aetna nurse who will act as your health coach. Our health programs come at no extra cost to you — they're part of your plan!



# Enhanced Services



## AETNA BACK & JOINT CARE PROGRAM

Through the Aetna Back and Joint Care Program, Hinge Health offers digital exercise therapy programs designed to address acute and chronic back, knee, hip, neck and shoulder pain. There is also a downloadable prevention program tailored to your needs.



## Teladoc®

### 24/7 access to quality care

After hours? Can't get to the doctor's office? Teladoc connects you with board-certified doctors anytime. They can treat many non-emergency medical issues by phone or video. This may help you avoid urgent care and emergency room visits, which can be costly and time-consuming. And it's easy to use — you can speak to a doctor "on demand" in minutes. Or just schedule a time that's more convenient for you. You can request visits by either:

- Going to **Teladoc.com/Aetna**
- Downloading the Teladoc app

Visit **Teladoc.com/Aetna** to find out more and set up your account.



## FOR AETNA MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PPO MEMBERS



### SilverSneakers

Members who want to be fit and active have access to SilverSneakers. SilverSneakers is a lifestyle program that can improve your overall health and well-being

- Membership at thousands of participating gym locations
- Home fitness kit for those who can't make it to local gyms
- On-Demand fitness classes from the comfort of your own home
- SilverSneakers Go app

# Enhanced Services



FOR AETNA MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PPO MEMBERS



## Healthy Home Visits

Have licensed health care professional come to your home to:

- Identify potential safety hazards
- Review your medications and medical family history
- Provide a holistic health screening
- And more!



## MD Live

Virtual behavioral health support with 24/7 appointment availability and no visit limits. They are specially trained in issues that are common with senior adults like:

- Addictions
- Grief and Loss
- Anxiety
- Loneliness
- Stress Management
- And more!



## Non Emergency Transportation

Safe, comfortable transportation to and from medical appointments

- 24 annual rides are included in your plan at no extra cost for medical appointments within 60 miles
- A round trip is considered 2 rides



## Meal Home Delivery Program

Get meals at home while you recover following an inpatient hospital stay at no extra cost

- 14 healthy, precooked meals
- Caters to special dietary needs including diabetic, vegetarian, and pureed foods
- Meals delivered within 48-72 hours



**Your care, your way**  
Connect to care anytime, anywhere



Get the care you need the way you want it. No matter which option you choose, your providers can see your health history, update your medical record, and give you personalized care that fits your life.



### 24/7 care advice

Get medical advice and care guidance in the moment from a Kaiser Permanente provider.



### In-person visit

Same-day appointments are often available. Sign on to kp.org anytime, or call us to schedule a visit.



### Email

Message your doctor's office with non-urgent questions anytime. Sign on to kp.org or use our mobile app.<sup>2</sup>



### Phone appointment

Save yourself a trip to the doctor's office for minor conditions or follow-up care.<sup>2,3</sup>



### Video visit

Meet face-to-face online with a doctor on your computer, smartphone, or tablet for minor conditions or follow-up care.<sup>2,3</sup>



### E-visit

Get quick online care for common health problems.

Fill out a short questionnaire about your symptoms, and a physician will get back to you with a care plan and prescriptions (if appropriate) – usually within 2 hours.

## Need care now?

### Know before you go.

#### Urgent care

An urgent care need is one that requires prompt medical attention, usually within 24 or 48 hours, but is not an emergency medical condition.

This can include minor injuries, backaches, earaches, sore throats, coughs, upper-respiratory symptoms, and frequent urination or a burning sensation when urinating.

#### Emergency care

Emergency care<sup>1</sup> is for medical or mental health conditions that require immediate medical attention to prevent serious jeopardy to your health. Examples include chest pain or pressure, severe stomach pain that comes on suddenly, severe shortness of breath, and decrease in or loss of consciousness.

**Call Kaiser Permanente anytime at 1-866-454-8855 (TTY 711) to make an appointment or to get care advice.**

1 If you believe you have an emergency medical condition, call 911 or go to the nearest hospital. For the complete definition of an emergency medical condition, please refer to your Evidence of Coverage or other coverage documents.

2 These features are available when you receive care at Kaiser Permanente facilities.

3 When appropriate and available.

# Enhanced Services

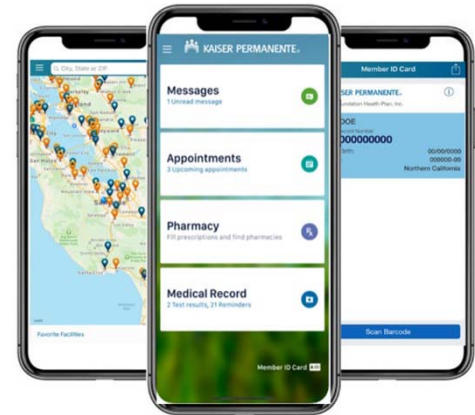


## KAISER PERMANENTE MOBILE APP

### It's convenient and easy to use

Not sure if you need an appointment? Get advice, then schedule an appointment from the quick service menu.

- View and cancel appointments easily.
- Tap on the quick service menu to view your prescription list, then order refills or check the status of an order.
- See detailed medical record updates at a glance.
- Review your latest test results in an easy-to-read format.
- Send messages to your doctor or Member Services.
- Find a facility near you and get directions on the way



## DIGITAL SELF CARE TOOLS

Everyone needs support for total health — mind, body, and spirit. Digital tools can help you navigate life's challenges, make small changes that improve sleep, mood, and more, or simply support an overall sense of well-being.

- Thoroughly evaluated by Kaiser Permanente clinicians
- Easy to use and proven effective
- Safe and confidential



Calm is the #1 app for meditation and sleep — designed to help lower stress, reduce anxiety, and more.

Kaiser Permanente members can access all the great features of Calm at no cost, including:

- The Daily Calm, exploring a fresh mindful theme each day
- More than 100 guided meditations
- Sleep Stories to soothe you into deeper and better sleep
- Video lessons on mindful movement and gentle stretching



myStrength is a personalized program that helps you improve

your awareness and change behaviors. Kaiser Permanente members can explore interactive activities, in-the-moment coping tools, community support, and more at no cost.

- Mindfulness and meditation activities
- Tailored programs for managing depression, stress, anxiety, and more
- Tools for setting goals and preferences, tracking current emotional states and ongoing life events, and viewing your progress

Adult Kaiser members can download the **se** popular apps at [kp.org/selfcareapps](https://kp.org/selfcareapps).

The Calm app is not available to KP Washington members at this time. myStrength is a wholly owned subsidiary of Livongo Health, Inc.


# Enhanced Services



## Silver&Fit® HEALTHY AGING AND EXERCISE PROGRAM

The Silver&Fit® Healthy Aging and Exercise Program is available to Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage members. Since you don't have to be a lifelong athlete to be active as an older adult, this program makes it easier for you to get fit and stay motivated - **at no additional cost.**


You can choose your preferred exercise program:



### Fitness Center Membership

Choose from Silver&Fit's broad network of participating fitness centers where you can:

- Workout with cardio and strength-training equipment
- Access their amenities such as saunas or pools
- Attend Silver&Fit classes including yoga, swimming, strength and cardio training, and more



### Home Fitness Program

Kaiser makes it way to fit fitness into your day – right where you're most comfortable. With home fitness program, you'll get:

- Up to 2 home fitness kits each calendar year which may include an instructional DVD and printed guide, and one Stay Fit kit, which includes your choice of a Fitbit® or Garmin® wearable device, yoga kit or strength exercise kit
- Access to online exercise classes, Signature Series Classes at [silverandfit.com](https://silverandfit.com)

## TO SIGN UP

Register at [SilverandFit.com](https://silverandfit.com) or call 1-877-750-2746 (TTY 711), Monday through Friday, 5am to 6pm Pacific Standard Time.

*\*\* The Silver&Fit Program is provided by American Specialty Health Fitness., Inc. (ASH Fitness), a subsidiary of American Specialty Health Incorporated (ASH). The Silver&Fit program is available to current members of participating Kaiser Permanente Group Medicare health plans. \*\**

# Voluntary Dental Benefits



The County offers two voluntary dental plans through Cigna for retirees: **DHMO and PPO plans.**

## DENTAL HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION (DHMO)

Here's how a DHMO plan works. When you get a dental service, Cigna allows your network dentist to charge a certain amount. Then you **pay a fixed portion** of that cost, in addition to any allowable charge for upgraded materials (such as gold, high noble metal or porcelain used in molar restorations), complex rehabilitation or characterizations (for dentures). And your plan pays the rest. **There are no annual maximums and no deductibles.**

## PREFERRED PROVIDER ORGANIZATION (PPO)

A Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) plan in which dental services are provided through the Blue Shield PPO network. You can choose any dentist in any location inside or outside of the Cigna network. How much you pay for dental services depends on how long you have worked for the County, your represented group, and whether you choose a participating Cigna dentist. If you choose a non-participating dentist, you pay the difference between the amount the dentist receives from Cigna (the "allowable amount") and the dentist's charges. Pre-authorization from Cigna is recommended for charges of \$200 or more. Orthodontic treatment is not a covered service.

**Cigna's Delta Care DHMO and Dental PPO plans have different networks. To check if your provider is in-network with the plan you want to enroll in please visit [www.cigna.com](http://www.cigna.com) or call Cigna.**

- **Dental HMO Network: Cigna Dental Care Access**
- **Dental PPO Network: Total Cigna DPPO**

**Enrollment in any of the voluntary plans requires a 12-month calendar year enrollment period from January 2022 through December 2022**

# Voluntary Dental Plans

Dental Benefits	Cigna Dental HMO (Voluntary)	Cigna Dental PPO (Voluntary)	
	Member Pays:	In Network	Out of Network <sup>1</sup>
<b>Diagnostic and Preventive</b>			
Office Visit	No Charge	No Charge	Plan Pays 80% (no deductible)
Teeth Cleaning	No Charge		
X-Rays	No Charge		
Sealants - <i>per tooth</i>	No Charge		
<b>Restorative</b>			
Amalgam Filling - <i>1-3 surfaces</i>	No Charge	Plan Pays 80% (after deductible)	Plan Pays 70% (after deductible)
Composite Filling - <i>1-3 surfaces</i>	No Charge		
<b>Periodontics</b>			
Scaling and Root Planning - per quad	No Charge	Plan Pays 80% (after deductible)	Plan Pays 70% (after deductible)
Gingivectomy (Per Quadrant)	No Charge		
Osseous Surgery	No Charge		
<b>Endodontics (Root Canal Therapy)</b>			
Pulp Cap	No Charge	Plan Pays 80% (after deductible)	Plan Pays 70% (after deductible)
Therapeutic Pulpotomy	No Charge		
Root Canal Therapy - (anterior, bicuspid, molar)	No Charge		
<b>Prosthodontics</b>			
Immediate - Upper or Lower	No Charge	Plan Pays 50% (after deductible)	Plan Pays 50% (after deductible)
Complete - Upper or Lower	No Charge		
Partial Denture - Upper or Lower	No Charge		
<b>Crown and Bridge</b>			
Inlay / Onlay	No Charge	Plan Pays 50% (after deductible)	Plan Pays 50% (after deductible)
Crown - Porcelain/Ceramic Substrate	No Charge		
Crown - Porcelain Fused to High Noble Metal	No Charge		
Crown - Full Cast High Noble Metal	No Charge		
<b>Oral Surgery (Extractions)</b>			
Impacted tooth: soft tissue	No Charge	Plan Pays 80% (after deductible)	Plan Pays 70% (after deductible)
Impacted tooth: partial bony	No Charge		
Impacted tooth: full bony	No Charge		
<b>Implants</b>			
Implants	Not Covered	Plan Pays 50%	Plan Pays 50%
<b>Orthodontics - comprehensive</b>			
Child	No Charge	Not Covered	
Adult	No Charge		
<b>Calendar Year Maximum</b>			
Individual	N/A	\$1,500	\$1,500
<b>Calendar Year Deductible</b>			
Individual / Family	N/A	\$50 / \$150	

