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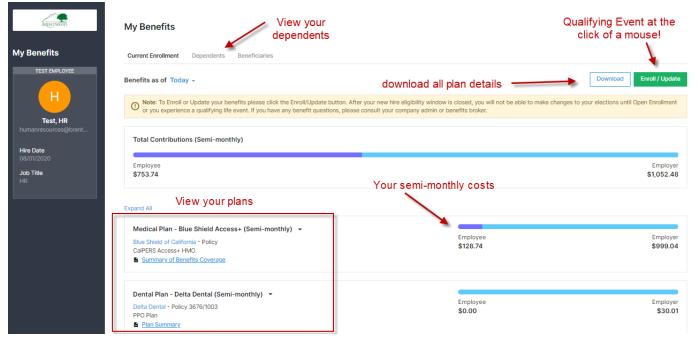
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Disclaimer

This Employee Benefits Guide is informational only and does not supersede City memoranda of understanding, agreements, benefit plans or any other applicable document.

Hello, Flock!

Access all your benefits online at helloflock.com. Make changes and view your contact information, dependents, and coverage anytime, anywhere on this benefits administration platform.



Benefit Basics

Eligibility

- Regular full-time employees
- Dependents
 - Spouse, Registered Domestic Partner, Children (biological, adopted, step, or child of domestic partner under the age of 26), Disabled dependent over the age of 26

Required Documentation

 Eligible employees are required to provide relevant documentation such as birth certificate, marriage certificate, etc., at time of enrollment or disenrollment

Enrollment

- Eligible employees may enroll or make changes to their enrollment at the following times:
 - Within 60 days of becoming eligible for eligible benefit(s)
 - Qualifying Event within 60 days of any of the following life events:
 - Birth or adoption of a baby or child
 - Loss of other coverage
 - Marriage/Domestic Partnership
 - Divorce
 - Moving out of coverage area
 - Open Enrollment occurs once a year

Medical

Effective	1/1/2023 City Contributions	1/1/2024 City Contributions
Sworn	\$2,375.72	\$2,613.29
Non-sworn	Employee Only: \$1,210.71	Employee Only: \$1,339.70
	Employee +1: \$1,827.48	Employee +1: \$2,042.82
	Employee + Family: \$2,019.36	Employee + Family: \$2,257.32

The following medical plans are offered through CalPERS Health. The monthly premiums indicated are for January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 for the Bay Area (Region 1). Premium plans may differ for employees who reside outside Region 1. Medicare and Combination rates are available to qualifying employees. Employees are responsible for all premium cost above the City contribution listed above. Employee monthly contributions are evenly divided and deducted from the employees' paychecks.



Plan*	Monthly Premium		
	Employee Only	Employee + 1	Employee & 2 +
Anthem Blue Cross Select (HMO)	\$1,138.86	\$2,277.72	\$2,961.04
Anthem Blue Cross Traditional (HMO)	\$1,339.70	\$2,679.40	\$3,483.22
Blue Shield Access+	\$1,076.84	\$2,153.68	\$2,799.78
Kaiser Permanente	\$1,021.41	\$2,042.82	\$2,655.67
PERS Gold	\$914.82	\$1,829.64	\$2,378.53
PERS Platinum	\$1,314.27	\$2,628.54	\$3,417.10
PORAC	\$931.00	\$2,117.00	\$2,651.00
UnitedHealthcare	\$1,091.13	\$2,182.26	\$2,836.94
Western Health Advantage	\$807.23	\$1,614.46	\$2,098.80

^{*}Summary of Benefits and Coverage are available by clicking the Plan name above.

General Contact Information

Plan	Phone Number	Website
Anthem Blue Cross	(855) 839-4524	www.anthem.com/ca/calpers
Blue Shield+	(800) 334-5847	https://blueshieldca10-prod.modolabs.net/
Kaiser Permanente	(800) 464-4000	www.kp.org/calpers
Peace Officers Research Association	(800) 288-6928	ibt.porac.org
of California		
PERS Gold, PERS Platinum	(877) 737-7776	www.anthem.com/ca/calpers
United Healthcare	(877) 359-3714	http://www.uhc.com/calpers
Western Health Advantage	(888) 942-7377	https://www.westernhealth.com/calpers

Dental

The City provides fully paid dental coverage for employees and their eligible dependents through Delta Dental PPO.



