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# BENEFITS Guide

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If you (and/or your dependents) have Medicare or you will become eligible for Medicare in the next 12 months, a Federal law gives you more choices about your prescription drug coverage.

Please see page 25 for more details.

The information in this brochure is a general outline of the benefits offered under Del Mar Union School District's benefits program. Specific details and plan limitations are provided in the Summary Plan Descriptions (SPD), which is based on the official Plan Documents that may include policies, contracts and plan procedures. The SPD and Plan Documents contain all the specific provisions of the plans. In the event that if the information in this brochure differs from the Plan Documents, the Plan Documents will prevail.

# Introduction

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## Your Prescription for Healthy Living

This booklet is designed to provide information about your benefits. To help you with your benefit needs, Del Mar Union School District is providing a comprehensive benefits program designed to protect you and your family from costs associated with illness, injury, or accident.

Del Mar Union School District offers medical, dental, vision and life insurance coverage along with tax-favored spending accounts. In addition, a variety of voluntary plans and retirement saving options are available to employees.

For medical insurance, the District is part of the non-profit Joint Powers Authority (JPA) called SISC (Self-Insured Schools of California). The program is administered by the Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office. For dental, vision and life insurance, the District is part of another non-profit JPA called the FBC (Fringe Benefits Consortium) administered by the San Diego County Office of Education.

## General Enrollment Information

### When First Eligible – New Hires

You must enroll for benefits within 30 days of the date you are first eligible. Coverage is effective based on your hire (or start) date:

- If your hire date is the 1st through the 15th of the month, benefits will commence on the first day of the month following your date of hire (if hire date is 8/5, your effective date is 9/1).
- If your hire date is the 16th through the 31st of the month, benefits will commence on the first day of the calendar month following one month of employment (if hire date is 8/19, your effective date is 10/1).
- The effective date for voluntary plans will vary by plan.

### At Annual Enrollment

During Open Enrollment in the fall, you may enroll eligible family members or change your current benefit elections with new coverage effective January 1 each year.

## Making Changes

Once you make your benefit elections, coverage will remain in effect for the full plan year, January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. You cannot change plans until the next Open Enrollment period unless you (or a family member) experience an IRS approved qualifying change in family status such as losing health coverage under another plan, marriage, divorce or legal separation, death, birth, adoption (or placement of adoption) or entitlement of loss off entitlement to Medi-Cal.

You must notify Human Resources within 30 days of a qualified status change in order to make different benefit elections or wait until the next Open Enrollment period to make a change. Any benefit change must be consistent with the status change (for example, you may add dependent coverage after the birth of a child).

## Employee Benefit Questions

If you have questions, please contact Karlyn Stone, Benefits Specialist, Human Resources at 858.755.9301 Ext. 3692 or at [Kstone@dmusd.org](mailto:Kstone@dmusd.org). You can also log onto the DMUSD Intranet at <http://www.dmusd.org> for additional information.

As a reminder, there was one plan change that applied to all Anthem Blue Cross Plans effective October 1, 2021. The skilled nursing facility/inpatient rehabilitation day limit changed to 150 days per benefit period and is combined with inpatient rehabilitation services.

### What's New – Effective January 1, 2022

The Anthem PPO plan's deductible is increasing to \$200 per member/\$500 per family effective January 1, 2022. By making this one plan change (from \$100 individual/\$300 family deductible), employees are saving \$100's in annual premiums! (Note, if you are currently enrolled in the PPO plan you will not receive a new ID card. Only newly enrolled employees/family members will receive ID cards.)

*This Benefit Guide is intended to serve as a comprehensive resource for the Del Mar Unified School District health and welfare program. The purpose of this Guide is to summarize the District's employee benefits and the policies and procedures regarding these benefits. This Guide is not intended to be a contract (expressed or implied), nor is it intended to otherwise create any legally enforceable obligations in the part of the District, its agents and its employees.*

# Eligibility - Full-Time & Part-Time

Eligibility for health benefits varies by the number of hours you work per week. Certificated employees who share an assignment have several options. There may be a waiting period before benefits are effective.

Employee Classification	Eligibility for Benefits		
	Full-Time	Part-Time	Certificated Shared Assignment
<b>Hours Requirement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>100% FTE or 40 hours per week.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>30 to 39 hours per week.</li> <li>20 to 29 hours per week, after 3 years continuous employment with the District (<i>Open Enrollment during eligibility year, effective 1/1 of following plan year.</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two teachers may share an assignment. They may take entire benefits package with Medical premium contribution prorated to FTE and contribute to Dental, Vision, Life (DVL) as a whole, OR they may waive medical and take DVL, OR waive benefits completely.</li> </ul>
<b>Waiting Period</b> <i>(benefits effective date)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If hired between the 1st - 15th of the month, first day of the calendar month following date of employment (<i>hire date 8/5, effective date is 9/1</i>).</li> <li>If hired between the 16th - 31st of the month, the first day of the calendar month following one month of employment (<i>hire date 8/19 effective date is 10/1</i>)</li> </ul>		
<b>Benefits Offered</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medical</li> <li>Dental</li> <li>Vision</li> <li>Basic Life and Accidental Death &amp; Dismemberment (AD&amp;D) - \$50,000</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medical</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Life and Accidental Death &amp; Dismemberment (AD&amp;D)</li> <li>Share medical, dental and vision as negotiated amongst shared assignment holders.</li> </ul>
<b>Voluntary Benefits</b>	All benefits eligible employees may enroll in any of the available Voluntary plans offered through the Fringe Benefits Consortium (FBC) and American Fidelity. Part-time employees may enroll in Dental insurance directly through the FBC.		
<b>Employee Waivers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An employee may waive/decline medical with proof of group medical coverage (<i>spousal, Military or Medicare</i>). A signed waiver form is required annually. Waiving medical, includes waiving dental and vision coverage.</li> <li>Enrollment in Life and AD&amp;D is required.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>30 hour or 75% FTE employees may waive/decline medical. A signed waiver form is required annually.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An employee may waive/decline medical with proof of group medical coverage (<i>spousal, Military or Medicare</i>). A signed waiver form is required annually.</li> <li>Enrollment in Life and AD&amp;D is required.</li> </ul>
<b>Employer Contribution</b>	\$11,000 per year	70% of the employee only cost	\$11,000 per year (Medical Premium Prorated)
<b>When Benefits Terminate</b>	Last day of the month after the last payroll plan contribution.		

Board Members are also eligible for benefits.

## Dependent Eligibility

The District offers medical, dental and vision insurance to all benefit-eligible employees' dependents. Eligible dependents include:

Medical Plans Eligibility	Dental and Vision Plans Eligibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legally Married spouse</li> <li>Registered domestic partner*</li> <li>Children to age 26:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Natural</li> <li>Step-children</li> <li>Children of a registered domestic partner</li> <li>Legally adopted</li> <li>Legal guardianship appointment (<i>dental and vision plans do not allow coverage</i>)</li> <li>Disabled adult child over age 26</li> <li>Qualified Medical Support Order (<i>children of divorced parents</i>)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legally Married spouse</li> <li>Registered domestic partner*</li> <li>Children to age 26:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Natural</li> <li>Step-children</li> <li>Children of a registered domestic partner</li> <li>Legally adopted</li> <li>Disabled adult child over age 26</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

\* Effective January 1, 2020, all couples regardless of age or sexual orientation that are eligible to be married may register with the California Secretary of State as domestic partners. Go to <https://www.sos.ca.gov/registries/domestic-partners-registry/> for additional information.

# Eligibility (continued)

## Required Documents for Enrolling Dependents

SISC requires that if you are adding a new dependent you must provide documentation. A copy of the documentation must be included with your change form. Dependents will not be covered until proper documentation is received by the District to forward to SISC.

### Acceptable documentation includes:

Dependent Type	Required Documentation (copies only; originals will not be accepted)
Spouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prior year's Federal Tax Form that shows the couple as married (<i>Income may be blocked out along with first 5 digits of social security number</i>),</li><li>• Marriage Certificate for newly married couple where tax return is not available or a Marriage Affidavit.</li></ul>
Domestic Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Certificate of Domestic Partnership issued by the State of California,</li><li>• SISC Affidavit of Domestic Partnership (<i>when applicable</i>)</li></ul> <p>(<i>Enrolling a Domestic Partner may cause the employer contribution to become taxable</i>)</p>
Children up to age 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Legal Birth Certificate or Hospital Birth Certificate (<i>include full name of child, parent(s) name and child's date of birth</i>)</li><li>• Legal Adoption Documentation</li></ul>
Guardianships up to age 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Legal Court Documentation establishing Guardianship</li></ul>
Disabled Dependents over age 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Birth Certificate</li><li>• Front page of most recent income tax return showing the child listed as a dependent</li><li>• Proof of 6 months of prior creditable coverage</li><li>• Completed Certification Form</li></ul>

Social security numbers must be provided at time of enrollment or as soon as obtained for newborns. This is an IRS requirement due to the required reporting medical plans must provide the IRS on an annual basis.

## Important Reminder

Please be advised that the following circumstances are the only times you can make a benefit election change before the next Open Enrollment period. These permissible changes must be communicated to the Payroll/Benefits Department within 30 days of the event; otherwise you will need to wait until the next Open Enrollment for benefits effective January 1, 2023 to change your benefit elections.

### Add a Dependent

- Marriage/Registered Domestic Partnership - may add spouse/Registered Domestic Partner and their children
- Birth
- Adoption
- Legal Guardianship or Legal Custody with proper documentation to age 18
- Child to age 26 - Need not be a student
- Loss of other coverage

### Delete a Dependent

- Divorce/Dissolution of Registered Domestic Partnership
- Death
- Child no longer meets eligibility requirements - to age 26 (or to age 25 for Dental and Vision plans)
- Guardianship no longer applies (to age 18)

# Medical Plan Overview

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You have three distinct types of medical plans from which to choose:

1. **Health Maintenance Organization (HMO):**
  - Kaiser Permanente HMO
  - Anthem HMO Full Premier
  - Anthem HMO Select Premier
  - SIMNSA Mexico HMO
2. **Preferred Provider Organization (PPO):**
  - Anthem
3. **High Deductible Health Plan (PPO) (compatible with a health savings account):**
  - Anthem

## Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs)

HMOs allow you to receive comprehensive coverage at set prices, called copays.