<sup>1</sup> Based on Maximum Allowable Charge (In Network Fee Level)

**Note:** Enrollment in any of the voluntary plans requires a 12-month calendar year enrollment period from January 2022-December 2022

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# Dental Plans

Dental Benefits	Cigna Dental PPO (Represented)		Cigna Dental PPO (Management)	
	In Network	Out of Network <sup>1</sup>	In Network	Out of Network <sup>1</sup>
<b>Diagnostic and Preventive</b>				
Office Visit Teeth Cleaning X-Rays Sealants - <i>per tooth</i>	Plan Pays 85%	Plan Pays 85%	Plan Pays 100%	Plan Pays 100%
<b>Restorative</b>				
Amalgam Filling - <i>1-3 surfaces</i> Composite Filling - <i>1-3 surfaces</i>	Plan Pays 85%	Plan Pays 85%	Plan Pays 100%	Plan Pays 100%
<b>Periodontics</b>				
Scaling and Root Planning - per quad Gingivectomy (Per Quadrant) Osseous Surgery	Plan Pays 85%	Plan Pays 85%	Plan Pays 100%	Plan Pays 100%
<b>Endodontics (Root Canal Therapy)</b>				
Pulp Cap Therapeutic Pulpotomy Root Canal Therapy - (anterior, bicuspid, molar)	Plan Pays 85%	Plan Pays 85%	Plan Pays 100%	Plan Pays 100%
<b>Prosthodontics</b>				
Immediate - Upper or Lower Complete - Upper or Lower Partial Denture - Upper or Lower	Plan Pays 85%	Plan Pays 85%	Plan Pays 100%	Plan Pays 100%
<b>Crown and Bridge</b>				
Inlay / Onlay Crown - Porcelain/Ceramic Substrate Crown - Porcelain Fused to High Noble Metal Crown - Full Cast High Noble Metal	Plan Pays 85%	Plan Pays 85%	Plan Pays 100%	Plan Pays 100%
<b>Oral Surgery (Extractions)</b>				
Impacted tooth: soft tissue Impacted tooth: partial bony Impacted tooth: full bony	Plan Pays 85%	Plan Pays 85%	Plan Pays 100%	Plan Pays 100%
<b>Implants</b>				
Implants	Plan Pays 50% Up to \$1,000	Plan Pays 50% Up to \$1,000	Plan Pays 100%	Plan Pays 100%
<b>Orthodontics - comprehensive</b>				
Child Adult	Not Covered		Not Covered	
<b>Calendar Year Maximum</b>				
Individual	\$2,500	\$2,500	None	
<b>Calendar Year Deductible</b>				
Individual / Family	None		None	

<sup>1</sup> Based on Maximum Allowable Charge (In Network Fee Level)

**Note:** The opportunity to stay in a represented or management dental plan upon retirement is based on your Union's Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or the Board Resolution. If at any time you terminate this coverage, you will be waiving your right to return to this plan and will only have the option of enrolling in one of the Voluntary Plans.

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# Voluntary Vision Plan

## VSP

More information about the VSP plan is available online at <http://hr.smcgov.org/employee-benefits>; click on Vision Plan.

Looking for the Perfect Pair?  
Visit [eyeconic.com](http://eyeconic.com)!

VSP's online store lets you use apply your benefits directly to your purchase.

Vision Benefits	In Network	Out-of-Network Reimbursement
Exam Copay	\$10	Up to \$50
Prescription Glasses Copay	\$10	Up to \$70
Annual Eye Exam	Covered in Full	Up to \$50
Single Lenses	Covered in Full	Up to \$50
Bifocal Lenses*	Covered in Full	Up to \$75
Trifocal Lenses*	Covered in Full	Up to \$100
Contacts Fit & Follow Up Exams	15% Discount	No Benefit
Contact Lenses**	Elective	Up to \$150; 15% off over \$150
	Medically Necessary	Covered in Full
Frames	\$130 Allowance; 20% off over \$130 \$70 Costco/Walmart/ Sam's Club frames	Up to \$70
Benefit Frequency	Exam Lenses Frames	Every 12 Months Every 12 Months Every 24 Months



\* Progressive bifocals may be purchased for the difference in cost  
 \*\* Contact lenses are in lieu of spectacle lenses and frames

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# Monthly Cost of Health Benefit

## HEALTH INSURANCE RATE FOR RETIREES UNDER 65

### Monthly Health Insurance Rates for County Retirees (effective January 1, 2023)

Health Insurance Rates for Retirees Under 65		1/1/2023
<b>AETNA FULL HMO</b>		<b>monthly premium</b>
Employee Only		1,252.50
Employee +1		2,505.00
Employee + Family		3,544.58
<b>AETNA AVN HMO</b>		<b>monthly premium</b>
Employee Only		970.22
Employee +1		1,940.42
Employee + Family		2,745.70
<b>AETNA HDHP OAMC PPO</b>		<b>monthly premium</b>
Employee Only		1,035.66
Employee +1		2,071.32
Employee + Family		2,930.94
<b>AETNA OAMC PPO (\$200 Deductible)</b>		<b>monthly premium</b>
Employee Only		1,597.72
Employee +1		3,318.40
Employee + Family		4,828.62
<b>AETNA OAMC PPO (\$300 Deductible)</b>		<b>monthly premium</b>
Employee Only		1,252.50
Employee +1		2,505.00
Employee + Family		3,544.58
<b>KAISER HMO</b>		<b>monthly premium</b>
Employee Only		787.68
Employee +1		1,575.36
Employee + Family		2,229.14
<b>KAISER HDHP</b>		<b>monthly premium</b>
Employee Only		618.64
Employee +1		1,237.28
Employee + Family		1,750.74



# Monthly Cost of Health Benefit

## HEALTH INSURANCE RATE FOR RETIREES 65 AND OVER

### Monthly Health Insurance Rates for County Retirees (effective January 1, 2023)

#### Health Insurance Rates for Retirees 65 and Over

1/1/2023

<b>AETNA OAMC PPO (\$200 Deductible) and MAPPO (Medicare)</b>	<b>monthly premium</b>
Single - Retiree <b>with</b> Medicare	152.50
Two-Party - Both <b>with</b> Medicare	305.00
Two-Party - Ret <b>w/o</b> Medicare (PPO), Spouse <b>with</b> Medicare (PPO)	1,750.22
Two-Party - Ret <b>with</b> Medicare (PPO), Spouse w/o (PPO)	1,873.18
Family - Ret <b>with</b> Med (PPO) + Spouse and Child <b>without</b> (PPO)	3,383.40
Family - Ret <b>with</b> Med, Spouse <b>with</b> Medicare & Child(ren) <b>with</b> Medicare	457.50

<b>AETNA FULL HMO and MAPPO (Medicare)</b>	<b>monthly premium</b>
Two-Party - Ret <b>with</b> Medicare (PPO), Spouse w/o (HMO)	1,405.00
Two-Party - Ret w/o Medicare (HMO), Spouse with Medicare (PPO)	1,405.00
Family - Ret <b>with</b> Med (PPO) + Spouse and Child <b>without</b> (HMO)	2,444.58
Family - Ret & Spouse <b>with</b> Med (PPO) & Child <b>without</b> Medicare (HMO)	1,557.50

<b>AETNA AVN HMO and MAPPO (Medicare)</b>	<b>monthly premium</b>
Two-Party - Ret <b>with</b> Medicare (PPO), Spouse w/o (AVN HMO)	1,122.70
Two-Party - Ret w/o Medicare (AVN HMO), Spouse with Medicare (PPO)	1,122.72
Family - Ret <b>with</b> Med (PPO) + Spouse and Child <b>without</b> (AVN HMO)	1,927.98
Family - Ret & Spouse <b>with</b> (PPO) & Child <b>without</b> Medicare (AVN HMO)	1,275.20

<b>AETNA OAMC PPO (\$300 Deductible) and MAPPO (Medicare)</b>	<b>monthly premium</b>
Two-Party - Ret <b>with</b> Medicare (PPO), Spouse w/o (OOA PPO)	1,405.00
Two-Party - Ret (OOA PPO) + Spouse <b>with</b> Medicare (PPO)	1,405.00
Family - Ret (OOA PPO) + Spouse <b>with</b> Medicare (PPO) + Child (OOA PPO)	2,657.50

<b>Kaiser HMO (Senior Advantage Medicare Combo Rates)</b>	<b>monthly premium</b>
Single - Subscriber <b>with</b> Medicare	302.15
Two-Party - Subscriber <b>with</b> Medicare & Spouse <b>with</b> Medicare	604.30
Two-Party - Subscriber <b>with</b> Medicare & Dependent <b>without</b> Medicare	1,089.83
Two-Party - Subscriber <b>without</b> Medicare & Spouse <b>with</b> Medicare	1,089.83
Family - Subscriber <b>with</b> Medicare & Children <b>without</b> Medicare	1,743.61
Family - Subscriber <b>with</b> Medicare, Spouse <b>without</b> Medicare, & Child <b>without</b> Medicare	1,743.61
Family - Subscriber <b>without</b> Medicare, Spouse <b>with</b> Medicare, and Child <b>without</b> Medicare	1,743.61
Family - Subscriber <b>with</b> Medicare, Spouse <b>with</b> Medicare, and Children <b>without</b> Medicare	1,258.08
Family - Subscriber <b>with</b> Medicare, Spouse <b>without</b> Medicare, and Children <b>without</b> Medicare	1,743.61
Family - Subscriber <b>without</b> Medicare, Spouse <b>with</b> Medicare, and Children <b>without</b> Medicare	1,743.61
Family - Subscriber <b>without</b> Medicare, Spouse <b>with</b> Medicare, and Children <b>with</b> Medicare	1,391.98
Family - Subscriber <b>with</b> Medicare, Spouse <b>with</b> Medicare, and Children <b>with</b> Medicare	906.45

# Monthly Cost of Voluntary Dental & Vision Benefits

## Dental Insurance Rates for Retirees

1/1/2023

Voluntary Cigna Dental DHMO	monthly premium
Single	27.63
Two-Party	46.97
Family	71.84

Voluntary Cigna Dental PPO	monthly premium
Single	41.48
Two-Party	79.86
Family	143.26

## Vision Insurance Rates for Retirees

1/1/2023

Voluntary VSP	monthly premium
Single	8.83
Two-Party	17.65
Family	28.41

### MANAGEMENT AND REPRESENTED DENTAL RATES

If your Represented Union or Board Resolution provides you the opportunity to stay in a represented or management dental plan upon retirement, you will be able to continue on this plan when your available sick leave credits expire.

You will be charged the regular rate for this coverage. If at any time you terminate this coverage, you will be waiving your right to return to this plan and will only have the option of enrolling in one of the Voluntary dental plans during the open enrollment period.