Benefit	In-Network Out-of-Network		vork
	PPO Dentist D	Delta Premier Dentist I	Non-Delta Dentist
Deductibles	\$2	25 annual per patient	
Maximum Benefits	\$1,5	500 annual per patient	
Diagnostic & Preventive	100% of a Delta Preferred Dentist Fee	100% of a Delta Premier Dentist Fee	100% of UCR*
Basic Benefits	90% of a Delta Preferred Dentist Fee	80% of a Delta Premier Dentist Fee	80% of UCR
Crowns, Jackets, and Cast Restoration	80% of a Delta Preferred Dentist Fee	80% of a Delta Premier Dentist Fee	80% of UCR
Prosthodontic	50% of a Delta Preferred Dentist Fee	50% of a Delta Premier Dentist Fee	50% of UCR
Orthodontic Maximum - \$2,000 lifetime per patient	50% of a Delta Preferred Dentist Fee	50% of a Delta Premier Dentist Fee	50% of UCR

^{*}UCR: Usual, Customary, and Reasonable Fee

Enhanced Dental

Benefit	In-Network Out-of-Network		work
	PPO Dentist D	elta Premier Dentist	Non-Delta Dentist
Deductibles	\$2	5 annual per patient	
Maximum Benefits	\$2,5	00 annual per patient	
Diagnostic &	100% of a Delta Preferred	100% of a Delta Premie	r 100% of UCR
Preventive	Dentist Fee	Dentist Fee	100 % OF OCIX
Basic Benefits	90% of a Delta Preferred	80% of a Delta Premier	r 80% of UCR
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Crowns, Jackets, and	80% of a Delta Preferred	80% of a Delta Premier	r 80% of UCR
Cast Restoration	Dentist Fee	Dentist Fee	00 /0 OF OCIN
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Delta Dental PPO 800-765-6003 www.deltadentalins.com Basic dental plan group #: 3676/1003 Enhanced dental plan group #: 3676/1052



Vision

The City provides fully paid vision coverage for employees and their eligible dependents through Vision Service Plan (VSP).

Benefits		Co-Pay
Exam	Every 12 months	\$5
Frame	\$130 allowance/\$150 for featured frame brands Every 12 months 20% savings on additional costs	\$0
Lenses	Every 12 months	\$0
Contact Lenses	Annual Supply (in addition to glasses)	\$50

A complete outline of all vision benefits can be found on the Reference Documents tab in your account at https://app.helloflock.com/login.

Vision Service Plan (VSP) (800) 877-7195 www.vsp.com Vision Group #: 12101668

Employee Assistance Program (EAP)



The City provides an Employee Assistance Program that offers confidential and professional counseling services to employees and their eligible family members through Claremont EAP. Employees and their eligible family members receive up to eight free, face-to-face clinical consultations per employee/dependent, per incident, per year; and unlimited telephone or web-video consultations. Counseling services may cover health, behavioral, financial, and personal issues, as well as referrals for legal services, child and elder care assistance, federal tax assistance, and pre-retirement planning. Claremont also offers tools to help you deal with fraud and identity theft.

(800) 834-3773 www.claremonteap.com

Flexible Spending

The City offers Health Care and Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account participation through American Fidelity. All contributions are pre-tax. Expenses must be incurred between 1/1/2024 and 3/15/2025, and submitted for reimbursement by



3/30/2025. All unused funds will be forfeited at the end of each year. You must retain all receipts for audit purposes. Please consult your tax advisor to determine whether these plans are beneficial to you.

Health Care

Employees may voluntarily set aside money to pay for qualifying health care expenses using pre-tax dollars. Employees and their dependents may use the deferred salary to pay for qualifying medical, dental, or vision expenses in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The 2024 maximum contribution is \$3,050.

Dependent Care

Employees may voluntarily set aside money to pay for qualifying dependent care expenses using pretax dollars. Dependent Care may include, but are not limited to, daycare or before/after school care expenses in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The 2024 maximum contribution is \$5,000.