- **Doctors/Other Medical Care Providers:** You can only use doctors, hospitals, and pharmacies that participate in the HMO network. Doctors who participate in the HMO network are called in-network providers. There is no coverage if you go to out-of-network providers, except for emergency services.
- **Annual Deductible:** You don't need to pay an annual deductible before the plan begins to pay for a portion of covered medical services.
- **Copays:** When you receive medical care, you pay a set dollar amount called a copay.
- **Annual Out-of-Pocket Maximum:** The HMO plans include an annual out-of-pocket maximum. This is the maximum amount you must pay out of your own pocket for copays during the plan year. Once you reach the out-of-pocket maximum, the plan pays 100% of covered charges for the remainder of the plan year.

## SIMNSA (Sistemas Medicos Nacionales) Medical HMO Plan

The SIMNSA HMO is a different type of HMO available to employees whose preference is to receive their health care in Mexico and reside within 50 miles of the plan service area. In addition the plan is available only to Mexican Nationals. A Mexican National is defined as:

- A person born in Mexico;
- A person born in another country with a Mexican father or a Mexican mother, or both;
- A foreign woman or man who marries a Mexican man or woman and lives in Mexico;
- A foreigner who becomes naturalized in Mexico.

**Note:** Retirees are not eligible to enroll in this plan.

### Features of the plan include:

- Comprehensive medical coverage that includes preventive care and fixed copays for most services.
- No annual deductible.
- Worldwide emergency coverage is available.
- The ability to choose your own SIMNSA personal physician who will be responsible for providing or coordinating all of your medical care, including specialty referrals.
- Telehealth (via videoconferencing or phone call) is available by contacting customer service at 800.424.4652.
- No appointments necessary - Walk in appointments are welcome.

Facilities are located in Tijuana (and other locations in Mexico). Go to <http://simnsa.com/> to find a provider and search for additional information regarding the plan.

# Medical Plan Overview (continued)

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## Preferred Provider Organization (PPO)

The PPO plan allows you to use any provider you want.

- **Doctors/Health Care Providers:** You can choose any doctor you want, and you can go to any hospital or pharmacy. However, you'll pay less when you use a provider or facility that participates in the Anthem PPO network. There is a limited network of providers that may be used for Bariatric, Hip, Knee and Spine surgeries. Providers for such services are limited to Blue Distinction or Blue Distinction+ Centers. Go to [www.anthem.com/ca/sisc](http://www.anthem.com/ca/sisc) or call 1.800.825.5541 to find Blue Distinction providers in your area.
- In addition, in San Diego (and other areas), SISC has partnered with Carrum Health to provide PPO members access to an enhanced benefit with selected physicians at Scripps Health for Hip/Knee replacements and many inpatient spine surgeries. Use of this benefit is optional but is not administered by Anthem Blue Cross; the benefit must be accessed through Carrum. Under the Carrum benefit with Scripps:
  - There are no medical bills! Coinsurance and deductibles will be waived (due to IRS regulations, on Health Savings Accounts the deductible applies but coinsurance is waived).
  - Travel expenses will be covered for patient and adult companion.
  - A personal Carrum Care Concierge will assist throughout the entire process.

To access Hip/Knee replacements or inpatient spine surgery services contact Carrum directly at 1.888.855.7806.

**Hip, Knee or Spine surgeries will NOT be covered unless those services are accessed through a Blue Distinction provider or Carrum Health.**

- **Preventive Care:** Preventive care is 100% covered when you use in-network providers. Visit [www.healthcare.gov/preventive-care-benefits/](http://www.healthcare.gov/preventive-care-benefits/) for a complete list of preventive care benefits required to be covered at 100% per the Affordable Care Act.

- **Annual Deductible:** You generally pay an annual deductible before the plan begins to pay for a portion of covered medical services. The only services that don't require you to pay a deductible first are preventive care, office visits, and prescription drugs.
- **Paying for Care:** When you receive medical care, there are two ways you pay for services:
  - **Copays:** When you go to an in-network doctor for an office visit, go to the emergency room, or pick up a prescription, you pay a set dollar amount called a copay. (You may need to pay the annual deductible first before the copay applies.)
  - **Coinsurance:** When you receive any other medical services, you pay a percentage of the cost of the service, and the plan pays the remaining percentage. This is called coinsurance. (You will need to pay the annual deductible first before coinsurance applies.)
- **Annual Out-of-Pocket Maximum:** The PPO includes an out-of-pocket maximum. This is the maximum amount you must pay out of your own pocket (under the applicable coinsurance percentage) after meeting the deductible. Once you reach the out-of-pocket maximum, the plan pays 100% of in-network charges for the remainder of the plan year. Please note that your out-of-pocket maximum will be lower when you use in-network providers.

## High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP)

- The HDHP plan's network of providers is Anthem's PPO network. Like the PPO plan, you can choose any doctor you want, and you can go to any hospital or pharmacy. However, you'll pay less when you use a provider or facility that participates in the Anthem PPO network.
- The HDHP looks a lot like the PPO except the HDHP has a higher deductible and out-of-pocket limit. The IRS defines the acceptable deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums for a plan to be considered an HDHP that can be paired with an HSA. Like the PPO, preventive services will be covered at 100% and coinsurance will apply.



# Medical Plan Overview (continued)

## Health Savings Account (HSA)

If you are interested in saving for your healthcare costs in retirement, you may want to consider this option!

If you are enrolled in the HDHP plan, you may choose to open an HSA at the financial institution of your choice or through an American Fidelity direct deposit account. If you are interested in exploring this option, please meet with American Fidelity. It is not required that you open an HSA to be enrolled in an HDHP. However, due to tax savings and portability you may want to consider an HSA.

A Health Savings Account is an employee-owned, tax advantaged savings account that you can use to pay for eligible health care expenses. Unlike the Medical Flexible Spending Account (FSA), your account balance rolls over from year-to-year and you take the money with you when you retire or separate from the District.

- An HSA is a bank account that is controlled by you
- You decide how much to use for current health expenses and how much to save for future health expenses
- Contributions and interest gains accumulate tax-free\*
- Distributions are tax-free\* when used to pay for qualified medical expenses
- You will never forfeit money at the end of the plan year because unused funds roll over year after year
- You may keep your account even if you leave the District

\* HSA's are subject to California taxes

### HSA Eligibility

Not everyone can contribute to an HSA. You must be enrolled in a qualifying high-deductible health plan (HDHP) at the District or elsewhere to participate. In addition, the following circumstances are disqualifying for HSA coverage:

- You are enrolled in Medicare Parts A and/or B and enrolled in a Medicare plan
- You are covered by another non-qualified high deductible health plan (such as your spouse's plan)
- You receive benefits from TRICARE or are active military

- You can be claimed as a dependent on another individual's Federal tax return
- You received VA benefits within the past three months
- You have a balance in a Medical FSA from 2021

### How Much Can I Contribute to an HSA for 2022?

The IRS determines the contribution limits for HSAs.

#### HDHP Single Coverage

- You can contribute up to \$3,650 per year if enrolled in an HDHP at the employee-only level of coverage.

#### HDHP Family Coverage (includes Employee + One or more)

- You can contribute up to \$7,300 per year if enrolled in an HDHP at the employee + one or employee + family level of coverage. However, if you are married, you and your spouse's total combined contribution cannot exceed \$7,300 per year.

### Catch-Up Contribution for Individuals 55+

If you are age 55 or older you can contribute an additional \$1,000 catch-up contribution to your HSA. If your spouse is age 55 or older your spouse can also contribute an additional \$1,000 catch-up contribution to a separate HSA in your spouse's name. You cannot make a catch-up contribution on behalf of your spouse, or vice-versa. The maximum contribution is \$8,300 if catch-up provisions apply.

### HSA is a Triple-Tax Savings Plan

- HSA payroll deductions are tax free
- Invest HSA fund tax-free (options may vary by financial institution)
- Take tax-free distributions for qualified medical expenses

### HSAs and HDHPs Go Hand in Hand

HSAs and HDHPs work together to provide the medical coverage you need and an account to help pay for medical expenses. Since preventive care is covered at 100% by the medical plan, the HSA account can cover your HDHP's deductible and coinsurance/copays. Since you own the account, it is up to you when you use your HSA dollars.



# Medical Plan Overview (continued)

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## REMINDER

### Important Medical Plan Benefits!

#### Health Programs Available to all SISC Members (Kaiser, Anthem HMO or PPO and SIMNSA)

Expert Medical Opinion Program (formerly Advance Medical) all employees and their family members enrolled in a SISC medical plan have access to free assistance with any and all healthcare questions. Teledoc Medical Experts provides members with access to the best health care possible. The benefit gives access to second opinions from world-leading experts without leaving home. This service is available at no cost! Contact Teledoc at 800.835.2362 or visit [teladoc.com/sisc](http://teladoc.com/sisc).

#### MyStrength

MyStrength is a smart phone application that provides free emotional health and wellness tools to all employees and household members. Members may download MyStrength to their smart phone and call the Anthem EAP at 800.999.7222 for assigned access code.

Kaiser offers a wide variety of programs and services at [kp.org](http://kp.org). Manage your care online, sign-up for healthy lifestyle programs, get a wellness coach, join health classes and access member discounts. In addition, Kaiser members have free access to the highly acclaimed Calm meditation and mindfulness smart phone application. Adult members can get the Calm app at no cost at [kp.org/selfcareapps](http://kp.org/selfcareapps).