## Dental Insurance Rates for Retirees

1/1/2023

Cigna Dental DHMO	monthly premium
Management	42.98
Represented	42.98

Cigna Dental PPO	monthly premium
Management	135.28
Represented	109.18

## Vision Insurance Rates for Retirees

1/1/2023

VSP-Management	monthly premium
Composite Rate	16.52

# Monthly Cost of Health Benefit

## OPERATING ENGINEERS

### Monthly Health Insurance Rates for County Retirees (effective January 1, 2023)

#### Health Insurance Rates for Retirees Under 65

1/1/2023

<b>OPERATING ENGINEERS PPO, DENTAL &amp; VISION</b>		<b>monthly premium</b>
Employee Only		1,029.00
Employee +1		2,057.00
Employee + Family		2,777.00
<b>OPERATING ENGINEERS KAISER, DENTAL &amp; VISION</b>		<b>monthly premium</b>
Employee Only		947.00
Employee +1		1,894.00
Employee + Family		2,473.00

#### Health Insurance Rates for Retirees 65 and Over

1/1/2023

<b>OPERATING ENGINEERS PPO (Medicare)</b>		<b>monthly premium</b>
Single - Subscriber <b>with</b> Medicare		1,029.00
Two-Party - Subscriber <b>with</b> Medicare & Spouse <b>with</b> Medicare		2,057.00
Family - Subscriber <b>with</b> Medicare, Spouse <b>with</b> Medicare, and Children <b>with</b> Medicare		2,777.00
<b>OPERATING ENGINEERS KAISER (Medicare)</b>		<b>monthly premium</b>
Single - Subscriber <b>with</b> Medicare		397.00
Two-Party - Subscriber <b>with</b> Medicare & Spouse <b>with</b> Medicare		794.00
Family - Subscriber <b>with</b> Medicare, Spouse <b>with</b> Medicare, and Children <b>with</b> Medicare		1,165.00

# Retiree Billing Process with BCC

**Thirty (30) days before you officially retire**, you should meet with a Benefits Partner to complete your retiree paperwork which will include (among others) the Retiree Enrollment Form and BCC Electronic Fund Transfer Form (EFT).

\*If retiring at 65 years of age or over, contact the Benefits Division 90 days before you officially retire.

## WHAT TO EXPECT FROM BCC:

1. Last business day of the month, pension funds are deposited your bank account.
2. On the last business day of the coverage month, BCC will pull funds from your bank account for premium payment of benefits.
3. Use your bank statement as confirmation of payment.
4. Changes to banking accounts must be provided to BCC Customer Service at 800-685-6100 or to the Benefits Division at [benefits@smcgov.org](mailto:benefits@smcgov.org).

# Preventive Care Screening Benefits



## You take your car in for maintenance. Why not do the same for yourself?

Annual preventive checkups can help you and your doctor identify your baseline level of health and detect issues before they become serious.

## What is Preventive Care?

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires health insurers to cover a set of preventive services at no cost to you, even if you haven't met your yearly deductible. The preventive care services you'll need to stay healthy vary by age, gender and medical history. Visit [cdc.gov/prevention](https://www.cdc.gov/prevention) for recommended guidelines. **Preventive care is covered in full only when obtained from an IN-NETWORK provider.**

## Not all exams and tests are considered preventive

Exams performed by specialists are not generally considered preventive and may not be covered at 100 percent. Additionally, certain screenings may be considered diagnostic, not preventive, based on your current medical condition. You may be responsible for paying all or a share of the cost for those services. If you have a question about whether a service will be covered as preventive care, contact your medical plan.

### TYPICAL SCREENINGS FOR ADULTS

- Blood pressure
- Cholesterol
- Diabetes
- Colorectal cancer
- Depression
- STIs



Preventive care for women should include breast and gynecological exams



For men, preventive care should include prostate cancer screening and a testicular exam

## Should I skip my checkup due to COVID-19?

Staying safe from the coronavirus doesn't necessarily mean skipping preventive healthcare. Talk to your doctor about whether you need a checkup right away or can delay until there is a lower risk of being exposed to COVID-19.

Depending on your medical needs, you may be treated with a combination of telehealth and in-person care.

Consider scheduling a flu shot when they're available to avoid a potential combined infection of COVID-19 and the flu. And, of course, seek medical care right away if you have symptoms that need immediate attention. Nearly every doctor's office has added new practices to ensure the safety of patients, providers and other employees.

# Health and Wellness



The Wellness Program is designed to promote your health and well-being through a variety of health, fitness and educational programs, services and activities. By empowering retirees with health education and lifestyle skills, the Wellness Program plays a pivotal role in adopting a healthy lifestyle not just to live a long life, but a quality life where each person continues to be engaged and connected with others.

As a County retiree, you are encouraged to be proactive and take good care of your health. You can attend most health programs and classes at little or no cost to you. Listed below are the wellness programs that you can participate in:

## **Wellness Classes & Services**

- Group Exercises Classes
- Mental Wellbeing Classes
- Nutrition Classes
- Physical Activity Classes
- Physical Activity Team Challenges
- Weight Loss Team Challenges
- Onsite Massage Therapy

## **Health Improvement Classes & Services**

- Diabetes & Pre-diabetes Prevention Classes
- Heart Healthy Classes
- Mindfulness Meditation

## **Special Events/Community Outreach**

- Blood Drives
- Farmers Market
- Health Club Information and Discounts
- Recreation tournaments: Basketball, Bowling, Soccer, Softball, Volleyball...

# Health and Wellness



## Well-Being Tools

Your good health starts here. Your health goals lead the way. Wherever they take you, we'll keep finding new ways to join you – with the latest information and inspiration to support you in your journey. Log into your Aetna Health Member Website at [www.aetna.com](http://www.aetna.com) today to get started.

## Live your healthiest ... with a helping hand

Now you can work with a wellness coach to improve the way you feel. On your schedule. And at no extra cost. This program helps you tackle your top health concerns, like:

- Getting to or staying at a healthy weight
- Stopping smoking
- Eating healthier
- Exercising more
- Taking care of stress

Plus, our wellness coaches help you practice mindfulness, so you can tune into your body's cues and take better care of yourself, inside and out.

## Member Discounts

Save on a variety of expenses, including eye care, fitness, weight management, dental care, senior wellness and nutrition services.

To access these and more log into your Aetna Health Member Website at [www.aetna.com](http://www.aetna.com).

## CLASSPASS IS AVAILABLE!

With gym closures and physical distancing, it can be a challenge to stay physically and mentally healthy right now. ClassPass is a popular fitness membership program that provides access to thousands of different studios, gyms, and wellness offerings, both in-person and virtually.

Members can get:

- **Online video workouts at no cost** — 4,000+ on-demand fitness classes, including cardio, dance, meditation, and more.
- **Discounts on livestream fitness classes** — Real-time online classes, like bootcamp, yoga, and Pilates, from top gyms and fitness studios.

To get started with ClassPass and explore other fitness deals offered to our members, go to [kp.org/exercise](http://kp.org/exercise).



## Wellness Programs

Complimentary programs can help you:

- Lose weight
- Eat healthier
- Quit smoking
- Reduce stress
- Manage ongoing conditions like diabetes or depression

[kp.org/healthylifestyles](http://kp.org/healthylifestyles)

## Member Discounts

Get reduced rates on a variety of health-related products and services through The ChooseHealthy® program. These include:

- Active&Fit Direct — members pay \$25 per month (plus a one-time \$25 enrollment fee) for access to a national network of more than 10,000 fitness centers
- Up to 25% off a contracted provider's regular rates for:
  - Acupuncture
  - Chiropractic care
  - Massage therapy

[kp.org/choosehealthy](http://kp.org/choosehealthy)

## Health Classes

With all kinds of health classes and support groups offered at Kaiser facilities, there's something for everyone. Classes vary at each location, and some may require a fee.

[kp.org/classes](http://kp.org/classes)

# Additional Voluntary Benefits

You can sign up for this program any time throughout the year!



## PET INSURANCE

Pet insurance protects your pet's health—and your budget. Your pet will have coverage for check-ups, accidents or illnesses, and significant medical problems – depending on the plan you choose. Plus, you'll have your choice of vets worldwide.

You can enroll for **My Pet Protection**® and **My Pet Protection with Wellness**®. All members receive free access to Vet Helpline, 24/7 telephone access to veterinary experts who can provide pet health guidance, answer general questions and identify urgent care needs.

You're not limited to just a few providers—you can visit any veterinarian worldwide.



URL: [www.petinsurance.com/cosmretirees](http://www.petinsurance.com/cosmretirees)

Phone Number: 844.208.1108

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- When calling Nationwide, identify yourself as a **County of San Mateo Retiree** to take advantage of County rates and discounts.
- ***Two policies are offered: one with basic coverage and another with expanded Wellness features for your pet.***
- ***Multi-pet discounts are available.***
- There is a 14-day waiting period from date of application and payment of premium.
- Premium payments can be made via check, EFT, or credit card. Some fees may apply.
- 2 months of premium payment is required at time of enrollment.
- Please note that the County of San Mateo does not administer these plans.
- For plan information and administration, please contact Nationwide directly.



# Additional Voluntary Benefits

You can sign up for this program any time throughout the year!



## AUTO & HOME INSURANCE

Auto and home insurance offers competitive coverage and special savings, as well as free, no-obligation quotes from three leading carriers.

It's simple to comparison shop and potentially save money. Have your current policy out and ready when calling or submitting requests for quotes online. Having your current coverage and deductibles handy will provide for a better comparison quote.

**NOTE:** Multi-plans provide a higher discount rate so getting a quote for bundled auto and home policies could provide better overall savings.

In addition to auto and home insurance, you can apply for many different types of personal insurance coverage, including Condo, Renters, Fire, Boat, RV and Motorcycle. Visit the carrier websites below or call the carriers directly to start the quote process. Coverage and policy availability will vary by state.

## YOU CAN CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING CARRIERS:



Webpage: <https://www.libertymutual.com/countyofsanmateo>

Phone Number: 844.224.1114



Webpage: <https://www.myautohome.metlife.com>

Phone Number: 800.438.6381



Webpage:

<https://www.travelers.com/affinity/sponsor/countyofsanmateo>

Phone Number: 888.695.4640

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- When calling carriers, identify yourself as a **County of San Mateo Retiree** to take advantage of County rates and discounts.
- Premium payments can be made via check, EFT, or credit card. Some fees may apply.
- Please note that the County of San Mateo does not administer these plans.
- For plan information and administration, please contact the individual providers directly.

# Key Carrier Contacts At-A-Glance

AETNA AVN, HMO & OAMC PLANS CONCIERGE		
Control/Group #187677	<a href="http://www.aetnaresource.com/p/cosmretiree">www.aetnaresource.com/p/cosmretiree</a>	(833) 576-2494
AETNA MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PPO (65+)		
Group #0014568 for the Medicare Advantage PPO plan	<a href="http://www.AetnaRetireePlans.com">www.AetnaRetireePlans.com</a>	Aetna Medicare PPO Customer Service Pre-Enrollment 800-307-4830 Post-Enrollment 888-267-2637
KAISER PERMANENTE SENIOR ADVANTAGE (65+) TRADITIONAL HMO (UNDER 65)		
Group #7056-0005	<a href="https://kp.org">https://kp.org</a>	(800) 464-4000
UNITED HEALTHCARE GROUP MEDICARE ADVANTAGE HMO (65+)		
Group #515318	<a href="http://www.uhcretiree.com">www.uhcretiree.com</a>	(877) 714-0178
CIGNA DENTAL (DHMO & PPO)		
Group # 3340005	<a href="http://www.cigna.com">www.cigna.com</a>	(800) 244-6224
VSP (VISION)		
Group #25600	<a href="http://www.vsp.com">www.vsp.com</a>	(800) 877-7195
THE STANDARD (Life)		
Group #649107	<a href="http://www.standard.com">www.standard.com</a>	(800) 628-8600
EMPOWER (FORMERLY MASS MUTUAL) (Deferred Compensation)		
County of San Mateo	<a href="http://www.viewmyretirement.com/sanmateocounty">www.viewmyretirement.com/sanmateocounty</a>	(800) 743-5274
SAN MATEO COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION (SamCERA – Pension)		
County of San Mateo	<a href="http://www.samcera.org">www.samcera.org</a>	(650) 599-1234
Avidia Bank - HSA		
	<a href="http://www.avidiabank.com">www.avidiabank.com</a>	(855) 248-6311 <a href="mailto:hsainfo@avidiabank.com">hsainfo@avidiabank.com</a>
OTHER RESOURCES		
<b>California Health Insurance Advocacy Program (HICAP)</b>	Free help with Medicare benefits and long term care insurance, including counseling, advocacy and general information	(800) 434-0222 (650) 627-9350 (San Mateo office) <a href="http://www.cahealthadvocates.org">www.cahealthadvocates.org</a>
<b>Medicare</b>	Official government site with all your Medicare information	(800) MEDICARE <a href="http://www.medicare.gov">www.medicare.gov</a>

# GLOSSARY

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### **AD&D Insurance**

An insurance plan that pays a benefit to you or your beneficiary if you suffer from loss of a limb, speech, sight, or hearing, or if you have a fatal accident.