American Fidelity (800) 662-1113 www.americanfidelity.com

Disability Insurance

City Paid Disability Insurance

The City provides short-term and long-term disability insurance through Voya Insurance, in which non-sworn employees are automatically enrolled upon hire. Sworn employees are provided disability insurance through their bargaining group and paid through PORAC.



	Short-Term	Long-Term
Eligibility Date First of the month after hiring date (differs for pre-existing conditions)		
Benefit Amount	66 2/3% of the first \$3,465 of pre-disability earnings disability earnings	
Maximum Benefit Amount	\$2,310 per week	\$10,000 per month
Waiting Period	29 days	90 days
Maximum Benefit Period	9 weeks	Determined by your age at time of disability

Voya Insurance (800) 955-7736 www.voya.com

Voluntary Disability Insurance

The City offers additional short-term and long-term disability insurance for employees to purchase voluntarily on a pre-tax basis, through AFLAC and American Fidelity. Monthly premiums will be divided between and deducted from the employee's semi-monthly pay checks.

	AFLAC	American Fidelity
Eligibility Date	First of the month after hiring date	
Benefit Amount	25% or pre-disability earnings	
Maximum Benefit Amount		\$5,000 per month
Waiting Period	Variety of options 7-day (may differ per plan	
Maximum Benefit Period		1-year
Monthly Premium	Please contact vendor for premium amounts	

AFLAC <u>www.aflac.com</u>

American Fidelity (800) 662-1113

www.americanfidelity.com

Life Insurance

City Paid Life Insurance

The City provides life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance (AD&D) through Voya Insurance. Life Insurance pays your beneficiary a lump sum in the event of your death. Accidental death and dismemberment insurance pays you or your beneficiary if you suffer a loss of limb, speech, sight, or hearing, or if you die in an accident.



Bargaining Unit	Life Insurance	AD&D
Assistant Directors		
Captains	_	
Directors		
Lieutenants	1 1/2x annual salary up to \$150,000	
Managers & Confidential		
Miscellaneous	-	
Supervisors & Professionals		
Public Works	-	
Police	\$20,000	\$100,000

Voya Insurance

(800) 955-7736 www.voya.com

Voluntary Life Insurance

In addition to the City provided life and AD&D insurance, the City offers employees and their dependents the option to purchase voluntary life insurance for Accident, Cancer, Critical Care, or Hospital Care. Monthly premiums will be divided between and deducted from the employee's semi-monthly pay checks. Employees may purchase additional life insurance or dependent life insurance through:

AFLAC <u>www.aflac.com</u>

American Fidelity <u>www.americanfidelity.com</u>

(800) 662-1113

Voya Insurance <u>www.voya.com</u>

(800) 955-7736



Beneficiary Information

To ensure your benefit amount is distributed to the correct individual(s), please keep your beneficiary information updated by contacting the Human Resources Department.



Retirement

The City contracts with the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) to provide a defined benefit pension.

	Non-Sworn	Eligibility
Tier 1	2.7 @ 55	Employees hired on/before 9/30/2010
Tier 2	2% @ 60	CalPERS Classic Members hired on/after 10/1/2010
Tier 3	2% @ 62	CalPERS New Members hired on/after 1/1/2013

	Sworn	Eligibility
Tier 1	3% @ 50	Employees hired on/before 6/30/2012
Tier 2	3% @ 55	CalPERS Classic Members hired on/after 7/1/2012
Tier 3	2.7 @ 57	CalPERS New Members hired on/after 1/1/2013

CalPERS (888) 225-7377 http://my.calpers.ca.gov

Deferred Compensation 457 Plans



The City offers three deferred compensation plan options. The City contributes to the employee's 457 plan as indicated below and employees may voluntarily set aside pre-tax dollars. A maximum of \$23,000 may be contributed per year, employees 50 years of age or over may contribute an additional \$7,500 per year.