#### For employees and family members enrolled in Anthem HMO or PPO plans the following added benefits are available:

- **MDLive** gives you access to a physician or behavioral health provider, 24/7, anytime, anywhere. Consult with doctors and pediatricians over the phone or using online video for medical conditions such as a cough, cold, fever, sore throat, flu, infection, bronchitis and children's health issues. MDLive physicians can diagnose and prescribe medication when appropriate. Online behavioral health visits are also available for confidential sessions with licensed therapist or psychiatrist. Plus, you save money - \$0 per consultation (through September 30, 2022). Register by calling MDLive at 1.888.632.2738 or go to [mdlive.com/sisc](http://mdlive.com/sisc). (It is recommended you register **before** you need to access MDLive services).

- **Vida Health** a digital coaching application with one-on-one health coaching, therapy and management tools for pre-diabetes, diabetes, hypertension, depressions and more. Call 855.442.5885 or go to [vida.com/sisc](http://vida.com/sisc).
- **Free Generic Medications** (excludes certain pain and cough medications) through Costco and Costco Mail Order. Take your prescription to a Costco pharmacy, no need to be a Costco member. Call 1.800.774.2678 (press 1) to find a Costco location.
- **Lark Diabetes Prevention Program** is a digital program focused on helping members prevent diabetes and start improving overall health and well being by losing weight and adopting health habits. Go to [Lark.com/anthembc](http://Lark.com/anthembc) to see if you qualify.

#### For employees and family members enrolled in the Anthem PPO plans only, added benefits include:

- The first 3 visits to a primary doctor, per calendar year, are \$0. Research shows that strengthening a relationship with a primary care provider leads to better health outcomes – thus lower premiums over time. Included provider types are: General and Family Practice, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Nurse Practitioner, Physicians' Assistant, Obstetrics and Gynecology (does not apply to the High Deductible PPO plan).
- Oncology Center of Excellence Program for assistance in navigating cancer treatment. Call 877.220.3556 or go to [sisc.contigohealth.com](http://sisc.contigohealth.com). Subject to the deductible for the HDHP with HSA members.
- Hinge Health is a digital program for Back and Knee pain including one-on-one coaching. Call 855.902.2777 or go to [hingehealth.com/sisc](http://hingehealth.com/sisc).
- **The SISC PPO plan** (not the High Deductible PPO plan) has a 4th quarter carryover. This means that anything applied to the deductible in the last quarter of the calendar year (October – December) will be applied to the following year's calendar year deductible.

# Medical Plan Comparison

## HMO Plans

Benefits	SISC (Self-Insured Schools of California)			
	Kaiser	Anthem HMO's		SIMNSA
	Kaiser HMO	Anthem HMO Full Premier	Anthem HMO Select Premier	SIMNSA HMO
<b>Network Access</b>	Kaiser network of providers.	Only Anthem HMO plan where you can access Scripps Clinic, Scripps Coastal and Mercy Physicians Medical Groups. In addition, access to all other providers in the Select HMO plans.*	Cannot access Scripps Clinic, Scripps Coastal and Mercy Physicians Medical Groups.	SIMNSA network of providers.
<b>Annual Deductible</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Medical Out-of-Pocket Maximum</b>	\$1,500 individual \$3,000 family	\$1,000 individual \$2,000 family	\$1,000 individual \$2,000 family	\$6,350 individual \$12,700 family
<b>Office Visit</b>	\$15 copay	\$10 copay	\$10 copay	\$5 copay
<b>Specialist Visit</b>	\$15 copay	\$10 copay	\$10 copay	\$5 copay
<b>Inpatient Hospitalization</b>	100% covered	100% covered	100% covered	100% covered
<b>Outpatient Surgery</b>	\$15 copay	100% covered	100% covered	100% covered
<b>Urgent Care</b>	\$15 copay	\$10 copay (from your primary care group)	\$10 copay (from your primary care group)	Mexico: \$25 copay Outside Mexico: \$50 copay
<b>Emergency Room</b>	\$100 copay (waived if admitted)	\$100 copay (waived if admitted)	\$100 copay (waived if admitted)	In and Out of Plan's Area: \$250 copay (waived if admitted)
<b>Ambulance</b>	\$50 copay	\$100 copay	\$100 copay	100% covered
<b>Preventive Care</b>	100% covered	100% covered	100% covered	100% covered
<b>Chiropractic Services</b> <i>(All Anthem and Kaiser HMO plans will combine chiropractic &amp; acupuncture thru ASH)</i>	\$10 copay, up to 30 visits per calendar year	\$10 copay, up to 30 visits per calendar year	\$10 copay, up to 30 visits per calendar year	\$10 copay (Massage and Physical therapy)
<b>X-Ray &amp; Laboratory</b>	100% covered	100% \$100 complex radiology	100% \$100 complex radiology	100%
<b>Prescription Out-of-Pocket Maximum</b>	Included in medical Out-of-Pocket Maximum	\$1,500 individual \$2,500 family	\$2,500 individual \$3,500 family	Included in medical Out-of-Pocket Maximum
<b>Prescriptions</b>	Kaiser Pharmacy Only			
<b>Retail-Network</b> <i>(Other than Costco)</i>	\$5 generic \$20 brand (30 day supply)	\$5 generic \$20 brand (30 day supply)	\$9 generic \$35 brand (30 day supply)	\$5 (generic drugs not available in Mexico)
<b>Costco Walk-In</b>	N/A	\$0 generic (up to a 90 day supply) \$20 brand (30 day supply) \$50 brand (90 day supply)	\$0 generic (up to a 90 day supply) \$35 brand (30 day supply) \$90 brand (90 day supply)	N/A
<b>Costco Mail Order</b>	N/A	\$0 generic \$50 brand (90 day supply)	\$0 generic \$90 brand (90 day supply)	N/A, mail order not available in Mexico
		*Contracts are subject to change between Anthem Blue Cross and health care providers.		

This is a brief description of each plan. Any variances from the master policy; the master policy will prevail.

# Medical Plan Comparison (continued)

## ANTHEM HMO Network Medical Groups

### San Diego County

The below network comparison is subject to change due to contract negotiations. Member must verify directly with Anthem at time of enrollment.

	Anthem Premier HMO's	
	Full Network HMO	Select Narrow Network HMO
Rady Children's Health Network	✓	✓
Graybill Medical Group	✓	✓
Greater Tri Cities IPA	✓	✓
Primary Care Associates Medical Group	✓	✓
Scripps Clinic Torrey Pines	✓	
Scripps Coastal Medical Center/Hillcrest	✓	
Scripps Physicians Medical Group	✓	✓
Sharp Community Medical Group	✓	✓
Sharp Community Medical Group-Arch	✓	✓
Sharp Community Medical Group-Inland North	✓	✓
Sharp Rees-Stealy Medical Group, San Diego	✓	✓
UCSD Medical Group	✓	✓
UCSD Physician Network-Primary Care	✓	✓

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# Medical Plan Comparison (continued)

## PPO Plans

Benefits	SISC (Self-Insured Schools of California)	
	Anthem PPO's	
	Anthem PPO Plan	Anthem HDHP Plan
	In-Network	In-Network
<b>Network Access</b>	See any licensed provider you choose. Save money by staying within the Blue Cross PPO Prudent Buyer (Large Group) provider network. Your costs will be significantly higher for covered services provided by out-of-network providers.	
<b>Annual Deductible</b>	\$200 individual \$500 family	\$1,500 individual \$3,000 family <small>(no individual within a family greater than \$2,800)</small>
<b>Medical Out-of-Pocket Maximum</b>	\$1,000 individual \$3,000 family	\$3,000 individual \$6,000 family
<b>Office Visit</b>	\$0 copay per visit for visits 1-3, then \$20 copay per visit for visits 4	10% coinsurance
		<b>After the deductible is met then:</b>
<b>Specialist Visit</b>	\$20 copay	10% coinsurance
<b>Inpatient Hospitalization</b>	10% coinsurance	10% coinsurance
<b>Outpatient Surgery</b>	10% coinsurance	10% coinsurance
<b>Urgent Care</b>	\$20 copay	10% coinsurance
<b>Emergency Room</b>	\$100 copay, then 10% coinsurance	\$100 copay, then 10% coinsurance
<b>Ambulance</b>	\$100 copay, then 10% coinsurance	10% coinsurance
<b>Preventive Care</b>	100% covered in-network	100% covered in-network
<b>Chiropractic Services</b>	10% coinsurance	10% coinsurance
<b>X-Ray &amp; Laboratory</b>	10% coinsurance	10% coinsurance
<b>Rx Out-of-Pocket Maximum</b>	\$1,500 individual \$2,500 family	Included in medical out-of-pocket maximum
<b>Prescriptions</b>		<b>After the deductible is met, then:</b>
<b>Retail-Network (Other than Costco)</b>	\$5 generic \$20 brand <small>(30 day supply)</small>	\$9 generic, \$35 brand <small>(30 day supply)</small>
<b>Costco Walk-In</b>	\$0 generic (up to a 90 day supply) \$20 brand (30 day supply) \$50 brand (90 day supply)	\$0 generic (up to 90 day supply) \$35 brand (30 day supply) \$90 brand (90 day supply)
<b>Costco Mail Order</b>	\$0 generic \$50 brand <small>(90 day supply)</small>	\$0 generic \$90 brand <small>(90 day supply)</small>

Out of network coverage for the PPO and HDHP plans cover benefits at 100% of the fee schedule. The member is responsible for any balance above the fee schedule. This is a brief description of each plan. Any variances from the master policy; the master policy will prevail.

# 2022 Employee Cost

Employee costs vary by which medical plan is chosen, family status and work status. For full-time employees, the annual cap the District provides for medical, dental, vision and life insurance is \$11,000. The resulting employee cost (if any) is deducted from your pay check 11 times per year.