### **Allowed Amount**

The maximum amount your plan will pay for a covered healthcare service.

### **Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC)**

A healthcare facility that specializes in same-day surgical procedures such as cataracts, colonoscopies, upper GI endoscopy, orthopedic surgery, and more.

### **Annual Limit**

A cap on the benefits your plan will pay in a year. Limits may be placed on particular services such as prescriptions or hospitalizations. Annual limits may be placed on the dollar amount of covered services or on the number of visits that will be covered for a particular service. After an annual limit is reached, you must pay all associated health care costs for the rest of the plan year.

## -B-

### **Balance Billing**

In-network providers are not allowed to bill you for more than the plan's allowable charge, but out-of-network providers are. This is called balance billing. For example, if the provider's fee is \$100 but the plan's allowable charge is only \$70, an out-of-network provider may bill YOU for the \$30 difference (the balance).

### **Beneficiary**

The person (or persons) that you name to be paid a benefit should you die. Beneficiaries are requested for life, AD&D, and retirement plans. You must name your beneficiary in advance.

### **Brand Name Drug**

A drug sold under its trademarked name. For example, Lipitor is the brand name of a common cholesterol medicine.

## -C-

### **COBRA**

A federal law that may allow you to temporarily continue healthcare coverage after your employment ends, based on certain qualifying events. If you elect COBRA (Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act) coverage, you pay 100% of the premiums, including any share your employer used to pay, plus a small administrative fee.

### **Claim**

A request for payment that you or your health care provider submits to your healthcare plan after you receive services that may be covered.

### **Coinsurance**

Your share of the cost of a healthcare visit or service. Coinsurance is expressed as a percentage and always adds up to 100%. For example, if the plan pays 70%, your coinsurance responsibility is 30% of the cost. If your plan has a deductible, you pay 100% of the cost until you meet your deductible amount.

### **Copayment**

A flat fee you pay for some healthcare services, for example, a doctor's office visit. You pay the copayment (sometimes called a copay) at the time you receive care. In most cases, copays do not count toward the deductible.

## -D-

### **Deductible**

The amount of healthcare expenses you have to pay for with your own money before your health plan will pay. The deductible does not apply to preventive care and certain other services.

Family coverage may have an **aggregate** or **embedded** deductible. Aggregate means your family must meet the entire family deductible before any individual expenses are covered. Embedded means the plan begins to make payments for an individual member as soon as they reach their individual deductible.

### **Dental Basic Services**

Services such as fillings, routine extractions and some oral surgery procedures.

**Dental Diagnostic & Preventive** Generally includes routine cleanings, oral exams, x-rays, and fluoride treatments. Most plans limit preventive exams and cleanings to two times a year.

### **Dental Major Services**

Complex or restorative dental work such as crowns, bridges, dentures, inlays and onlays.

### **Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account (FSA)**

An arrangement through your employer that lets you pay for eligible child and elder care expenses with tax-free dollars. Eligible expenses include day care, before and after-school programs, preschool, and summer day camp for children underage

13. Also included is care for a spouse or other dependent who lives with you and is physically incapable of self-care.

## -E-

### **Eligible Expense**

A service or product that is covered by your plan. Your plan will not cover any of the cost if the expense is not eligible.

### **Excluded Service**

A service that your health plan doesn't pay for or cover.

## -F-

### **Formulary**

A list of prescription drugs covered by your medical plan or prescription drug plan. Also called a drug list.

## -G-

### **Generic Drug**

A drug that has the same active ingredients as a brand name drug but is sold under a different name. For example, Atorvastatin is the generic name for medicines with the same formula as Lipitor.

### **Grandfathered**

A medical plan that is exempt from certain provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

## -H-

**Health Reimbursement Account (HRA)** An account funded by an employer that reimburses employees, tax-free, for qualified medical expenses up to a maximum amount per year. Sometimes called Health Reimbursement Arrangements.

### **Healthcare Flexible Spending Account (FSA)**

A health account through your employer that lets you pay for many out-of-pocket medical expenses with tax-free dollars. Eligible expenses include insurance copayments and deductibles, qualified prescription drugs, insulin, and medical devices, and some over-the-counter items.

**High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP)** A medical plan with a higher deductible than a traditional insurance plan. The monthly premium is usually lower, but you pay more health care costs (the deductible) before the insurance company starts to pay its share. A high deductible plan (HDHP) may make you eligible for a health savings account (HSA) that allows you to pay for certain medical expenses with money free from federal taxes.

# GLOSSARY

## -I-

### **In-Network**

In-network providers and services contract with your healthcare plan and will usually be the lowest cost option. Check your plan's website to find doctors, hospitals, labs, and pharmacies. Out-of-network services will cost more or may not be covered.

## -L-

### **Life Insurance**

An insurance plan that pays your beneficiary a lump sum if you die.

### **Long Term Disability Insurance**

Insurance that replaces a portion of your income if you are unable to work due to a debilitating illness, serious injury, or mental disorder. Long term disability generally starts after a 90-day waiting period.

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### **Mail Order**

A feature of a medical or prescription drug plan where medicines you take routinely can be delivered by mail in a 90-day supply.

## -O-

### **Open Enrollment**

The time of year when you can change the benefit plans you are enrolled in and the dependents you cover. Open enrollment is held one time each year. Outside of open enrollment, you can only make changes if you have certain events in your life, like getting married or adding a new baby or child in the family.

### **Out-of-Network**

Out-of-network providers (doctors, hospitals, labs, etc.) cost you more because they are not contracted with your plan and are not obligated to limit their maximum fees. Some plans, such as HMOs and EPOs, do not cover out-of-network services at all.

### **Out-of-Pocket Cost**

A healthcare expense you are responsible for paying with your own money, whether from your bank account, credit card, or from a health account such as an HSA, FSA or HRA.

### **Out-of-Pocket Maximum**

Protects you from big medical bills. Once costs "out of your own pocket" reach this amount, the plan pays 100% of most remaining eligible expenses for the rest of the plan year.

Family coverage may have an *aggregate* or *embedded* maximum. Aggregate means your family must meet the entire family out-of-pocket maximum before the plan pays 100% for any member. Embedded means the plan will cover 100% for an individual member as soon as they reach their individual maximum.

### **Outpatient Care**

Care from a hospital that doesn't require you to stay overnight.

## -P-

### **Participating Pharmacy**

A pharmacy that contracts with your medical or drug plan and will usually result in the lowest cost for prescription medications.

### **Plan Year**

A 12-month period of benefits coverage. The 12-month period may or may not be the same as the calendar year.

### **Preferred Drug**

Each health plan has a preferred drug list that includes prescription medicines based on an evaluation of effectiveness and cost. Another name for this list is a "formulary." The plan may charge more for non-preferred drugs or for brand name drugs that have generic versions. Drugs that are not on the preferred drug list may not be covered.

### **Preventive Care Services**

Routine healthcare visits that may include screenings, tests, check-ups, immunizations, and patient counseling to prevent illnesses, disease, or other health problems. Many preventive care services are fully covered. Check with your health plan in advance if you have questions about whether a preventive service is covered.

### **Primary Care Provider (PCP)**

The main doctor you consult for healthcare issues. Some medical plans require members to name a specific doctor as their PCP and require care and referrals to be directed or approved by that provider.

## -S-

### **Short Term Disability Insurance**

Insurance that replaces a portion of your income if you are temporarily unable to work due to surgery and recovery time, a prolonged illness or injury, or pregnancy issues and childbirth recovery.

## -T-

### **Telehealth / Telemedicine / Teledoc**

A virtual visit to a doctor using video chat on a computer, tablet or smartphone. Telehealth visits can be used for many common, non-serious illnesses and injuries and are available 24/7. Many health plans and medical groups provide telehealth services at no cost or for much less than an office visit.

## -U-

### **UCR (Usual, Customary, and Reasonable)**

The amount paid for a medical service in a geographic area based on what providers in the area usually charge for the same or similar medical service. The UCR amount sometimes is used to determine the allowed amount.

### **Urgent Care**

Care for an illness, injury or condition serious enough that care is needed right away, but not so severe it requires emergency room care. Treatment at an urgent care center generally costs much less than an emergency room visit.

## -V-

### **Vaccinations**

Treatment to prevent common illnesses such as flu, pneumonia, measles, polio, meningitis, shingles, and other diseases. Also called immunizations.

### **Voluntary Benefit**

An optional benefit plan offered by your employer for which you pay the entire premium, usually through payroll deduction.

# Important Plan Notices and Documents

## Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act

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 this plan. Therefore, deductibles and coinsurance apply. If you would like more information on WHCRA benefits, call your plan administrator.

## Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act

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). If you would like more information on maternity benefits, call your plan administrator.

## Notice of Choice Providers

The County of San Mateo allows the designation of a primary care provider. You have the right to designate any primary care provider who participates in our network and who is available to accept you or your family members. Until you make this designation, HMO plans designate one for you. For information on how to select a primary care provider, and for a list of the participating primary care providers, contact the benefits division at 650-363-1919 or [benefits@smcgov.org](mailto:benefits@smcgov.org).

You do not need prior authorization from the carrier or from any other person (including a primary care provider) in order to obtain access to obstetrical or gynecological care from a health care professional in our network who specializes in obstetrics or gynecology. The health care professional, however, may be required to comply with certain procedures, including obtaining prior authorization for certain services, following a pre-approved treatment plan, or procedures for making referrals. For a list of participating health care professionals who specialize in obstetrics or gynecology, contact the benefits division at 650-363-1919 or [benefits@smcgov.org](mailto:benefits@smcgov.org).

# Notice Regarding Wellness Program

County of San Mateo Wellness Dividend Program is a voluntary wellness program available to all employees. The program is administered according to federal rules permitting employer-sponsored wellness programs that seek to improve employee health or prevent disease, including the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, as applicable, among others. If you choose to participate in the wellness program you may be asked to complete a voluntary health risk assessment or “HRA” that asks a series of questions about your health-related activities and behaviors and whether you have or had certain medical conditions (e.g., cancer, diabetes, or heart disease). You may also be asked to complete a biometric screening, which would include a blood test for glucose, HDL, LDL, triglycerides and total cholesterol. You are not required to complete an HRA or to participate in any blood tests or other medical examinations.

However, employees who choose to participate in the wellness program will receive a cash incentive for completing a Health Risk Assessment, one MyPlan, and one Personal Wellness Plan on PreventionCloud. Although you are not required to complete an HRA or participate in any biometric screenings, only employees who do so will receive \$500 - \$750.