Bargaining Unit	City Contribution	
Assistant Directors	\$110 per month - matching	4% - no matching
Captains	\$110 per month - matching	4% - no matching
Directors	\$110 per month - matching	n/a
Lieutenants	\$110 per month - matching	3% - no matching
Managers & Confidential	\$110 per month - matching 3% - no matching	
Supervisors & Professionals	\$110 per month - matching	2% - no matching

Matching: The employee is required to match the City contribution to be eligible for the benefit. No Matching: The employee is not required to contribute anything to be eligible for the benefit. Bargaining Units not listed above may contribute to a 457 Plan, but do not receive City Contributions.

CalPERS Voya Corebridge - AIG MissionSquare Retirement https://calpers.accp.voya.com https://www.corebridgefinancial.com/rs https://www.missionsq.org/ (800) 669-7400

College Cost Reduction and Access Act



City employees may qualify for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program through the College Cost Reduction and Access Act (CCRAA) to reduce the remaining balance on their Federal Direct Loan. PSLF forgives the remaining balance on your Direct Loans after you have made 120 qualifying payments while working full-time for a qualifying employer. Only payments made under certain repayment plans (primarily income-driven repayment plans) qualify for PSLF. For additional information, contact your student loan servicer or visit: https://studentaid.gov/pslf/.

Annual Notices

Medicare Part D Notice of Creditable Coverage

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

When Can You Join A Medicare Drug Plan?

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

What Happens To Your Current Coverage If You Decide to Join A Medicare Drug Plan?

If you decide to join a Medicare drug plan, your current City of Brentwood coverage will not be affected. If you do decide to join a Medicare drug plan and drop your current City of Brentwood coverage, be aware that you and your dependents will not be able to get this coverage back.

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 City of Brentwood and do not 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 number listed below for further information. NOTE: You will 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 City of Brentwood 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 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 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

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 www.socialsecurity.gov, or call them at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

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).

For more information, contact the Human Resources Department at (925) 516-5191.

Premium Assistance under Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

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

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

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

If you or your dependents are eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP, as well as eligible under your employer plan, your employer must allow you to enroll in your employer plan if you aren't already enrolled. This is called a "special enrollment" opportunity, and you must request coverage within 60 days of being determined eligible for premium assistance. If you have questions about enrolling in your employer plan, contact the Department of Labor at www.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, 2021. Contact your State for more information on eligibility.

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ALABAMA - Medicaid	FLORIDA - Medicaid
Website: http://myalhipp.com/	Website: https://www.flmedicaidtplrecovery.com/flmedicaidt
Phone: 1-855-692-5447	plrecovery.com/hipp/index.html
	Phone: 1-877-357-3268
ALASKA – Medicaid	GEORGIA - Medicaid
The AK Health Insurance Premium Payment Program	Website: https://medicaid.georgia.gov/healthinsurance-
Website: http://myakhipp.com/	premium-payment-program-hipp
Phone: 1-866-251-4861	Phone: 678-564-1162 ext. 2131
Email: CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com	
Medicaid Eligibility:	
http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/medicaid/default.aspx	
ARKANSAS - Medicaid	INDIANA - Medicaid
Website: http://myarhipp.com/	Healthy Indiana Plan for low-income adults 19-64
Phone: 1-855-MyARHIPP (855-692-7447)	Website: http://www.in.gov/fssa/hip/
	Phone: 1-877-438-4479
	All other Medicaid
	Website: http://www.indianamedicaid.com
	Phone 1-800-403-0864