Part-time employees have the choice between two medical plan options (part-time employees are not eligible for dental, vision or life insurance coverage). The cap is 70% of the employee only medical rate so varies slightly on whether Kaiser or the Anthem Premier Select Narrow Network HMO - Rx plan is chosen. The resulting employee cost is deducted from your pay check 11 times per year.

As a reminder, employee costs above the cap are deducted from your pay on a pre-tax basis for yourself, your spouse and dependent children (tax rules may vary for registered domestic partners, please consult your tax advisor). Depending on your tax bracket, this may be an average savings of between 20-30% of the premium costs.

	SISC (Self-Insured Schools of California)					
	Kaiser	Anthem HMO's		SIMNSA	Anthem PPO's	
	Kaiser HMO	Anthem HMO Full Premier	Anthem HMO Select Premier	SIMNSA HMO	Anthem PPO Plan	Anthem HDHP Plan
<b>FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES – 11 MONTH DEDUCTIONS (INCLUDES MEDICAL, DENTAL, VISION AND LIFE INSURANCE)</b>						
Employee Only	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$72.24	\$0.00
Plus 1 Dependent	\$538.06	\$793.33	\$583.88	\$0.00	\$989.69	\$529.33
Plus 2 or More Dependents	\$954.78	\$1,294.06	\$1,020.24	\$0.00	\$1,552.60	\$959.15

	Kaiser HMO	Anthem HMO Select Premier	SIMNSA HMO
<b>PART-TIME EMPLOYEES – 11 MONTH DEDUCTIONS (INCLUDES MEDICAL ONLY)</b>			
Employee Only	\$211.75	\$216.33	\$89.02
Plus 1 Dependent	\$906.65	\$941.78	\$307.20
Plus 2 or More Dependents	\$1,323.38	\$1,378.15	\$545.02

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# Dental

This is an incentive plan; Delta Dental pays 70% of the PPO contract allowance for covered diagnostic, preventive, basic and major services during the first year of eligibility. The coinsurance percentage will increase by 10% each year (to a maximum of 100%) for each enrollee if that person visits the dentist at least once during the year. If an enrollee does not use the plan during the calendar year, the percentage remains at the level attained the previous year. If an enrollee becomes ineligible for benefits and later regains eligibility, the percentage will drop back to 70%.

You can visit any licensed dentists under this plan, but you will maximize plan value, through savings to you, by selecting a Delta Dental PPO dentist. PPO dentists have agreed to reduce contracted rates and cannot "balance bill" you for additional covered fees. To find a Delta Dentist PPO provider go to: [deltadentalins.com](http://deltadentalins.com) or call 1.800.449.3001.

Plan Benefits	Delta Dental PPO Plan	
	Member Responsibility	
	Delta Dental PPO Dentists	Non-Delta Dental PPO Dentists
<b>Annual Deductible</b>		
• Individual	\$25	\$25
• Family	\$75 (\$25 per person)	\$75 (\$25 per person)
<b>Annual Maximum Benefit</b>	\$2,500	\$2,500
<b>Diagnostic and Preventive Services</b>		
• Oral Exams, Routine Cleanings, X-Rays, Fluoride Treatment	30% - 0%	30% - 0%
<b>Basic Services</b>		
• Fillings ( <i>amalgam</i> )	30% - 0%	30% - 0%
• Fillings ( <i>porcelain/ceramic</i> )	30% - 0%	30% - 0%
• Endodontics ( <i>root canals</i> )	30% - 0%	30% - 0%
• Oral Surgery	30% - 0%	30% - 0%
• Periodontics ( <i>gum treatment</i> )	30% - 0%	30% - 0%
<b>Major Services</b>		
• Crowns, Inlays, Onlays, Cast Restorations	30% - 0%	30% - 0%
• Prosthodontics ( <i>Dentures, Bridges</i> )	40%	50%
<b>Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ)</b>	70%	70%
<b>Orthodontics</b>		
• Dependent Children Only	50%	50%
• Lifetime Maximum	\$2,000	\$2,000

Reimbursement is based on PPO contracted fees for PPO dentists, Premier contracted fees for Premier dentists and program allowance for non-Delta Dental dentists.

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# Vision

Your vision plan through VSP offers flexibility and a wide network. You may use any vision care provider, but if you use a VSP Signature provider, you will get the most value from your VSP Signature benefits. With VSP providers there are no ID cards, no claim forms and no hassles. With other providers, you must pay the bill in full and file a claim for reimbursement at the scheduled benefit level. The plan allows an eye exam, lenses and frames every 12 months. You will also find discounts on extra glasses, sunglasses, contact lenses and laser vision correction.

Plan Benefits	VSP (Vision Service Plan)	
	In-Network	Out-of-Network
<b>Frequency</b>		
• Eye Exam	Once every 12 months	
• Lenses/Contacts	Once every 12 months	
• Frames	Once every 12 months	
<b>Copay</b>	<b>MEMBER RESPONSIBILITY</b>	<b>PLAN PAYS</b>
• Exam and Materials	\$25 copay, Exam and/or Glasses Various copays for materials	Up to \$45 allowance for Exam
<b>Prescription Lenses</b>		
• Single	Copay included in \$25 exam copay	Up to \$45 allowance
• Lined Bifocal	Copay included in \$25 exam copay	Up to \$65 allowance
• Lined Trifocal	Copay included in \$25 exam copay	Up to \$85 allowance
<b>Frames</b>	<b>PLAN PAYS</b>	<b>PLAN PAYS</b>
	\$130 allowance; 20% off remaining amount \$150 allowance for featured frame brands	Up to \$47 allowance
<b>Contacts, including Fitting and Evaluation (in lieu of lenses and frames)</b>	<b>PLAN PAYS</b>	<b>PLAN PAYS</b>
• Medically Necessary	100%	Up to \$210 allowance
• Elective	\$130 allowance	Up to \$105 allowance
<b>Suncare</b>	\$130 allowance for ready-made non-prescription sunglasses instead of prescription glasses or contact lenses.	
<b>Laser VisionCare Preferred Program</b>	<b>PLAN PAYS</b>	
	15% off regular price or 5% off promotional price	



## Discount Hearing Aids – TruHearing

VSP members can use their hearing aid allowance through Anthem Blue Cross (Kaiser members are not eligible) to purchase hearing aids from TruHearing.

Contact TruHearing for more information at 866.754.1607.

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# Basic Life & AD&D

As a benefit eligible employee of the District, you automatically receive group term life insurance administered by The Hartford. If a covered employee should die in an accident or be maimed accidentally, there could be an additional benefit called Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D).

Plan Benefits	Basic Life & AD&D/The Hartford
<b>Eligible Class</b>	All active full-time employees and Certificated employees participating in shared assignments
<b>Coverage Amount<sup>1</sup></b>	\$50,000
<b>Maximum Benefit</b>	\$50,000
<b>Guaranteed Issue</b>	\$50,000
<b>Age Reduction</b>	
• At age 65	Reduction to 65% of the initial benefit amount
• At age 70	Reduction to 50% of the initial benefit amount
<b>Accelerated Benefit Option</b>	80% of the amount of the Life Insurance benefit is available to you if You incur a terminal condition. Terminal condition means an injury or sickness expected to result in your death within 12 months and from which there is no reasonable prospect of recovery as determined by the carrier.
<b>Conversion</b>	Yes
<b>Portability</b>	Yes



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# Voluntary Life Insurance

If you prefer an amount of life insurance above the basic amount the District provides at no cost to you, you may purchase supplemental coverage through after-tax payroll deductions. You may choose the amount of coverage to suit your needs, from \$10,000 to \$300,000, but not to exceed five-times your annual earnings. Coverage must be purchased in \$10,000 increments. If you elect voluntary life insurance for yourself, you may also purchase additional life insurance for your spouse and for your children.

Plan Benefits	Voluntary Life/The Hartford
<b>Eligible Class</b>	Benefit Eligible Employees Working 20 Hours or More Per Week
<b>Coverage Amount</b>	
• Employee	Increments of \$10,000
• Spouse	Increments of \$5,000 (cannot exceed 50% of employee approved coverage). Terminates as age 70.
• Child(ren)	\$2,500/\$5,000/\$10,000. Terminates at age 26.
<b>Maximum Benefit</b>	
• Employee	5 times base annual salary to a maximum of \$300,000
• Spouse	\$100,000 (cannot exceed 50% of employee approved coverage)
• Child(ren)	\$10,000 (cannot exceed 50% of employee approved coverage)
<b>Guaranteed Issue<sup>1</sup></b>	
• Employee	\$150,000
• Spouse	\$50,000
• Child(ren)	\$10,000
<b>Waiver of Premium<sup>2</sup></b>	Included, terminates at age 65
<b>Age Reduction</b>	
• At age 70	Reduction to 50% of the initial benefit amount
<b>Accelerated Benefit Option</b>	Yes, if you are diagnosed as terminally ill with a life expectancy of 12 months or less, you may be eligible to receive payment for a portion of your life insurance. The request cannot exceed 80% of the in force amount of life insurance subject to a minimum of \$3,000 and a maximum of \$240,000. The remaining amount of your life insurance would be paid to your beneficiary when you die.
<b>Conversion</b>	Yes
<b>Portability</b>	Yes

1. Guarantee Issue is the amount of insurance you are guaranteed without having to complete Evidence of Insurability (EOI). Any amounts above the Guaranteed Issue amount is subject to underwriting where you will be required to complete an EOI form.
2. If you become Totally Disabled while insured, the Waiver of Premium Provision may continue your Life Insurance without any further payment of premiums by you.