Wellness Basket prizes may be available for employees who participate in certain health-related activities such as physical activity challenges, completing surveys, attending Wellness Fair sessions. If you are unable to participate in any of the health-related activities, you may be entitled to a reasonable accommodation or an alternative standard. You may request a reasonable accommodation or an alternative standard by contacting Employee Wellness at [wellness@smcgov.org](mailto:wellness@smcgov.org).

The information from your HRA and/or the results from your biometric screening will be used to provide you with information to help you understand your current health and potential risks, and may also be used to offer you services through the wellness program, such as health coaching. You also are encouraged to share your results or concerns with your own doctor.

## Protections from Disclosure of Medical Information

We are required by law to maintain the privacy and security of your personally identifiable health information. Although the wellness program and the County of San Mateo may use aggregate information it collects to design a program based on identified health risks in the workplace, the County of San Mateo Wellness Dividend Program will never disclose any of your personal information either publicly or to the employer, except as necessary to respond to a request from you for a reasonable accommodation needed to participate in the wellness program, or as expressly permitted by law. Medical information that personally identifies you that is provided in connection with the wellness program will not be provided to your supervisors or managers and may never be used to make decisions regarding your employment.

Your health information will not be sold, exchanged, transferred, or otherwise disclosed except to the extent permitted by law to carry out specific activities related to the wellness program, and you will not be asked or required to waive the confidentiality of your health information as a condition of participating in the wellness program or receiving an incentive. Anyone who receives your information for purposes of providing you services as part of the wellness program will abide by the same confidentiality requirements. The only individual that may receive your personally identifiable health information is a health coach in order to provide you with services under the wellness program.

**CMS Form 10182-CC Updated April 1, 2011** According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0938-0990. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 8 hours per response initially, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. If you have comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to: CMS, 7500 Security Boulevard, Attn: PRA Reports Clearance Officer, Mail Stop C4-26-05, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

In addition, all medical information obtained through the wellness program will be maintained separate from your personnel records, information stored electronically will be encrypted, and no information you provide as part of the wellness program will be used in making any employment decision. Appropriate precautions will be taken to avoid any data breach, and in the event a data breach occurs involving information you provide in connection with the wellness program, we will notify you immediately.

You may not be discriminated against in employment because of the medical information you provide as part of participating in the wellness program, nor may you be subjected to retaliation if you choose not to participate. If you have questions or concerns regarding this notice, or about protections against discrimination and retaliation, please contact Employee Wellness at [wellness@smcgov.org](mailto:wellness@smcgov.org).

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# Medicare Part D Notice

## Important Notice from County of San Mateo 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 County of San Mateo 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:

1. 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.

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2. County of San Mateo has determined that the prescription drug coverage offered by Kaiser Permanente, Aetna of California, and United Healthcare are, 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 County of San Mateo coverage will not be affected. See below for more information about what happens to your current coverage if you join a Medicare drug plan.

Since the existing prescription drug coverage under the County of San Mateo are creditable (e.g., as good as Medicare coverage), you can retain your existing prescription drug coverage and choose not to enroll in a Part D plan; or you can enroll in a Part D plan as a supplement to, or in lieu of, your existing prescription drug coverage.

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If you do decide to join a Medicare drug plan and drop your County of San Mateo prescription drug coverage, be aware that you and your dependents can only get this coverage back at open enrollment or if you experience an event that gives rise to a HIPAA Special Enrollment Right.

### **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 County of San Mateo 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 [or call [the County of San Mateo Human Resources Department- Benefits Division at (650)363-1919. 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 County of San Mateo 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.

For more information about Medicare prescription drug coverage:

- Visit [medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov)
- Call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see the inside back cover of your copy of the "Medicare & You" handbook for their telephone number) for personalized help
- Call 800-MEDICARE (800-633-4227). TTY users should call 877-486-2048.

If you have limited income and resources, extra help paying for Medicare prescription drug coverage is available. For information about this extra help, visit Social Security on the web at [socialsecurity.gov](https://www.socialsecurity.gov), or call them at 800-772-1213 (TTY 800-325-0778).

Remember: Keep this Creditable Coverage notice. If you decide to join one of the Medicare drug plans, you may be required to provide a copy of this notice when you join 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: January 1, 2023

Name of Entity: County of San Mateo

Contact: Human Resources- Benefits Division

Address: 455 County Center, 5th Floor Redwood City, CA 94063

Phone: (650) 363-1919

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# HIPAA PRIVACY NOTICE

## COUNTY OF SAN MATEO PRIVACY PRACTICES NOTICE

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THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY. THE PRIVACY OF YOUR MEDICAL INFORMATION IS IMPORTANT TO US.

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**{The following summary section is optional, though suggested by HHS for a “layered notice” at 67 Fed. Reg. 53243**

**(Aug. 14, 2002) and 78 Fed. Reg. 5625 (Jan. 25, 2013).}**

### **Summary of Our Privacy Practices**

We may use and disclose your protected health information (“medical information”), without your permission, for treatment, payment, and health care operations activities. We may use and disclose your medical information, without your permission, when required or authorized by law for public health activities, law enforcement, judicial and administrative proceedings, research, and certain other public benefit functions.

We may disclose your medical information to your family members, friends, and others you involve in your care or payment for your health care. We may disclose your medical information to appropriate public and private agencies in disaster relief situations.

We may disclose to your employer whether you are enrolled or disenrolled in the health plans it sponsors. We may disclose summary health information to your employer for certain limited purposes. We may disclose your medical information to your employer to administer your group health plan if your employer explains the limitations on its use and disclosure of your medical information in the plan document for your group health plan.

Except for certain legally-approved uses and disclosures, we will not otherwise use or disclose your medical information without your written authorization.

You have the right to examine and receive a copy of your medical information. You have the right to receive an accounting of certain disclosures we may make of your medical information. You have the right to request that we amend, further restrict use and disclosure of, or communicate in confidence with you about your medical information.

You have the right to receive notice of breaches of your unsecured medical information.

Please review this entire notice for details about the uses and disclosures we may make of your medical information, about your rights and how to exercise them, and about complaints regarding or additional information about our privacy practices.

For more information about our privacy practices, to discuss questions or concerns, or to get additional copies of this notice contact:

Office: Benefits Division

Telephone: (650) 363-1919

E-mail: [benefits@smcgov.org](mailto:benefits@smcgov.org)

Address: 455 County Center 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Redwood City, CA 94063

# Notice of Certain Deadline Extensions and Summary of Material Modifications

## Prepared for the County of San Mateo Participants

This document provides notice of the potential expiration of the deadline relief that began on March 1, 2020 and an explanation of how that expiration will affect certain deadlines tolled under prior guidance applicable to ERISA plans. Specifically deadlines cannot be tolled for longer than one-year, **so depending on the date an individual action would have been required, some deadline extensions will be expiring on February 28, 2021. Whether deadlines are tolled or resume will depend on the specific date you were required to take action or provide notice to the plan.** This is a Summary of Material Modifications (“Summary”) to the extent those extensions applied to ERISA benefits under the County of San Mateo’s (“the Plan”). You should take the time to read this Summary carefully and keep it with the Summary Plan Description (“SPD”) document that was previously provided to you. If you need another copy of the SPD or if you have any questions regarding these changes to the Plan, please contact the County of San Mateo’s during normal business hours at 650-363-1919 or [benefits@smcgov.org](mailto:benefits@smcgov.org).

## End of Relief Period Extending Certain Deadlines in Response to the COVID-19 Crisis will Depend on the Date an Individual Action Would Have been Required with some Deadlines resuming Feb. 28, 2021

On April 28, 2020 Multi-Agency guidance extended certain deadlines that apply to group health plans that fall within the COVID-19 outbreak period beginning **March 1, 2020**. Those deadlines included and were limited to the following:

- The 30-day period to request special enrollment under HIPAA (or 60-day period as applicable to CHIP enrollment requests);
  - employees, spouses, and new dependents are allowed to enroll upon marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption;
  - employees and dependents are allowed to enroll if they had declined coverage due to other health coverage and then lose eligibility or lose all employer contributions towards active coverage;
  - employees and their dependents are allowed to enroll upon loss of coverage under a state Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) or Medicaid or who are eligible to receive premium assistance under those programs;
- The 60-day election period for COBRA continuation coverage;
- The deadline for making COBRA premium payments;
- The 60-day deadline for individuals to notify a plan of a COBRA qualifying event or determination of disability;
- The deadline for individuals to file an ERISA benefit claim under the plan’s claims procedure (including a H-FSA run out period deadline that ends during the outbreak period); or
- The deadline for claimants to file an appeal of an adverse benefit determination, a request for an external review, and to file information related to a request for external review for an ERISA plan.

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The period that these deadlines can be tolled is limited to one year. On Feb. 28, 2021, one year from March 1, 2020, some of the above timelines will no longer be tolled.

Individual timeframes listed above that are subject to deadline relief will have the applicable deadlines disregarded only until the earlier of: (a) 1 year from the date they were first eligible for relief, or (b) 60 days after the announced end of the National Emergency (the end of the Outbreak Period). On those individualized applicable dates, the timeframes for employees/participants with periods that were previously tolled will resume.

#### Examples and Explanations:

If a qualified beneficiary would have been required to make a COBRA election by March 1, 2020, the individual can wait until February 28, 2021, which is the earlier of 1 year from March 1, 2020 or the end of the Outbreak Period. Because the individual had 60 days to elect before the start of the Outbreak he or she would need to make an election by February 28, 2021.

If a qualified beneficiary would have been required to make a COBRA election by March 1, 2021, the Notice delays that election requirement until the earlier of 1 year from that date (March 1, 2022) or the end of the Outbreak Period, with the possibility of an additional 60-day extension.

If an individual experienced the birth of a child in February 2021 and the National Emergency was declared over July 1, 2021 (**hypothetically**), the employee would have 60 days from the end of the National Emergency plus 30 days under HIPAA to give notice of the birth to request enrollment from the plan, September 29, 2021.

Again, if you have any questions regarding these changes to the Plan or your specific circumstances, please contact the County of San Mateo during normal business hours at 650-363-1919 or [benefits@smcgov.org](mailto:benefits@smcgov.org).

## NON DISCRIMINATORY TESTING FOR CAFETERIA PLANS GOVERNED UNDER CODE SECTION 125

IRS requires each plan governed under “Code Section 125 cafeteria plans” to go through non-discriminatory testing each plan year to see if our plan passes. These plans offer a favorable pre-tax benefit and the IRS requires plans to conduct special non-discriminatory testing on all plans that offer a favorable pre-tax benefit each year.

The codes nondiscrimination rules exist to prevent plans from being designed in such a way that it discriminates in favor of individuals who are either highly compensated employees or are otherwise key employees in the organization.

The plans will not pass the tests if the highly compensated employees or key employees elect more benefits under the plan than employees who are not highly compensated. This is called a “Concentration Test”. If plans fail the concentrations testing, adjustments may be required to the yearly election amounts. Adjustments will not be made if the plan passes.

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# MODEL COBRA CONTINUATION COVERAGE ELECTION NOTICE

(FOR USE BY SINGLE-EMPLOYER GROUP HEALTH PLANS)

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION: COBRA Continuation Coverage and other Health Coverage Alternatives

This notice has important information about your right to continue your health care coverage in the [enter name of group health plan] (the Plan), as well as other health coverage options that may be available to you, including coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace at [www.HealthCare.gov](http://www.HealthCare.gov) or call 1-800-318-2596. You may be able to get coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace that costs less than COBRA continuation coverage. Please read the information in this notice very carefully before you make your decision. If you choose to elect COBRA continuation coverage, you should use the election form provided later in this notice.