COLORADO - Health First Colorado IOWA - Medicaid (Colorado's Medicaid Program) & Child Website: Health Plan Plus (CHP+) http://dhs.iowa.gov/Hawki Phone: 1-800-257-8563 Health First Colorado Website: https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/ Health First Colorado Member Contact Center: 1-800-221-3943/ State Relay 711 CHP+:_https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/child-healthplan-plus CHP+ Customer Service: 1-800-359-1991/ State Relay 711 KANSAS - Medicaid NEVADA - Medicaid Website: http://www.kdheks.gov/hcf/ Medicaid Website: https://dhcfp.nv.gov Phone: 1-785-296-3512 Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900 **KENTUCKY - Medicaid NEW HAMPSHIRE - Medicaid** Website: https://chfs.ky.gov Website: https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/oii/hipp.htm Phone: 1-800-635-2570 Phone: 603-271-5218 Toll free number for the HIPP program: 1-800-852-3345. ext. 5218 LOUISIANA - Medicaid NEW JERSEY - Medicaid and CHIP Website: Medicaid Website: http://dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/subhome/1/n/331 http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medic Phone: 1-888-695-2447 Medicaid Phone: 609-631-2392 CHIP Website: http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710 MAINE - Medicaid **NEW YORK - Medicaid** Website: Website: http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/publicassistance/index.html https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/ Phone: 1-800-442-6003 Phone: 1-800-541-2831 TTY: Maine relay 711 MASSACHUSETTS - Medicaid and CHIP NORTH CAROLINA - Medicaid Website: https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/ Website: http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/masshealth/ Phone: 919-855-4100 Phone: 1-800-862-4840 MINNESOTA - Medicaid NORTH DAKOTA - Medicaid Website: Website: https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/children-andhttp://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid families/health-care/health-care-programs/programs-and-Phone: 1-844-854-4825 services/other-insurance.jsp Phone: 1-800-657-3739 MISSOURI - Medicaid OKLAHOMA - Medicaid and CHIP Website: http://www.insureoklahoma.org Website: http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm Phone: 1-888-365-3742 Phone: 573-751-2005 **MONTANA - Medicaid** OREGON - Medicaid Website: Website: http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx Phone: 1-800-694-3084 http://www.oregonhealthcare.gov/index-es.html Phone: 1-800-699-9075

NEBRASKA – Medicaid	PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid
Website: http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov	Website:
Phone: (855) 632-7633	https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/Medical/
Lincoln: (402) 473-7000	HIPP-Program.aspxPhone: 1-800-692-7462
Omaha: (402) 595-1178	
RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid	VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/	Medicaid Website:
Phone: 855-697-4347, or 401-462-0311 (Direct RIte Share	https://www.coverva.org/en/famis-select
Line)	https://www.coverva.org/en/hipp
	Medicaid Phone: 1-800-432-5924
	CHIP Phone: 1-800-432-5924
SOUTH CAROLINA - Medicaid	WASHINGTON - Medicaid
Website: https://www.scdhhs.gov	Website: https://www.hca.wa.gov/
Phone: 1-888-549-0820	Phone: 1-800-562-3022 ext. 15473
SOUTH DAKOTA - Medicaid	WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid
Website: http://dss.sd.gov	Website: http://mywvhipp.com/
Phone: 1-888-828-0059	Toll-free phone: 1-855-MyWVHIPP (1-855-699-8447)
TEXAS - Medicaid	WISCONSIN – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: http://gethipptexas.com/	Website:
Phone: 1-800-440-0493	https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p-
1 Holic. 1 000 440 0400	10095.htm
	Phone: 1-800-362-3002
UTAH - Medicaid and CHIP	WYOMING - Medicaid
Medicaid Website: https://medicaid.utah.gov/	Website: https://wyequalitycare.acs-inc.com/
CHIP Website: http://health.utah.gov/chip	Phone: 307-777-7531
Phone: 1-877-543-7669	
VERMONT- Medicaid	
Website: http://www.greenmountaincare.org/	
Phone: 1-800-250-8427	

To see if any other states have added a premium assistance program since July 31, 2020, or for more information on special enrollment rights, contact either:

U.S. Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration www.dol.gov/ebsa 1-866-444-EBSA (3272) U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services www.cms.hhs.gov 1-877-267-2323, Menu Option 4, Ext. 61565

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) (PRA), no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The Department notes that a Federal agency cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it is approved by OMB under the PRA, and displays a currently valid OMB control number, and the public is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. See 44 U.S.C. 3507. Also, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if the collection of information does not display a currently valid OMB control number. See 44 U.S.C. 3512. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average approximately seven minutes per respondent. Interested parties are encouraged to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Office of Policy and Research, Attention: PRA Clearance Officer, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room N-5718, Washington, DC 20210 or email ebsa.opr@dol.gov and reference the OMB Control Number 1210-0137.

Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act (WHCRA)

The Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (WHCRA) is a federal law that provides protections to patients who choose to have breast reconstruction in connection with a mastectomy. If WHCRA applies to you and you are receiving benefits in connection with a mastectomy and you elect breast reconstruction, coverage must be provided for:

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

This law applies to two different types of coverage:

- 1. Group health plans (provided by an employer or union);
- Individual health insurance policies (not based on employment).

Group health plans can either be "insured" plans that purchase health insurance from a health insurance issuer, or "self-funded" plans that pay for coverage directly. How they are regulated depends on whether they are sponsored by private employers, or state or local ("non-federal") governmental employers. Private group health plans are regulated by the Department of Labor. State and local governmental plans, for purposes of WHCRA, are regulated by CMS. If any group health plan buys insurance, the insurance itself is regulated by the State's insurance department.

Contact the Human Resources Department at (925) 516-5191 to find out if your group coverage is insured or self-funded, to determine what entity or entities regulate your benefits.

Health insurance sold to individuals (not through employment) is primarily regulated by State insurance departments.

WHCRA requires group health plans and health insurance companies (including HMOs), to notify individuals regarding coverage required under the law. Notice about the availability of these mastectomy-related benefits must be given:

- 1. To participants and beneficiaries of a group health plan at the time of enrollment, and to policyholders at the time an individual health insurance policy is issued; and
- 2. Annually to group health plan participants and beneficiaries, and to policyholders of individual policies.

Contact your State's insurance department to find out whether additional state law protections apply to your coverage if you are in an insured group health plan or have individual (non-employment based) health insurance coverage.

WHCRA does not apply to high risk pools since the pool is a means by which individuals obtain health coverage other than through health insurance policies or group health plans. WHCRA does NOT require group health plans or health insurance issuers to cover mastectomies in general. If a group health plan or health insurance issuer chooses to cover mastectomies, then the plan or issuer is generally subject to WHCRA requirements.

Note: A non-Federal governmental employer that provides self-funded group health plan coverage to its employees (coverage that is not provided through an insurer) may elect to exempt its plan (opt out) from the requirements of WHCRA by following the "Procedures & Requirements for HIPAA Exemption Election" posted on the Self-Funded Non-Federal Governmental

Plans

webpage

at http://cms.gov/cciio/resources/files/hipaa_exemption_election_instructions_04072011.html. This includes a requirement to issue a notice of opt-out to enrollees at the time of enrollment and on an annual basis. For a list of plans that have opted out of WHCRA, go to http://cms.gov/cciio/resources/other/index.html#nonfed and click on "List of HIPAA Opt-out Elections for Self-funded Non-Federal Governmental Plans."

These benefits may be subject to annual deductibles and coinsurance provisions that are appropriate and consistent with other benefits under your plan or coverage. If you would like more information on WHCRA benefits, contact the Human Resources Department at (925) 516-5191.

Notice of HIPAA Special Enrollment Rights

If you are declining enrollment for yourself or your dependents (including your spouse) because of other health insurance coverage or group health plan coverage, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents in this plan if you or your dependents lose eligibility for that other coverage (or if the employer stops contributing toward your or your dependents' other coverage). However, you must request enrollment within 31 days after your or your dependents' other coverage ends (or after the employer stops contributing toward the other coverage).

In addition, if you have a new dependent as a result of marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents. However, you must request enrollment within 31 days after the marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption. To request special enrollment or obtain more information, contact the Human Resources Department at (925) 516-5191.

Patient Protections Notice

If a qualifying benefit option under a group health plan maintained by the employer generally requires or allows the designation of a primary care provider, the covered individual has the right to designate any primary care provider who participates in the Plan's network and who is available to accept the covered individual. Until the covered individual makes this designation, the Plan may designate a primary care provider for him or her. For children, the covered employee or spouse may designate a pediatrician as the primary care provider. For information on how to select a primary care provider, and for a list of the participating primary care providers, contact the Human Resources Department.

For any qualifying benefit option, covered individuals do not need prior authorization from the group health plan 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 the Plan's 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 Human Resources Department at (925) 516-5191.



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