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# Voluntary Life Insurance (continued)

Tenthly rates per \$10,000 of coverage (employee), per \$5,000 of coverage (spouse) and children rates are as follow:

Age	Per \$10,000 of Coverage	Per \$5,000 of Coverage
Under 25	\$0.60	\$0.30
25-29	\$0.60	\$0.30
30-34	\$0.84	\$0.42
35-39	\$1.08	\$0.54
40-44	\$1.32	\$0.66
45-49	\$2.40	\$1.20
50-54	\$4.20	\$2.10
55-59	\$7.08	\$3.54
60-64	\$11.40	\$5.70
65-69	\$16.08	\$8.04
70-74	\$23.76	N/A
75+	\$23.76	N/A

Children	
\$10,000	\$1.00
\$5,000	\$0.50
\$2,500	0.25



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# Employee Assistance Programs (EAP)

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An employee assistance program (EAP) is a confidential program that provides professional counseling, financial advice, and referral services to employees and the members of their household. You and each member of your household have access to two EAP plans:

1. EASE through SDCOE. Each member of your household is entitled to 8 confidential counseling sessions per concern, per calendar year. EASE may be contacted at 858.277.3273.
2. Anthem EAP if enrolled in any of the SISC medical plans (Anthem HMO, PPO or Kaiser). Each member of your household is entitled to 6 confidential counseling sessions per concern, per year. The Anthem EAP may be contacted at 800.999.7222 or at [www.anthem.eap.com](http://www.anthem.eap.com) (Program name: SISC).

An EAP is designed to help you with everyday concerns and questions, both big and small, which impact you or anyone residing in your household.

#### These everyday problems we each face include:

- Relationship difficulties
- Marriage, family or parenting concerns
- Managing change and stress
- Grief and loss
- Legal and financial problems
- Work-related concerns
- Anxiety and depression

An EAP can assist you with more serious concerns such as alcohol and drug problems, family violence and threats of suicide. EAP resources are most effective when the services are accessed early in the progression of a problem, before the situation begins to impact personal life and work.

When you or a household member contact the EAP, they work with you to figure out the next steps. If you need counseling, up to 6 visits to a licensed professional will be arranged. If you have money concerns or legal questions, the EAP can put you in touch with a financial advisor or an attorney.

#### Important features:

- There is no cost for the EAP services, no copays or forms required
- Appointments can be made around your schedule
- Emergencies are handled by staff members available by phone 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

**It is your choice which EAP to access when you need to.**



# Flexible Spending Accounts

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## You Can Save on Your Taxes

A Flexible Spending Account (FSA) is an IRS approved plan that allows you to pay for unreimbursed medical expenses and childcare/dependent expenses with pre-income tax and pre-FICA dollars. Each FSA dollar that you spend on copays and deductibles for medical, vision, dental, childcare, and dependent care expenses will reduce your taxable wages.

## Open Enrollment

You can only enroll in the FSA once per year during the fall Open Enrollment with your elections effective January 1 of each year. American Fidelity is the administrator of the Section 125 plan and visits each school site annually to allow you to enroll. If you choose not to enroll during the Open Enrollment period, you must wait until the Open Enrollment period the following year to sign up.

You must notify Human Resources within 30 days of any qualifying life event to make changes to this enrollment. The changes must be consistent with the life event (if you are adding a baby, you may increase medical spending account election, but may not decrease the election).

### There are limited exceptions to this rule:

- Change in Status
  - Change in employees' legal marital status, including marriage, divorce, death of a spouse, legal separation and annulment;
  - Change in number of dependents, including birth, adoption, placement for adoption, and death;
  - Change in employment status, including any employment status change affecting benefit eligibility of the employee, spouse or dependent, such as termination or commencement of employment, change in hours, strike or lockout, a commencement or return from unpaid leave of absence, and a change in worksite.

- Special Enrollment Rights (applies to medical plan election only) – if an employee, spouse or dependent is entitled for Special Enrollment rights under a group health plan (other than an excepted benefit), as required by HIPAA, than a participant may revoke a prior election for group health plan coverage and make a new election. Special Enrollment right include (not exhaustive):
  - Loss of coverage under another group plan,
  - A new dependent is acquired as a result of marriage, birth, adoption or placement of adoption,
  - Loss of MediCal (Medicaid) or state exchange eligibility (participant has 60 days to notify Human Resources in this event);
  - Certain judgments, decrees or orders;
  - Entitlement to Medicare or MediCal (Medicaid);
  - Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA);
  - COBRA qualifying event;
  - Change in eligibility of adult children
- **Other Exceptions to Irrevocably of Elections:**
  - Significant change in cost in benefit as determined by the plan document.

## These exceptions may not be all inclusive.

Please contact Human Resources for guidance with your specific situation. Human Resources will confer with American Fidelity to determine an outcome based on IRS rules and regulations.

# Flexible Spending Accounts (continued)

## How Your Health Care FSA Works

The Health Care FSA lets you use your tax-free dollars to pay for eligible health care expenses not covered by your health plans (medical, dental and vision), out-of-pocket expenses incurred by you, your spouse and your eligible dependents. The IRS has set the maximum contribution for Health Care at \$2,750 (\$200 minimum).

### Some examples of eligible expenses include:

- **New 2020** - Over-the-counter medications and feminine care products
- Acupuncture
- Chiropractor care
- Dental Care
- Eye glasses/contact lenses
- Hearing aids/batteries
- In vitro fertilization
- Laser eye surgery
- Orthodontia (services must be incurred or already paid during plan year. Special rules apply, contact American Fidelity for further information)

### Some ineligible expenses include:

- Cosmetic expenditures
- Exercise equipment
- Insurance premiums
- Teeth whitening

Go to <https://americanfidelity.com> for a complete list of eligible and ineligible expenses.

During open enrollment, be sure to meet with your American Fidelity Representative to learn more.

If you are no longer working for Del Mar Union School District, you can continue to submit reimbursement requests for expenses incurred up to your date of separation. Please note, all requests for reimbursement must be received by American Fidelity within 90 calendar days of your last day of employment.

## How Your Dependent Care FSA Works

The Dependent Care FSA allows you to use tax-free dollars to pay for the child and elder day care expenses that enable you and your spouse to work or attend school full-time. You can use your FSA to pay for those regular expenses such as day care, baby sitting, and even summer day camp.

The IRS code has set the maximum contributions for the Dependent Care FSA to \$5,000. However, if you are married and you and your spouse file separate tax returns, the maximum amount you can contribute is \$2,500. It is important to note that the maximum for the Dependent Care FSA is a "family maximum." If your spouse has a Dependent Care FSA available at his or her employer and chooses to participate, your election amounts are combined. Your combined election amount cannot be higher than the maximum that pertains to you.

Dependent Care FSAs differ from Health Care FSAs in that they are not "pre-funded." This means that you can only be reimbursed for an amount up to the total you have deposited into your account at any given point in the year. However, expenses associated with the care of a dependent are most often accrued on a per week or per month basis, and therefore the total election amount is rarely needed all at once.

## Premium Contribution Account

Any core benefit (medical, dental and vision) premiums that exceed the negotiated cap will automatically be deducted from your pay on a pre-tax basis for yourself, spouse and dependents (registered domestic partners may not be eligible for the benefit, please contact your tax advisor for additional information).

## Plan Carefully

The best advice is to meet with your American Fidelity representative during Open Enrollment and carefully review anticipated expenses.



# Voluntary Programs

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## Voluntary Programs Available Through Payroll Deductions

There are a variety of benefits you can purchase through payroll deductions (no contributions are provided by the District).

**American Fidelity offers the following products where some may be purchased with pre-taxed dollars:**

- Accident Only Insurance
- Cancer Insurance
- Disability Income Insurance
- Life Insurance
- Critical Illness
- 403b

For more information, contact your account representative at 800.365.9180 or visit [americanfidelity.com](http://americanfidelity.com)

**The Standard Insurance for DMCTA – CTA** endorsed Disability and Life Insurance is offered through The Standard. These programs are designed specifically for CTA members. It is strongly urged that you review both plans within 180 days of new employment or within the first 120 days if you are transferring to a new District. You could be eligible for to enroll with no health questions for up to \$200,000 in life insurance and/or enroll in disability insurance. To apply contact Human Resources for a form or call CTA Customer Service at 800.522.0406 or [CTAMemberBenefits.org/TheStandard](http://CTAMemberBenefits.org/TheStandard).