## WHY AM I GETTING THIS NOTICE?

You're getting this notice because your coverage under the Plan will end on [enter date] due to [check appropriate box]:

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> End of employment       | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduction in hours of employment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Death of employee       | <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce or legal separation      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entitlement to Medicare | <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of dependent child status   |

Federal law requires that most group health plans (including this Plan) give employees and their families the opportunity to continue their health care coverage through COBRA continuation coverage when there's a "qualifying event" that would result in a loss of coverage under an employer's plan.

## WHAT'S COBRA CONTINUATION COVERAGE?

COBRA continuation coverage is the same coverage that the Plan gives to other participants or beneficiaries who aren't getting continuation coverage. Each "qualified beneficiary" (described below) who elects COBRA continuation coverage will have the same rights under the Plan as other participants or beneficiaries covered under the Plan.

## WHO ARE THE QUALIFIED BENEFICIARIES?

Each person ("qualified beneficiary") in the category(ies) checked below can elect COBRA continuation coverage:

- Employee or former employee
- Spouse or former spouse
- Dependent child(ren) covered under the Plan on the day before the event that caused the loss of coverage
- Child who is losing coverage under the Plan because he or she is no longer a dependent under the Plan

## ARE THERE OTHER COVERAGE OPTIONS BESIDES COBRA CONTINUATION COVERAGE?

Yes. Instead of enrolling in COBRA continuation coverage, there may be other more affordable coverage options for you and your family through the Health Insurance Marketplace, Medicaid, or other group health plan coverage options (such as a spouse's plan) through what is called a "special enrollment period." Some of these options may cost less than COBRA continuation coverage.

You should compare your other coverage options with COBRA continuation coverage and choose the coverage that is best for you. For example, if you move to other coverage you may pay more out of pocket than you would under COBRA because the new coverage may impose a new deductible.

When you lose job-based health coverage, it's important that you choose carefully between COBRA continuation coverage and other coverage options, because once you've made your choice, it can be difficult or impossible to switch to another coverage option.

## IF I ELECT COBRA CONTINUATION COVERAGE, WHEN WILL MY COVERAGE BEGIN AND HOW LONG WILL THE COVERAGE LAST?

If elected, COBRA continuation coverage will begin on the first of the month following your separation from the County and can last for eighteen (18) months.

Continuation coverage may end before the date noted above in certain circumstances, like failure to pay premiums, fraud, or the individual becomes covered under another group health plan.

#### CAN I EXTEND THE LENGTH OF COBRA CONTINUATION COVERAGE?

If you elect continuation coverage, you may be able to extend the length of continuation coverage if a qualified beneficiary is disabled, or if a second qualifying event occurs. You must notify [enter name of party responsible for COBRA administration] of a disability or a second qualifying event within a certain time period to extend the period of continuation coverage. If you don't provide notice of a disability or second qualifying event within the required time period, it will affect your right to extend the period of continuation coverage.

For more information about extending the length of COBRA continuation coverage visit

<https://www.dol.gov/ebsa/publications/cobraemployee.html>.

#### HOW MUCH DOES COBRA CONTINUATION COVERAGE COST?

COBRA continuation coverage will cost: [enter amount each qualified beneficiary will be required to pay for each option per month of coverage and any other permitted coverage periods.]

Other coverage options may cost less. If you choose to elect continuation coverage, you don't have to send any payment with the Election Form. Additional information about payment will be provided to you after the election form is received by the Plan. Important information about paying your premium can be found at the end of this notice.

You may be able to get coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace that costs less than COBRA continuation coverage. You can learn more about the Marketplace below.

#### WHAT IS THE HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE?

The Marketplace offers "one-stop shopping" to find and compare private health insurance options. In the Marketplace, you could be eligible for a new kind of tax credit that lowers your monthly premiums and cost-sharing reductions (amounts that lower your out-of-pocket costs for deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments) right away, and you can see what your premium, deductibles, and out-of-pocket costs will be before you make a decision to enroll. Through the Marketplace you'll also learn if you qualify for free or low-cost coverage from [Medicaid](#) or the [Children's Health Insurance Program \(CHIP\)](#). You can access the Marketplace for your state at [www.HealthCare.gov](http://www.HealthCare.gov).

Coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace may cost less than COBRA continuation coverage. Being offered COBRA continuation coverage won't limit your eligibility for coverage or for a tax credit through the Marketplace.

#### WHEN CAN I ENROLL IN MARKETPLACE COVERAGE?

You always have 60 days from the time you lose your job-based coverage to enroll in the Marketplace. That is because losing your job-based health coverage is a "special enrollment" event. After 60 days your special enrollment period will end and you may not be able to enroll, so you should take action right away. In addition, during what is called an "open enrollment" period, anyone can enroll in Marketplace coverage.

To find out more about enrolling in the Marketplace, such as when the next open enrollment period will be and what you need to know about qualifying events and special enrollment periods, visit [www.HealthCare.gov](http://www.HealthCare.gov).

#### IF I SIGN UP FOR COBRA CONTINUATION COVERAGE, CAN I SWITCH TO COVERAGE IN THE MARKETPLACE? WHAT ABOUT IF I CHOOSE MARKETPLACE COVERAGE AND WANT TO SWITCH BACK TO COBRA CONTINUATION COVERAGE?

If you sign up for COBRA continuation coverage, you can switch to a Marketplace plan during a Marketplace open enrollment period. You can also end your COBRA continuation coverage early and switch to a Marketplace plan if

you have another qualifying event such as marriage or birth of a child through something called a “special enrollment period.” But be careful though - if you terminate your COBRA continuation coverage early without another qualifying event, you’ll have to wait to enroll in Marketplace coverage until the next open enrollment period, and could end up without any health coverage in the interim.

Once you’ve exhausted your COBRA continuation coverage and the coverage expires, you’ll be eligible to enroll in Marketplace coverage through a special enrollment period, even if Marketplace open enrollment has ended. If you sign up for Marketplace coverage instead of COBRA continuation coverage, you cannot switch to COBRA continuation coverage under any circumstances.

#### CAN I ENROLL IN ANOTHER GROUP HEALTH PLAN?

You may be eligible to enroll in coverage under another group health plan (like a spouse’s plan), if you request enrollment within 30 days of the loss of coverage.

If you or your dependent chooses to elect COBRA continuation coverage instead of enrolling in another group health plan for which you’re eligible, you’ll have another opportunity to enroll in the other group health plan within 30 days of losing your COBRA continuation coverage.

#### WHAT FACTORS SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING COVERAGE OPTIONS?

When considering your options for health coverage, you may want to think about:

- **Premiums:** Your previous plan can charge up to 102% of total plan premiums for COBRA coverage. Other options, like coverage on a spouse’s plan or through the Marketplace, may be less expensive.
- **Provider Networks:** If you’re currently getting care or treatment for a condition, a change in your health coverage may affect your access to a particular health care provider. You may want to check to see if your current health care providers participate in a network as you consider options for health coverage.
- **Drug Formularies:** If you’re currently taking medication, a change in your health coverage may affect your costs for medication – and in some cases, your medication may not be covered by another plan. You may want to check to see if your current medications are listed in drug formularies for other health coverage.
- **Severance payments:** If you lost your job and got a severance package from your former employer, your former employer may have offered to pay some or all of your COBRA payments for a period of time. In this scenario, you may want to contact the Department of Labor at 1-866-444-3272 to discuss your options.
- **Service Areas:** Some plans limit their benefits to specific service or coverage areas – so if you move to another area of the country, you may not be able to use your benefits. You may want to see if your plan has a service or coverage area, or other similar limitations.
- **Other Cost-Sharing:** In addition to premiums or contributions for health coverage, you probably pay copayments, deductibles, coinsurance, or other amounts as you use your benefits. You may want to check to see what the cost-sharing requirements are for other health coverage options. For example, one option may have much lower monthly premiums, but a much higher deductible and higher copayments.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

This notice doesn’t fully describe continuation coverage or other rights under the Plan. More information about continuation coverage and your rights under the Plan is available in your summary plan description or from the Plan Administrator.

If you have questions about the information in this notice, your rights to coverage, or if you want a copy of your summary plan description, contact [enter name of party responsible for COBRA administration for the Plan, with telephone number and address].

For more information about your rights under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), including COBRA, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and other laws affecting group health plans, visit the U.S. Department of Labor’s Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) website at [www.dol.gov/ebsa](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa) or call their toll-free number at 1-866-444-3272. For more information about health insurance options available through the Health Insurance Marketplace, and to locate an assister in your area who you can talk to about the different options, visit [www.HealthCare.gov](http://www.HealthCare.gov).

#### KEEP YOUR PLAN INFORMED OF ADDRESS CHANGES

To protect your and your family's rights, keep the Plan Administrator informed of any changes in your address and the addresses of family members. You should also keep a copy of any notices you send to the Plan Administrator.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PAYMENT

##### FIRST PAYMENT FOR CONTINUATION COVERAGE

You must make your first payment for continuation coverage no later than 45 days after the date of your election (this is the date the Election Notice is postmarked). If you don't make your first payment in full no later than 45 days after the date of your election, you'll lose all continuation coverage rights under the Plan. You're responsible for making sure that the amount of your first payment is correct. You may contact [enter appropriate contact information, e.g., the Plan Administrator or other party responsible for COBRA administration under the Plan] to confirm the correct amount of your first payment.

##### PERIODIC PAYMENTS FOR CONTINUATION COVERAGE

After you make your first payment for continuation coverage, you'll have to make periodic payments for each coverage period that follows. The amount due for each coverage period for each qualified beneficiary is shown in this notice. The periodic payments can be made on a monthly basis. Under the Plan, each of these periodic payments for continuation coverage is due [enter due day for each monthly payment] for that coverage period. [If Plan offers other payment schedules, enter with appropriate dates: You may instead make payments for continuation coverage for the following coverage periods, due on the following dates:]. If you make a periodic payment on or before the first day of the coverage period to which it applies, your coverage under the Plan will continue for that coverage period without any break. The Plan [select one: will or will not] send periodic notices of payments due for these coverage periods.

##### GRACE PERIODS FOR PERIODIC PAYMENTS

Although periodic payments are due on the dates shown above, you'll be given a grace period of 30 days after the first day of the coverage period [or enter longer period permitted by Plan] to make each periodic payment. You'll get continuation coverage for each coverage period as long as payment for that coverage period is made before the end of the grace period.

If you don't make a periodic payment before the end of the grace period for that coverage period, you'll lose all rights to continuation coverage under the Plan. Your first payment and all periodic payments for continuation coverage should be sent to BCC.