### Other Programs Include:

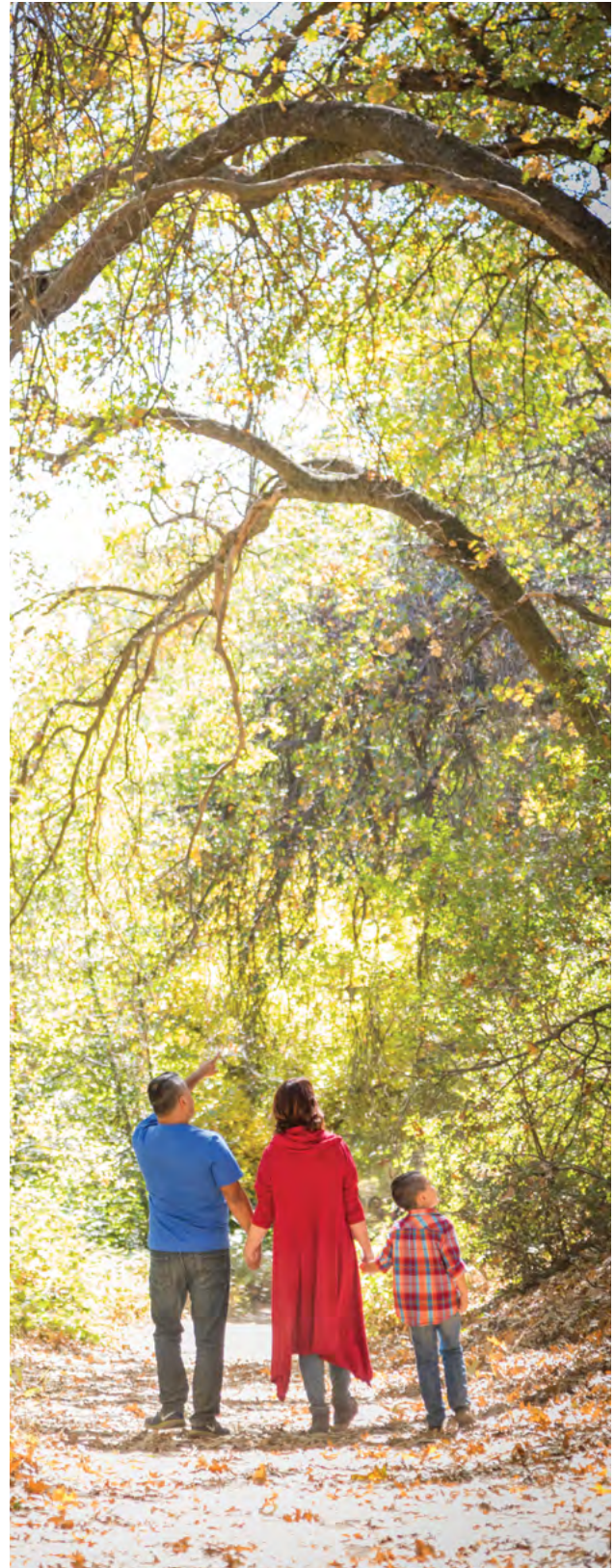
- **Hyatt Legal** – Legal Services
- **Liberty Mutual** – Home, Auto, Life

### Retirement

- **CalSTRS** – 800.228.5453 or [www.calstrs.com](http://www.calstrs.com)
- **CalPERS** – 800.352.2238 or [www.calpers.ca.gov](http://www.calpers.ca.gov)

### Supplemental Retirement Plans:

403(b), 457(B) and Roth 403b, contact the FBC at 1.844.732.7738 or Andrew Rizk at [Andrew.Rizk@employer-retirement.com](mailto:Andrew.Rizk@employer-retirement.com).





# Important Notices

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## Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act (NMHPA)

Benefits for pregnancy hospital stay (for delivery) for a mother and her newborn generally may not be restricted to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery or 96 hours following a cesarean section. Also, any utilization review requirements for inpatient hospital admissions will not apply for this minimum length of stay and early discharge is only permitted if the attending health care provider, in consultation with the mother, decides an earlier discharge is appropriate.

## Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act (WHCRA) Annual Notice

Your plan, as required by the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998, provides benefits for mastectomy-related services including all stages of reconstruction and surgery to achieve symmetry between the breasts, prostheses, and complications resulting from a mastectomy, including lymphedema. For more information, you should review the Summary Plan Description or call your medical plan customer service number.

## Patient Protections

The medical plan requires 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, the plan will 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 your health plan.

For children, you may designate a pediatrician as the primary care provider.

You do not need prior authorization from the plan or 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 your health plan.

## Networks/Claims/Appeals

The major medical plans described in this booklet have provider networks with Anthem, Kaiser and SIMNSA. The listing of provider networks will be available to you automatically and free of charge. A list of network providers can be accessed immediately by using the Internet address found in the Summary of Benefits and Coverage that relates to the Plan. You have a right to appeal denials of claims, and a right to a response within a reasonable amount of time. Claims that are not submitted within a reasonable time may be denied. Please review your Summary Plan Description or contact the Plan Administrator for more details.

## COBRA Continuation Coverage

This notice has important information about your right to COBRA continuation coverage, which is a temporary extension of coverage under the Plan. **This notice explains COBRA continuation coverage, when it may become available to you and your family, and what you need to do to protect your right to get it.** When you become eligible for COBRA, you may also become eligible for other coverage options that may cost less than COBRA continuation coverage.

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

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

# Important Notices (continued)

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## WHAT IS COBRA CONTINUATION COVERAGE?

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

If you are an employee, you will become a Qualified Beneficiary if you lose coverage under the Plan because of the following Qualifying Events:

- Your hours of employment are reduced, or
- Your employment ends for any reason other than your gross misconduct.

If you are the spouse of an employee, you will become a Qualified Beneficiary if you lose your coverage under the Plan because of the following Qualifying Events:

- Your spouse dies;
- Your spouse’s hours of employment are reduced;
- Your spouse’s employment ends for any reason other than their gross misconduct;
- Your spouse becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both); or,
- You become divorced or legally separated from your spouse.

Your dependent children will become Qualified Beneficiaries if they lose coverage under the Plan because of the following Qualifying Events:

- The parent-employee dies;
- The parent-employee’s employment ends for any reason other than their gross misconduct;
- The parent-employee becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (Part A, Part B, or both);
- The parents become divorced or legally separated; or,
- The child stops being eligible for coverage under the Plan as a “dependent child.”

## WHEN IS COBRA CONTINUATION COVERAGE AVAILABLE?

The Plan will offer COBRA continuation coverage to Qualified Beneficiaries only after the Plan Administrator has been notified that a Qualifying Event has occurred. The employer must notify the Plan Administrator of the following Qualifying Events:

- The end of employment or reduction of hours of employment;
- Death of the employee; or,
- The employee’s becoming entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both).

**For all other Qualifying Events (e.g., divorce or legal separation of the employee and spouse, or a dependent child’s losing eligibility for coverage as a dependent child, etc.), you must notify the Plan Administrator within 60 days after the Qualifying Event occurs. You must provide this notice to your employer.**

Life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment benefits, and weekly income or long-term disability benefits (if part of the employer’s plan), are not eligible for continuation under COBRA.

## NOTICE AND ELECTION PROCEDURES

Each type of notice or election to be provided by a covered employee or a Qualified Beneficiary under this COBRA Continuation Coverage Section must be in writing, must be signed and dated, and must be mailed or hand-delivered to the Plan Administrator, properly addressed, or as otherwise permitted by the COBRA administrator, no later than the date specified in the election form, and properly submitted to the Plan Administrator.

Each notice must include all of the following items: the covered employee’s full name, address, phone number and Social Security Number; the full name, address, phone number and Social Security Number of each affected dependent, as well as each dependent’s relationship to the covered employee; a description of the Qualifying Event or disability determination that has occurred; the date the Qualifying Event or disability determination occurred; a copy of the Social Security Administration’s written disability determination, if applicable; and the name of this Plan. The Plan Administrator may establish specific forms that must be used to provide a notice or election.

## ELECTION AND ELECTION PERIOD

COBRA continuation coverage may be elected during the period beginning on the date Plan coverage would otherwise terminate due to a Qualifying Event and ending on the later of the following: (1) 60 days after coverage ends due to a Qualifying Event, or (2) 60 days after the notice of the COBRA continuation coverage rights is provided to the Qualified Beneficiary.

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If, during the election period, a Qualified Beneficiary waives COBRA continuation coverage rights, the waiver can be revoked at any time before the end of the election period. Revocation of the waiver will be an election of COBRA continuation coverage. However, if a waiver is revoked, coverage need not be provided retroactively (that is, from the date of the loss of coverage until the waiver is revoked). Waivers and revocations of waivers are considered to be made on the date they are sent to the employer or Plan Administrator.

## **HOW IS COBRA CONTINUATION COVERAGE PROVIDED?**

Once the Plan Administrator receives notice that a Qualifying Event has occurred, COBRA continuation coverage will be offered to each of the Qualified Beneficiaries. Each Qualified Beneficiary will have an independent right to elect COBRA continuation coverage. Covered employees may elect COBRA continuation coverage on behalf of their spouses, and parents may elect COBRA continuation on behalf of their dependent children.

COBRA continuation coverage is a temporary continuation of coverage that generally lasts for 18 months due to employment termination or reduction of hours of work. Certain Qualifying Events, or a second Qualifying Event during the initial period of coverage, may permit a beneficiary to receive a maximum of 36 months of coverage.

## **DISABILITY EXTENSION OF THE 18-MONTH PERIOD OF COBRA CONTINUATION COVERAGE**

If you or anyone in your family covered under the Plan is determined by Social Security to be disabled and you notify the Plan Administrator in a timely fashion, you and your entire family may be entitled to get up to an additional 11 months of COBRA continuation coverage, for a maximum of 29 months. This disability would have to have started at some time before the 60th day of COBRA continuation coverage and must last at least until the end of the 18-month period of COBRA continuation coverage. (See Notice and Election Procedures.)

## **SECOND QUALIFYING EVENT EXTENSION OF 18-MONTH PERIOD OF COBRA CONTINUATION COVERAGE**

If your family experiences another Qualifying Event during the 18 months of COBRA continuation of coverage, the spouse and dependent children in your family can get up to 18 additional months of COBRA continuation of coverage, for a maximum of 36 months, if the Plan is properly notified about the second Qualifying Event. This extension may be available to the spouse and any dependent children receiving COBRA continuation of coverage if the employee or former employee dies; becomes entitled to Medicare (Part A, Part B, or both); gets divorced or legally separated; or if the dependent child stops being eligible under the Plan as a dependent child. This extension is only available if the second Qualifying Event would have caused the spouse or the dependent child to lose coverage under the Plan had the first Qualifying Event not occurred. (See Notice and Election Procedures.)

## **OTHER OPTIONS BESIDES COBRA CONTINUATION COVERAGE**

Instead of enrolling in COBRA continuation coverage, there may be other coverage options for you and your family through the Health Insurance Marketplace, Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) 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 can learn more about many of these options at [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov).

## **ENROLLMENT IN MEDICARE INSTEAD OF COBRA**

In general, if you don't enroll in Medicare Part A or B when you are first eligible because you are still employed, after the Medicare initial enrollment period, you have an 8-month special enrollment period<sup>1</sup> to sign up for Medicare Part A or B, beginning on the earlier of:

- The month after your employment ends; or
- The month after group health plan coverage based on current employment ends.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.medicare.gov/sign-up-change-plans/how-do-i-get-parts-a-b/part-a-part-b-sign-up-periods>

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If you don't enroll in Medicare and elect COBRA continuation coverage instead, you may have to pay a Part B late enrollment penalty and you may have a gap in coverage if you decide you want Part B later. If you elect COBRA continuation coverage and later enroll in Medicare Part A or B before the COBRA continuation coverage ends, the Plan may terminate your continuation coverage. However, if Medicare Part A or B is effective on or before the date of the COBRA election, COBRA coverage may not be discontinued on account of Medicare entitlement, even if you enroll in the other part of Medicare after the date of the election of COBRA coverage.

If you are enrolled in both COBRA continuation coverage and Medicare, Medicare will generally pay first (primary payer) and COBRA continuation coverage will pay second. Certain plans may pay as if secondary to Medicare, even if you are not enrolled in Medicare.

For more information visit <https://www.medicare.gov/medicare-and-you>.

## IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

For more information about the Marketplace, visit [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov).

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), has jurisdiction with respect to the COBRA continuation coverage requirements of the Public Health Service Act (PHSA) that apply to state and local government employers, including counties, municipalities, public school districts, and the group health plans that they sponsor (Public Sector COBRA). COBRA can be a daunting and complex area of federal law. If you have any questions or issues regarding Public Sector COBRA, you may contact the Plan Administrator or email HHS at [phig@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:phig@cms.hhs.gov).

## KEEP YOUR PLAN INFORMED OF ADDRESS CHANGES

To protect your family's rights, let the Plan Administrator know about any changes in the addresses of family members. You should also keep a copy, for your records, of any notices you send to the Plan Administrator.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF COVERAGE

COBRA continuation coverage, if elected within the period allowed for such election, is effective retroactively to the date coverage would otherwise have terminated due to the Qualifying Event, and the Qualified Beneficiary will be charged for coverage in this retroactive period.

## COST OF CONTINUATION COVERAGE

The cost of COBRA continuation coverage will not exceed 102% of the Plan's full cost of coverage during the same period for similarly situated non-COBRA beneficiaries to whom a Qualifying Event has not occurred. The "full cost" includes any part of the cost which is paid by the employer for non-COBRA beneficiaries.

The initial payment must be made within 45 days after the date of the COBRA election by the Qualified Beneficiary. Payment must cover the period of coverage from the date of the COBRA election retroactive to the date of loss of coverage due to the Qualifying Event (or date a COBRA waiver was revoked, if applicable). The first and subsequent payments must be submitted and made payable to the Plan Administrator or COBRA Administrator. Payments for successive periods of coverage are due on the first of each month thereafter, with a 30-day grace period allowed for payment. Where an employee organization or any other entity that provides Plan benefits on behalf of the Plan Administrator permits a billing grace period greater than the 30 days stated above, such period shall apply in lieu of the 30 days. Payment is considered to be made on the date it is sent to the Plan or Plan Administrator.

The Plan will allow the payment for COBRA continuation coverage to be made in monthly installments, but the Plan can also allow for payment at other intervals. The Plan is not obligated to send monthly premium notices.

The Plan will notify the Qualified Beneficiary, in writing, of any termination of COBRA coverage based on the criteria stated in this Section that occurs prior to the end of the Qualified Beneficiary's applicable maximum coverage period. Notice will be given within 30 days of the Plan's decision to terminate.

Such notice shall include the reason that continuation coverage has terminated earlier than the end of the maximum coverage period for such Qualifying Event and the date of termination of continuation coverage.

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See the **Summary Plan Description** or **contact the Plan Administrator** for more information.

## Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs) – Termination and Claims Submission Deadlines

**Note:** If you lose eligibility for any reason during the Plan Year, your contributions to your Health and/or Dependent Care FSAs will end as of the date your eligibility terminates. You may submit claims for reimbursement from your FSAs for expenses incurred during the Plan Year prior to your eligibility termination. You must submit claims for reimbursement from your Health and/or Dependent Care FSAs no later than 90 days after the date your eligibility terminates. Any balance remaining in your FSAs will be forfeited after claims submitted prior to this date have been processed.

## Special Enrollment Rights Notice

### CHANGES TO YOUR HEALTH PLAN ELECTIONS

Once you make your benefits elections, they cannot be changed until the next Open Enrollment. Open Enrollment is held once a year.

If you are declining enrollment for yourself or your dependents (including your spouse) because of other health insurance or group health plan coverage, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents in this plan if there is a loss of other coverage. However, you must request enrollment no later than 30 days after that other coverage ends.

If you declined coverage while Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) is in effect, you may be able to enroll yourself and/or your dependents in this plan if you or your dependents lose eligibility for that other coverage. However, you must request enrollment no later than 60 days after Medicaid or CHIP coverage ends.

If you or your dependents become eligible for Medicaid or CHIP premium assistance, you may be able to enroll yourself and/or your dependents into this plan. However, you must request enrollment no later than 60 days after the determination for eligibility for such assistance.

If you have a change in family status such as a new dependent resulting from marriage, birth, adoption or placement for adoption, divorce (including legal separation and annulment), death, or Qualified Medical Child Support Order, you may be able to enroll yourself and / or your dependents. However, you must request enrollment no later than 30 days after the marriage, birth, adoption or placement for adoption or divorce (including legal separation and annulment).

For information about Special Enrollment Rights, please contact:

Karlyn Stone

Benefits

[KStone@dmsd.org](mailto:KStone@dmsd.org) or 858.755.9301 ext. 3692

## Medicare Part D – Important Notice About Your Prescription Drug Coverage and Medicare

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

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

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

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- **SISC has determined that the prescription drug coverage offered by Del Mar Union School District Medical Plan(s)] is, on average for all plan participants, expected to pa 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 Del Mar Union School District coverage will not be affected. If you keep this coverage and elect Medicare, the Del Mar Union School District coverage will coordinate with Part D coverage.

If you do decide to join a Medicare drug plan and drop your current Del Mar Union School District coverage, be aware that you and your dependents will 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 Del Mar Union School District 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 (i.e., a penalty) as long as you have Medicare prescription drug coverage. In addition, you may have to wait until the following October to join.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS NOTICE OR YOUR CURRENT PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE**

Contact the person listed below for further information. **Note:** You 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 Del Mar Union School District 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 will 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](http://www.medicare.gov)
- Call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see 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 [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://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: September 2021  
Name of Entity / Sender: Del Mar Union School District  
Contact: Karlyn Stone  
Address: 11232 El Camino Real  
San Diego, CA 92130  
Phone: 858.755.9301

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## **Availability of Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Notice of Privacy Practices**

Del Mar Union School District Group Health Plan (Plan) maintains a Notice of Privacy Practices that provides information to individuals whose protected health information (PHI) will be used or maintained by the Plan. If you would like a copy of the Plan's Notice of Privacy Practices, please contact Karlyn Stone, [Kstone@dmusd.org](mailto:Kstone@dmusd.org).



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## Health Insurance Marketplace Coverage Options and Your Health Coverage

### PART A: GENERAL INFORMATION

This notice provides you with information about Del Mar Union School District in the event you wish to apply for coverage on the Health Insurance Marketplace. All the information you need from Human Resources is listed in this notice. If you wish to have someone assist you in the application process or have questions about subsidies that you may be eligible to receive, (for California residents only) you can contact KeenanDirect at 855.653.3626 or at [www.KeenanDirect.com](http://www.KeenanDirect.com), or (for everyone) contact the Health Insurance Marketplace directly at [www.Healthcare.gov](http://www.Healthcare.gov).

#### WHAT IS THE HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE?

The Marketplace is designed to help you find health insurance that meets your needs and fits your budget by offering “one-stop shopping” to find and compare private health insurance options. You may also be eligible for a tax credit that lowers your monthly premium right away. Open Enrollment for health insurance coverage through Covered California will begin November 1, 2021, and is anticipated to end on January 31, 2022. Open Enrollment for other states will begin on November 1 and close on December 15 of each year. Some states have expanded the open enrollment period beyond December 15, 2021 for coverage to begin in 2022. Notably, Covered California continues its special enrollment period for coverage beginning in 2021 to December 31, 2021.

#### CAN I SAVE MONEY ON MY HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS IN THE MARKETPLACE?

You may qualify to save money and lower your monthly premium, but only if your employer does not offer you coverage, offers medical coverage that is not “Affordable,” or does not provide “Minimum Value.” If the lowest cost plan from your employer that would cover you (and not any other members of your family) is more than 9.61% (for 2022) of your household income for the year, then that coverage is not Affordable. Moreover, if the medical coverage offered covers less than 60% of the benefits costs, then the plan does not provide Minimum Value.

#### DOES EMPLOYER HEALTH COVERAGE AFFECT ELIGIBILITY FOR PREMIUM SAVINGS THROUGH THE MARKETPLACE?

Yes. If you have an offer of medical coverage from your employer that is both Affordable and provides Minimum Value, you will not be eligible for a tax credit through the Marketplace and may wish to enroll in your employer’s medical plan.

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

### PART B: EXCHANGE APPLICATION INFORMATION

In the event you wish to apply for coverage on the Exchange, all the information you need from Human Resources is listed below. If you are located in California and wish to have someone assist you in the application process or have questions about subsidies that you may be eligible to receive, you can contact KeenanDirect at 855.653.3626 or at [www.KeenanDirect.com](http://www.KeenanDirect.com).