# 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](http://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](http://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.askebsa.dol.gov](http://www.askebsa.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, 2022. Contact your State for more information on eligibility –**

<b>ALABAMA – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="http://myalhipp.com/">http://myalhipp.com/</a> Phone: 1-855-692-5447
<b>ALASKA – Medicaid</b>
The AK Health Insurance Premium Payment Program   Website: <a href="http://myakhipp.com/">http://myakhipp.com/</a> Phone: 1-866-251-4861 Email: <a href="mailto:CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com">CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com</a> Medicaid Eligibility: <a href="http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/medicaid/default.aspx">http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/medicaid/default.aspx</a>
<b>ARKANSAS – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="http://myarhipp.com/">http://myarhipp.com/</a>   Phone: 1-855-MyARHIPP (855-692-7447)
<b>CALIFORNIA – Medicaid</b>
Website: Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program <a href="http://dhcs.ca.gov/hipp">http://dhcs.ca.gov/hipp</a> Phone: 916-445-8322   Fax: 916-440-5676 Email: <a href="mailto:hipp@dhcs.ca.gov">hipp@dhcs.ca.gov</a>
<b>COLORADO – Health First Colorado (Colorado’s Medicaid Program) &amp; Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)</b>
Health First Colorado Website: <a href="https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/">https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/</a> Health First Colorado Member Contact Center: 1-800-221-3943   State Relay 711 CHP+: <a href="https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/child-health-plan-plus">https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/child-health-plan-plus</a> CHP+ Customer Service: 1-800-359-1991   State Relay 711 Health Insurance Buy-In Program (HIBI): <a href="https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/health-insurance-buy-program">https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/health-insurance-buy-program</a> HIBI Customer Service: 1-855-692-6442
<b>FLORIDA – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="https://www.flmedicaidprecovery.com/flmedicaidprecovery.com/hipp/index.html">https://www.flmedicaidprecovery.com/flmedicaidprecovery.com/hipp/index.html</a>

Phone: 1-877-357-3268

**GEORGIA – Medicaid**

GA HIPP Website: <https://medicaid.georgia.gov/health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp>

Phone: 678-564-1162, press 1

GA CHIPRA Website: <https://medicaid.georgia.gov/programs/third-party-liability/childrens-health-insurance-program-reauthorization-act-2009-chipra>

Phone: 678-564-1162, press 2

**INDIANA – Medicaid**

Healthy Indiana Plan for low-income adults 19-64 | Website: <http://www.in.gov/fssa/hip/>

Phone: 1-877-438-4479

All other Medicaid | Website: <https://www.in.gov/medicaid/>

Phone 1-800-457-4584

**IOWA – Medicaid and CHIP (Hawki)**

Medicaid Website: <https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members> | Medicaid Phone: 1-800-338-8366

Hawki Website: <http://dhs.iowa.gov/Hawki> | Hawki Phone: 1-800-257-8563

HIPP Website: <https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members/medicaid-a-to-z/hipp> | HIPP Phone: 1-888-346-9562

**KANSAS – Medicaid**

Website: <https://www.kancare.ks.gov/> | Phone: 1-800-792-4884

**KENTUCKY – Medicaid**

Kentucky Integrated Health Insurance Premium Payment Program (KI-HIPP)

Website: <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/member/Pages/kihipp.aspx> | Phone: 1-855-459-6328

Email: [KIHIPPI.PROGRAM@ky.gov](mailto:KIHIPPI.PROGRAM@ky.gov)

KCHIP Website: <https://kidshealth.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx> | Phone: 1-877-524-4718

Kentucky Medicaid Website: <https://chfs.ky.gov>

**LOUISIANA – Medicaid**

Website: [www.medicicaid.la.gov](http://www.medicicaid.la.gov) or [www.ldh.la.gov/lahipp](http://www.ldh.la.gov/lahipp)

Phone: 1-888-342-6207 (Medicaid hotline) or 1-855-618-5488 (LaHIPP)

**MAINE – Medicaid**

Enrollment Website: <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms>

Phone: 1-800-442-6003 | TTY: Maine relay 711

Private Health Insurance Premium Webpage: <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms>

Phone: 800-977-6740 | TTY: Maine relay 711

**MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP**

Website: <https://www.mass.gov/masshealth/pa> | Phone: 1-800-862-4840 | TTY: 617-886-8102

**MINNESOTA – Medicaid**

Website: <https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/children-and-families/health-care/health-care-programs/programs-and-services/other-insurance.jsp>

Phone: 1-800-657-3739

**MISSOURI – Medicaid**

Website: <http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm> | Phone: 573-751-2005

**MONTANA – Medicaid**

Website: <http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP>

Phone: 1-800-694-3084 | email: [HSHIPPProgram@mt.gov](mailto:HSHIPPProgram@mt.gov)

**NEBRASKA – Medicaid**

Website: <http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov>

Phone: 1-855-632-7633 | Lincoln: 402-473-7000 | Omaha: 402-595-1178

**NEVADA – Medicaid**

Medicaid Website: <http://dhcfp.nv.gov> | Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900

<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/medicaid/health-insurance-premium-program">https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/medicaid/health-insurance-premium-program</a> Phone: 603-271-5218   Toll free number for the HIPP program: 1-800-852-3345, ext. 5218
<b>NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP</b>
Medicaid Website: <a href="http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/">http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/</a> Medicaid Phone: 609-631-2392 CHIP Website: <a href="http://www.nifamilycare.org/index.html">http://www.nifamilycare.org/index.html</a>   CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710
<b>NEW YORK – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/">https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/</a>   Phone: 1-800-541-2831
<b>NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/">https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/</a>   Phone: 919-855-4100
<b>NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/">http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/</a>   Phone: 1-844-854-4825
<b>OKLAHOMA – Medicaid and CHIP</b>
Website: <a href="http://www.insureoklahoma.org">http://www.insureoklahoma.org</a>   Phone: 1-888-365-3742
<b>OREGON – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx">http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx</a> or <a href="http://www.oregonhealthcare.gov/index-es.html">http://www.oregonhealthcare.gov/index-es.html</a> Phone: 1-800-699-9075
<b>PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/HIPP-Program.aspx">https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/HIPP-Program.aspx</a>   Phone: 1-800-692-7462
<b>RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid and CHIP</b>
Website: <a href="http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/">http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/</a>   Phone: 1-855-697-4347 or 401-462-0311 (Direct RIte Share Line)
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="https://www.scdhhs.gov">https://www.scdhhs.gov</a>   Phone: 1-888-549-0820
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="http://dss.sd.gov">http://dss.sd.gov</a>   Phone: 1-888-828-0059
<b>TEXAS – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="http://gethipptexas.com/">http://gethipptexas.com/</a>   Phone: 1-800-440-0493
<b>UTAH – Medicaid and CHIP</b>
Medicaid Website: <a href="https://medicaid.utah.gov/">https://medicaid.utah.gov/</a>   CHIP Website: <a href="http://health.utah.gov/chip">http://health.utah.gov/chip</a> Phone: 1-877-543-7669
<b>VERMONT – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="http://www.greenmountaincare.org/">http://www.greenmountaincare.org/</a>   Phone: 1-800-250-8427
<b>VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP</b>
Website: <a href="https://www.coverva.org/en/famis-select">https://www.coverva.org/en/famis-select</a> or <a href="https://www.coverva.org/en/hipp">https://www.coverva.org/en/hipp</a> Medicaid Phone: 1-800-432-5924   CHIP Phone: 1-800-432-5924
<b>WASHINGTON – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="https://www.hca.wa.gov/">https://www.hca.wa.gov/</a>   Phone: 1-800-562-3022
<b>WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP</b>
Website: <a href="https://dhhr.wv.gov/bms/">https://dhhr.wv.gov/bms/</a> or <a href="http://mywvhipp.com/">http://mywvhipp.com/</a> Medicaid Phone: 304-558-1700   CHIP Toll-free phone: 1-855-MyWVHIPP (1-855-699-8447)
<b>WISCONSIN – Medicaid and CHIP</b>
Website: <a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p-10095.htm">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p-10095.htm</a>   Phone: 1-800-362-3002
<b>WYOMING – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/medicaid/programs-and-eligibility/">https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/medicaid/programs-and-eligibility/</a>   Phone: 1-800-251-1269

To see if any other states have added a premium assistance program since July 31, 2022, or for more information on special enrollment rights, contact either:

U.S. Department of Labor  
Employee Benefits Security Administration  
[www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa](http://www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa)  
1-866-444-EBSA (3272)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
[www.cms.hhs.gov](http://www.cms.hhs.gov)  
1-877-267-2323, Menu Option 4, Ext. 61565

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OMB Control Number 1210-0137 (expires 1/31/2023)

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**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
**HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

**RETIREE HEALTH ENROLLMENT FORM**

Benefits Division  
 455 County Center, 5th Fl.  
 Redwood City, CA 94063  
 Phone: (650) 363-1919  
 Fax: (650) 599-1573  
 E-Mail: [benefits@smcgov.org](mailto:benefits@smcgov.org)

**SECTION 1a. RETIREE INFORMATION**

LAST NAME				FIRST NAME				MIDDLE INITIAL				PARTICIPANT ID (CSM + 9-digit EID)			
SOCIAL SECURITY #				DATE OF BIRTH				GENDER				MARITAL STATUS			
CELLPHONE NUMBER				HOME NUMBER				EMAIL ADDRESS							
STREET ADDRESS				<b>NO PO BOX</b>											
CITY				STATE				ZIP							

**SECTION 1b. RETIREE MEDICARE INFORMATION - COMPLETE ONLY IF ENROLLING IN A MEDICARE MEDICAL PLAN**

MEDICARE NUMBER				PART A EFFECTIVE DATE				PART B EFFECTIVE DATE			
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**SECTION 2. HR BENEFITS USE ONLY**

DATE OF HIRE				TERM DATE				EFFECTIVE DATE OF RETIREE HEALTH				EMPLOYEE GROUP			
SICK LEAVE HOURS @ RET		DISABILITY ADJ.		OTHER ADJ.		TOTAL SICK LEAVE HRS		SICK LEAVE HRS TO USE/MO.		CONTRIBUTION AMT					
DIVISION		PAYROLL #		OCCUPATION CODE		PAYROLL ID		YRS OF SERVICE		JUDGE?		ANNUITANT CODE			

**SECTION 3a: COVERAGE ELECTION**

<b>MEDICAL</b> <input type="checkbox"/> WAIVE <sup>1</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Health Plan <b>Under 65 Plans</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Blue Shield HMO <input type="checkbox"/> Blue Shield HMO Trio <input type="checkbox"/> Blue Shield PPO <input type="checkbox"/> Blue Shield PPO HDHP <input type="checkbox"/> Kaiser HMO <input type="checkbox"/> Kaiser HMO HDHP <input type="checkbox"/> Op Eng Kaiser <input type="checkbox"/> Op Eng PPO <b>Over 65 Plans</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Blue Shield Medicare Advantage PPO <input type="checkbox"/> Kaiser Sr. Advantage <b>Coverage Election</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Retiree Only <input type="checkbox"/> Retiree + 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Retiree + Family		<b>DENTAL</b> <input type="checkbox"/> WAIVE <input type="checkbox"/> Cigna DHMO - Represented <input type="checkbox"/> Cigna DHMO - Management <input type="checkbox"/> Cigna DPPO - Represented <input type="checkbox"/> Cigna DPPO - Management <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary Cigna DHMO <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary Cigna DPPO <b>Coverage Election</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Retiree Only <input type="checkbox"/> Retiree + 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Retiree + Family		<b>VISION</b> <input type="checkbox"/> WAIVE <input type="checkbox"/> VSP Represented <input type="checkbox"/> VSP Management <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary Vision Service Plan <b>Coverage Election</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Retiree Only <input type="checkbox"/> Retiree + 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Retiree + Family	
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Please note: COBRA coverage election is through our COBRA Administrator, BCC. Please refer to the COBRA Notification and FAQ.

# RETIREE HEALTH ENROLLMENT FORM

SECTION 3b. DEPENDENT INFORMATION FOR RETIREE COVERAGE			
<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> <small>LAST NAME</small>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> <small>FIRST NAME</small>	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Benefits: <input type="checkbox"/> Medical <input type="checkbox"/> Dental <input type="checkbox"/> Vision
<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> <small>SOCIAL SECURITY #</small>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> <small>DATE OF BIRTH</small>	Relationship: <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Partner <input type="checkbox"/> Child	
COMPLETE ONLY IF ENROLLING IN MEDICARE PLAN:			
<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> <small>MEDICARE #</small>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> <small>PART A EFFECTIVE DATE</small>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> <small>PART B EFFECTIVE DATE</small>	
<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> <small>LAST NAME</small>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> <small>FIRST NAME</small>	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Benefits: <input type="checkbox"/> Medical <input type="checkbox"/> Dental <input type="checkbox"/> Vision
<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> <small>SOCIAL SECURITY #</small>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> <small>DATE OF BIRTH</small>	Relationship: <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Partner <input type="checkbox"/> Child	
COMPLETE ONLY IF ENROLLING IN MEDICARE PLAN:			
<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> <small>MEDICARE #</small>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> <small>PART A EFFECTIVE DATE</small>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> <small>PART B EFFECTIVE DATE</small>	
<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> <small>LAST NAME</small>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> <small>FIRST NAME</small>	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Benefits: <input type="checkbox"/> Medical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dental <input type="checkbox"/> Vision
<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> <small>SOCIAL SECURITY #</small>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> <small>DATE OF BIRTH</small>	Relationship: <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Partner <input type="checkbox"/> Child	
COMPLETE ONLY IF ENROLLING IN MEDICARE PLAN:			
<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> <small>MEDICARE #</small>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> <small>PART A EFFECTIVE DATE</small>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> <small>PART B EFFECTIVE DATE</small>	
<i>(Note: If you have more than three children, please attach a separate sheet of paper with the above information.)</i>			
Have you included stepchildren as dependents? <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES - If "yes" indicate name/s: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>			
Do your stepchildren reside with you? <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES			
Are they dependent upon you for support and maintenance? <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES			

SECTION 4: INDIVIDUALS ENROLLING IN A MEDICARE MEDICAL PLAN REQUIRED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, INFORMATION AND SIGNATURES
<p>By completing this enrollment application, I agree to the following:</p> <p>Blue Shield of California/Kaiser Permanente is a Medicare Advantage plan and has a contract with the Federal government. I will need to keep my Medicare Parts A and B. I can only be in one Medicare Advantage plan at a time and I understand that my enrollment in this plan will automatically end my enrollment in another Medicare health plan. It is my responsibility to inform you of any prescription drug coverage that I have or may get in the future. I understand that if I don't have Medicare prescription drug coverage, or creditable prescription drug coverage (as good as Medicare's), I may have to pay a late enrollment penalty if I enroll in Medicare prescription drug coverage in the future. Enrollment in this plan is generally for the entire year. Once I enroll, I may leave this plan or make changes only at certain times of the year if an enrollment period is available (Example: Annual Enrollment Period from October 15 – December 7), or under certain special circumstances.</p> <p>Blue Shield of California/Kaiser Permanente serves a specific service area. If I move out of the area that Blue Shield of California/Kaiser Permanente serves, I need to notify the plan so I can disenroll and find a new plan in my new area. Once I am a member of Blue Shield of California/Kaiser Permanente, I have the right to appeal plan decisions about payment or services if I disagree. I will read the Member Handbook or Evidence of Coverage document from Blue Shield of California/Kaiser Permanente when I get it to know which rules I must follow to get coverage with this Medicare Advantage plan. I understand that people with Medicare aren't usually covered under Medicare while out of the country except for limited coverage near the U.S. border.</p> <p>I understand that beginning on the date Blue Shield of California/Kaiser Permanente coverage begins, I must get all of my health care from Blue Shield of California/Kaiser Permanente, except for emergency or urgently needed services or out-of-area dialysis services. Services authorized by Blue Shield of California/Kaiser Permanente and other services contained in my Blue Shield of California/Kaiser Permanente Evidence of Coverage document (also known as a member contract or subscriber agreement) will be covered. Without authorization, NEITHER MEDICARE NOR Blue Shield of California/Kaiser Permanente WILL PAY FOR THE SERVICES.</p> <p>I understand that if I am getting assistance from a sales agent, broker, or other individual employed by or contracted with Blue Shield of California/Kaiser Permanente, he/she may be paid based on my enrollment in Blue Shield of California/Kaiser Permanente.</p> <p>Release of Information: By joining this Medicare health plan, I acknowledge that the Medicare health plan will release my information to Medicare and other plans as is necessary for treatment, payment and health care operations. I also acknowledge that Blue Shield of California/Kaiser</p>

Permanente will release my information including my prescription drug event data to Medicare, who may release it for research and other purposes which follow all applicable Federal statutes and regulations. The information on this enrollment form is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I intentionally provide false information on this form, I will be disenrolled from the plan.

I understand that my signature (or the signature of the person authorized to act on my behalf under the laws of the State where I live) on this application means that I have read and understand the contents of this application. If signed by an authorized individual (as described above), this signature certifies that: 1) this person is authorized under State law to complete this enrollment and 2) documentation of this authority is available upon request from Medicare.

Option to request materials in language other than English (language preference) or in accessible formats.

Please contact Blue Shield of California Medicare Rx Plan at (888) 239-6469 [TTY 711] if you need information in an accessible format or language other than English. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week, from October 1 through March 31, and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., weekdays (8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday) from April 1 through September 30.

Kaiser Permanente: Please contact Kaiser Permanente at 1-800-443-0815 if you need information in an accessible format or language other than English. Office hours are seven days a week, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. TTY users should call 711.

<b>MEDICARE MEMBER 1</b>	Will you have other prescription drug coverage in addition to Blue Shield/Kaiser Permanente? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
	If yes, please list your other coverage and identification (ID) number(s) for that coverage.	
	NAME OF OTHER COVERAGE	ID NUMBER FOR OTHER COVERAGE
	EMPLOYER OR UNION NAME	GROUP NUMBER
	NAME AND SIGNATURE	DATE

<b>MEDICARE MEMBER 2</b>	Will you have other prescription drug coverage in addition to Blue Shield/Kaiser Permanente? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
	If yes, please list your other coverage and identification (ID) number(s) for that coverage.	
	NAME OF OTHER COVERAGE	ID NUMBER FOR OTHER COVERAGE
	EMPLOYER OR UNION NAME	GROUP NUMBER
	NAME AND SIGNATURE	DATE

**SECTION 5: FINAL SIGNATURE**

RETIREE SIGNATURE	DATE	BENEFITS PARTNER SIGNATURE	DATE
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**FOR HR USE ONLY**

<p><b>BENEFITS PARTNER TO COMPLETE:</b></p> <p>FOR AFSCME RETIREES ON OR AFTER 6/12/2022:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Add RHRA Lump Sum Contribution Plan in Workday date: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Add RHRA Lump Sum Contribution to EIB Tracker date: _____</p>	<p><b>FOR RETIREE DESK TO COMPLETE</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> SamCERA Notice</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Retiree Log</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> BCC Entry</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sick Leave Entry (WD)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Deduction EFT sent</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Medicare EFT Entered</p>
Initial: _____ Date: _____	Initial: _____ Date: _____



# COUNTY OF SAN MATEO HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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455 County Center, 5th Fl.  
Redwood City, CA 94063  
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E-Mail: [benefits@smcgov.org](mailto:benefits@smcgov.org)

## RETIREE HEALTH ENROLLMENT FORM

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME		MIDDLE INITIAL	PARTICIPANT ID (CSM + 9-digit EID)
DATE OF HIRE		TERM DATE		EFFECTIVE DATE OF RETIREE HEALTH	EMPLOYEE GROUP

- I have received a copy of the County's Retiree Benefits Guide and understand the retiree health benefits afforded to me under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or Resolution for my employee group.
- I understand that my active benefits terminate on the last day of the month of my termination date, and that my retiree health benefits commence on first day of the month following termination date. Your coverage ends on the date of your termination for your Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA), Group Life/AD&D, Long Term Disability (LTD), and Employee Assistance Program (EAP).
- I understand that the County will only contribute to the cost of my retiree health premiums if I have unused sick leave at retirement (or additional sick leave credits are provided to me per MOU or Resolution). If I have no sick leave at the time of retirement or if I exhaust all of my sick leave credits, I can remain on the County's retiree health plan and pay the full premium cost.
- I understand that I can change my retiree health elections or the amount of sick leave credits I use per month (up to 14 hours per month) during Open Enrollment in October every year. Changing the sick leave credit amount increases or decreases the County's monthly contribution to my premium cost.
- I understand that I must notify the Benefits office in the event of a divorce, marriage, death of spouse – or any other life event that impacts your benefit elections, and that changes to benefits must be made within 30 days of the life event.
- I understand that if I move out an existing HMO coverage area, I may have the option of enrolling the County's Alternate Health Plan. If I elect the Alternate Health Plan, I am required to show proof of alternate coverage and cost of coverage on an annual basis.
- I understand that if I drop my retiree health coverage, I waive all my rights to use any remaining sick leave credits, and I will only be allowed to enroll in the Voluntary Dental and Voluntary Vision Plans. I will not be able to re-enroll in the County's Health Plans at a later date.
- For County AFSCME members hired prior to 6/12/2022 and retired after 6/12/2022, I understand that I can defer enrollment in a County Retiree Health plan only once provided I waived and deferred enrollment for all three benefit types (medical, dental, vision). Enrollment back into a County plan can only happen once during Open Enrollment or with a qualified life event.
- I understand that I have 30 days from the date of termination to elect to continue my life insurance in retirement. Contact Standard Life Insurance at 800-378-4668 ext. 6785 for more information. (Group # 649107)
- I understand that survivor benefits extend to my spouse and family, provided they are currently enrolled on my plan and a designated beneficiary with SamCERA.
- I understand that I am responsible for paying any premium cost not covered by the County's contribution. I have submitted the Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) form to the County of San Mateo and the cost will be deducted through EFT. I understand that I will be billed for any amount that was not deducted from my account.
- I understand and agree that BCC will deduct from my account any insurance premium rate changes, or at the expiration of my sick-leave credits.
- I understand that I will receive a letter 3 months prior to my sick leave running out. At which time I may request any or all of my coverage be termed in writing. Otherwise, my coverage will continue and I will be responsible for the premiums.
- I understand that I am required to apply for Medicare Part A and B when I turn 65 and I must enroll in one of the County's Medicare Health Plans. I understand that this applies to any Medicare eligible dependents as well, and that medical benefits will be terminated if this is not completed.

### SICK LEAVE CREDIT (not applicable to County AFSCME members hired prior to 6/12/2022 and retired after 6/12/2022)

I elect to use \_\_\_\_\_ sick leave credits per month toward the cost of my retiree health benefits. Based on this election, my sick leave credits is estimated to expire on \_\_\_\_\_, after which I will be responsible for paying the entire of cost of the insurance. For computation of estimated sick leave credits, see worksheet.

\_\_\_\_\_  
RETIREE SIGNATURE

DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
BENEFITS PARTNER SIGNATURE

DATE

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## INDIVIDUAL ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (EFT)

Group Name: County of San Mateo Customer Number: CSM

Customer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Select this box to authorize an **Invoice/Premium EFT Payment**

Name of Financial Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Routing Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Checking Account  Savings Account

**If Electronic Debit Authorization (EDA) is required, instruct financial institution to set the authorization as:**

**Bank Filter**      *Submitting Bank (ODFI):* Dollar Bank  
*Company Name (Acct Name):* Benefit Coordinators Corp.  
*Contract Number:* 2251453488

--- Attach Check Here ---

**Please attach a voided check and return this form to:**  
San Mateo County, Benefits Department  
455 County Center, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Redwood City, CA 94063

**TERMS:** This authority is to remain in full force and effect in conjunction with the Agreement until BCC and the financial institution have received written notification of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford BCC and the financial institution a reasonable time to act accordingly. In the event that my electronic debit or transfer is returned, I agree that a \$25 returned-item fee will be charged automatically to my account.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_



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