<b>3. Employer name</b> Del Mar Union School District	<b>4. Employer Identification Number (EIN)</b> 95-6000995	
<b>5. Employer address</b> 11232 El Camino Real	<b>6. Employer phone number</b> 858.755.9301	
<b>7. City</b> San Diego	<b>8. State</b> CA	<b>9. ZIP code</b> 92130
<b>10. Who can we contact about employee health coverage at this job?</b> Karlyn Stone, Benefits		
<b>11. Phone number (if different from above)</b>	<b>12. Email address</b> <a href="mailto:Kstone@dmusd.org">Kstone@dmusd.org</a>	

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## 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 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 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.

**ALABAMA – Medicaid**  
Website: <http://myalhipp.com/>  
Phone: 855.692.5447

**ALASKA – Medicaid**  
The AK Health Insurance Premium Payment Program  
Website: <http://myakhipp.com/>  
Phone: 866.251.4861  
Email: [CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com](mailto:CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com)  
Medicaid Eligibility:  
<http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/medicaid/default.aspx>

**ARKANSAS – Medicaid**  
Website: <http://myarhipp.com/>  
Phone: 855.MyARHIPP (855.692.7447)

**CALIFORNIA – Medicaid**  
Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program Website:  
<http://dhcs.ca.gov/hipp>  
Phone: 916.445.8322  
Email: [hipp@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:hipp@dhcs.ca.gov)

**COLORADO – Health First Colorado**  
Colorado's Medicaid Program & Child Health Plan Plus (CHIP+) Healthy First Colorado Website:  
<https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/>  
Health First Colorado Member Contact Center: 800.221.3943  
TTY: Colorado relay 711  
CHP+: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/child-health-plan-plus>  
CHP+ Customer Service: 800.359.1991  
TTY: Colorado relay 711  
Health Insurance Buy-In Program (HIBI):  
<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/health-insurance-buy-program>  
HIBI Customer Service: 855.692.6442

**FLORIDA – Medicaid**  
Website:  
<http://www.flmedicaidprecovery.com/flmedicaidprecovery.com/hipp/index.html>  
Phone: 877.357.3268

**GEORGIA – Medicaid**  
Website: <http://medicaid.georgia.gov/health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp/>  
Phone: 678.564.1162, ext. 2131

**INDIANA – Medicaid**  
Healthy Indiana Plan for low-income adults 19-64  
Website: <http://www.in.gov/fssa/hip/>  
Phone: 877.438.4479  
All other Medicaid  
Website: <https://www.in.gov/medicaid/>  
Phone: 800.457.4584

**IOWA – Medicaid and CHIP (Hawki)**  
Medicaid Website: <https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members>  
Medicaid Phone: 800.338.8366  
HIPP Website:  
<https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members/medicaid-a-to-z/hipp>  
HIPP Phone: 888.346.9562

**KANSAS – Medicaid**  
Website: <https://www.kancare.ks.gov/>  
Phone: 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: 855.459.6328  
Email: [KIHIPP.PROGRAM@ky.gov](mailto:KIHIPP.PROGRAM@ky.gov)  
KCHIP Website: <https://kidshealth.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx>  
Phone: 877.524.4718  
Kentucky Medicaid Website: <https://chfs.ky.gov>

**LOUISIANA – Medicaid**  
Website: [www.medicaid.la.gov](http://www.medicaid.la.gov) or [www.ldh.la.gov/lahipp](http://www.ldh.la.gov/lahipp)  
Phone: 888.342.6207 (Medicaid hotline) or 855.618.5488 (LaHIPP)

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## **MAINE – Medicaid**

Enrollment Website:

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

Phone: 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/info-details/masshealth-premium-assistance-pa>

Phone: 800.862.4840

## **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: 800.657.3739

## **MISSOURI – Medicaid**

Website:

<https://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm>

Phone: 573.751.2005

## **MONTANA – Medicaid**

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

Phone: 800.694.3084

## **NEBRASKA – Medicaid**

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

Phone: 855.632.7633

Lincoln: 402.473.7000

Omaha: 402.595.1178

## **NEVADA – Medicaid**

Medicaid Website: <https://dhcfp.nv.gov/>

Medicaid Phone: 800.992.0900

## **NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid**

Website: <http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/oii/documents/hippapp.pdf>

Phone: 603.271.5218

Toll-Free for the HIPP program: 800.852.3345, ext. 5218

## **NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP**

Medicaid Website:

<http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/>

Medicaid Phone: 609.631.2392

CHIP Website: <http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html>

CHIP Phone: 800.701.0710

## **NEW YORK – Medicaid**

Website: [https://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/](https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/)

Phone: 800.541.2831

## **NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid**

Website: <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/>

Phone: 919.855.4100

## **NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid**

Website: <http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalsev/medicaid/>

Phone: 844.854.4825

## **OKLAHOMA – Medicaid and CHIP**

Website: <http://www.insureoklahoma.org>

Phone: 888.365.3742

## **OREGON – Medicaid**

Websites: <http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx>

<http://www.oregonhealthcare.gov/index-es.html>

Phone: 800.699.9075

## **PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid**

Website:

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/Medical/HIPP-Program.aspx>

Phone: 800.692.7462

## **RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid and CHIP**

Website: <http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/>

Phone: 855.697.4347, or 401.462.0311 (Direct Rlte Share Line)

## **SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid**

Website: <https://www.scdhhs.gov>

Phone: 888.549.0820

## **SOUTH DAKOTA – Medicaid**

Website: <http://dss.sd.gov>

Phone: 888.828.0059

## **TEXAS – Medicaid**

Website: <http://gethipptexas.com/>

Phone: 800.440.0493

## **UTAH – Medicaid and CHIP**

Medicaid Website: <https://medicaid.utah.gov/>

CHIP Website: <http://health.utah.gov/chip>

Phone: 877.543.7669

## **VERMONT – Medicaid**

Website: <http://www.greenmountaincare.org/>

Phone: 800.250.8427

## **VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP**

Website: <https://www.coverva.org/en/famis-select>

<https://www.coverva.org/en/hipp/>

Medicaid Phone: 800.432.5924

CHIP Phone: 800.432.5924

## **WASHINGTON – Medicaid**

Website: <https://www.hca.wa.gov/>

Phone: 800.562.3022

## **WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid**

Website: <http://mywvhipp.com/>

Toll-free phone: 855.MyWVHIPP (855.699.8447)

## **WISCONSIN – Medicaid and CHIP**

Website:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p-10095.htm>

Phone: 800.362.3002

## **WYOMING – Medicaid**

Website: <https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/medicaid/programs-and-eligibility/>

Phone: 800.251.1269

To see if any other states have added a premium assistance program since July 31, 2021, 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)

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)

877.267.2323, Menu Option 4, Ext. 61565

# Contact Information

Below is a listing of the telephone numbers you can call with questions about the plans available to you. You can also use the web site (if available) to access information from providers for the various plans.

Plan	Phone Number	Web Site
<b>Medical</b>		
• Anthem Blue Cross	800.825.5541	<a href="http://www.anthem.com/ca/sisc">www.anthem.com/ca/sisc</a>
• Navitus Health Solutions (prescription benefit for all Anthem Blue Cross medical plans)	866.333.2757	<a href="http://www.navitus.com">www.navitus.com</a>
• Kaiser	800.464.4000	<a href="http://www.kp.org">www.kp.org</a>
• SIMNSA	USA: 800.424.4652 Tijuana: 664.231.4747	<a href="http://simnsa.com">simnsa.com</a>
<b>Dental</b>		
• Delta Dental	866.499.3001	<a href="http://www.deltadentalins.com">www.deltadentalins.com</a>
<b>Vision</b>		
• VSP	800.877.7195	<a href="http://www.vsp.com">www.vsp.com</a>
<b>Employee Assistance Program (EAP)</b>		
• Anthem Blue Cross EAP	800.999.7222	<a href="http://www.anthem.com/ca/sisc">www.anthem.com/ca/sisc</a>
• EASE	858.277.3273	<a href="http://www.sdcoe.net">www.sdcoe.net</a>
<b>Basic Life/AD&amp;D</b>		
• The Hartford	888.563.1124	<a href="http://www.thehartford.com">www.thehartford.com</a>
<b>Optional Life</b>		
• The Hartford	888.563.1124	<a href="http://www.thehartford.com">www.thehartford.com</a>
<b>Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) and COBRA</b>		
• American Fidelity	800.365.9180	<a href="http://americanfidelity.com">americanfidelity.com</a>
• SISC III COBRA (for medical insurance only)	661.636.4214	<a href="mailto:bowellwood@kern.org">bowellwood@kern.org</a>
<b>Other Voluntary Insurance Products</b>		
• The Standard (DMCTA) Disability and Life Insurance	800.522.0406	<a href="http://CTAMemberBenefits.org/TheStandard">CTAMemberBenefits.org/TheStandard</a>
• Hyatt Legal Plans	800.821.6400	<a href="http://www.legalplans.com">www.legalplans.com</a>
• Liberty Mutual – Home, Auto, Life	760.795.0451	<a href="mailto:Annabel.Buso@libertymutual.com">Annabel.Buso@libertymutual.com</a>
• Retirement Accounts – 403(b), 457(b), Roth 403(b)	844.732.7738	<a href="mailto:fbc-retiree@sdcoe.net">fbc-retiree@sdcoe.net</a>
• American Fidelity		
– Accident	866.523.1857	<a href="http://americanfidelity.com">americanfidelity.com</a>
– Cancer	866.523.1857	<a href="http://americanfidelity.com">americanfidelity.com</a>
– Disability	866.523.1857	<a href="http://americanfidelity.com">americanfidelity.com</a>
– Life	866.523.1857	<a href="http://americanfidelity.com">americanfidelity.com</a>
<b>Medical Benefit Consultant Keenan &amp; Associates</b>		
• ChrisAnn Galeotti	949.940.1760 x5130	<a href="mailto:cgaleotti@keenan.com">cgaleotti@keenan.com</a>
• Julie Revoir	949.940.1760 x5170	<a href="mailto:jrevoir@keenan.com">jrevoir@keenan.com</a>

