



Retiree

2024

Benefits Guide



January 1 — December 31, 2024

Welcome Your benefits are an important part of your overall compensation. We are pleased to offer a comprehensive array of valuable benefits to protect your health, family and way of life. This guide answers some of the basic questions you may have about your benefits. Please read it carefully, along with any supplemental materials you receive.

Eligibility

You are eligible for benefits if you work 40 or more hours per week. You may also enroll your eligible family members under certain plans you choose for yourself. Eligible family members include:

- ▶ Your legally married spouse
- ▶ Your registered domestic partner (RDP) and/or their children, where applicable by state law
- ▶ Your biological children, stepchildren, adopted children or children for whom you have legal custody (age restrictions may apply). Disabled children age 26 or older who meet certain criteria may continue on your health coverage.

When Coverage Begins

- ▶ **New Hires:** You must complete the enrollment process within 30 days of your date of hire. If you enroll on time, coverage is effective on your date of hire. If you fail to enroll on time, you will NOT have benefits coverage (except for company-paid benefits) until you enroll during our next annual Open Enrollment period.
- ▶ **Open Enrollment:** Changes made during Open Enrollment are effective January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024.

Choose Carefully!

Due to IRS regulations, you cannot change your elections until the next annual Open Enrollment period, unless you have a qualifying life event during the year. Following are examples of the most common qualifying life events:

- ▶ Marriage or divorce
- ▶ Birth or adoption of a child
- ▶ Child reaching the maximum age limit
- ▶ Death of a spouse, RDP or child
- ▶ You lose coverage under your spouse's/RDP's plan
- ▶ You gain access to state coverage under Medicaid or The Children's Health Insurance Program

Making Changes

To change your benefit elections, you must contact VCPFA and FIRE HR within 31 days of the qualifying life event (including newborns).

Be prepared to show documentation of the event, such as a marriage license, birth certificate or a divorce decree. If changes are not submitted on time, you must wait until the next Open Enrollment period to make your election changes.

Medical

We are proud to offer you a choice of medical plans through Blue Shield of California. Following is a high-level overview of the coverage available.

Key Medical Benefits	Trio HMO	Access + HMO Low	Access + HMO High	Shield Savings PPO (HSA Compatible)	
	In-Network Only	In-Network Only	In-Network Only	In-Network	Out-of-Network ¹
Deductible (per calendar year)					
Individual / Family	None	None	None	\$3,500 / \$7,000	\$3,500 / \$7,000
Out-of-Pocket Maximum (per calendar year)					
Individual / Family	\$2,000 / \$4,000	\$2,000 / \$4,000	\$2,000 / \$4,000	\$5,000 / \$10,000	\$10,000 / \$20,000
Covered Services					
Office Visits (physician/specialist)	\$25 / \$40 copay	\$35 / \$40 copay	\$15 / \$30 copay	20%	50%
Routine Preventive Care	No charge	No charge	No charge	No charge	Not covered
Outpatient Diagnostic Lab, X-ray, Complex Imaging (radiology center/hospital)	No charge	No charge	No charge	20% / \$25 copay + 20%	50%
Chiropractic	Not covered	Not covered	\$10 copay	20%	50%
Ambulance	\$100 copay	\$100 copay	\$100 copay	20%	
Emergency Room	\$100 copay	\$100 copay	\$100 copay	\$100 copay + 20%	
Urgent Care Facility	\$25 copay	\$35 copay	\$15 copay	20%	50%
Inpatient Hospital Stay	30%	30%	\$500 per admit	\$100 per admit + 20%	50% ⁴
Outpatient Surgery (hospital/ASC)	30%	30%	\$250 / \$125 copay	20%	50% ⁵
Prescription Drugs (Tier 1 / Tier 2 / Tier 3 / Tier 4)					
Retail Pharmacy (30-day supply)	\$15 / \$30 / \$45 / 20% ²	\$15 / \$30 / - / 20% ²	\$10 / \$20 / \$35 / 20% ²	\$10 / \$25 / \$40 / 30% ²	25% + \$10 / \$25 / \$40 / 30% ²
Mail Order (90-day supply)	\$30 / \$60 / \$90 / 20% ³	\$30 / \$60 / - / 20% ³	\$20 / \$40 / \$70 / 20% ³	\$20 / \$50 / \$80 / 30% ³	Not covered

Coinurance percentages and copay amounts shown in the above chart represent what the member is responsible for paying.

1. If you use an out-of-network provider, you will be responsible for any charges above the maximum allowed amount. 2. Up to \$250 max per Rx 3. Up to \$500 max per Rx 4. Up to \$600 day + 100% of additional charges 5. Up to \$350 day + 100% of additional charges

Dental

We are proud to offer you a dental plan through Delta Dental. Following is a high-level overview of the coverage available.

Key Dental Benefits	Delta Dental PPO - Retiree Plan	
	In-Network	Out-of-Network ¹
Deductible (per calendar year)		
Individual / Family	\$50/member	\$50/member
Benefit Maximum (per calendar year; preventive, basic, and major Services combined)		
Per Individual	\$1,000 per person each calendar year	\$750 per person each calendar year
Covered Services		
Preventive Services	No charge	20%
Basic Services	20%	50%
Major Services	50% ²	50%
Orthodontia (Adult and Child)	50%, max \$1,000 Lifetime	

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1. If you use an out-of-network provider, you will be responsible for any charges above the maximum allowed amount. 2. 12 month wait for Major Services- Newly enrolling on Plan (Waived for initial enrollees)

Vision

We are proud to offer you a vision plan through VSP.

Key Vision Benefits	In-Network	Out-of-Network Reimbursement
Exam (once every 12 months)	\$10	Up to \$45
Materials Copay	\$25	N/A
Lenses (once every 12 months)	No charge after materials copay	Up to \$30
Single Vision		Up to \$50
Bifocal		Up to \$65
Trifocal		Up to \$70
Frames (once every 24 months)	Covered up to \$130	Up to \$105
Contact Lenses (once every 12 months; in lieu of glasses)	Covered up to \$130	Up to \$105

Cost of Benefits

Your contribution amount will depend upon the plan you select and if you choose to cover eligible family members.

Coverage Tier	Monthly Employee Medical Contribution			
	HMO Trio	HMO Low	HMO High	PPO
Single	\$848.21	\$996.21	\$1,205.46	\$1,503.66
Two Party	\$1,535.27	\$1,803.13	\$2,181.89	\$2,854.59
Family	\$1,696.44	\$1,992.41	\$2,410.92	\$3,373.07

Coverage Tier	Monthly Employee Dental/Vision Contribution	
	Dental Plan	Vision Plan
Single	\$55.08	\$12.39
Two Party	\$93.63	-
Family	\$143.21	-
Retirees on Active Dental	\$127.16	-

Domestic Partner (DP) Contributions: Your contributions to cover a DP are the same as those to cover a legal spouse. However, because of Internal Revenue Code (IRC) restrictions, in most cases, the fair market value of your DP's or DP's children's (if they are not federal tax dependents) healthcare coverage will be taxable to you as imputed income. This value is determined by the amount that The Company pays in premium for DP coverage. This amount raises your taxable gross income. Also, the payroll deductions to cover a DP must be taken on an after-tax basis.



Contact Information

Coverage	Carrier	Phone #	Website/Email
Medical	Blue Shield of California	800-393-6130	www.blueshieldca.com
Dental	Delta Dental	800-765-6003	www.deltadentalins.com
Vision	VSP	800-877-7195	www.vsp.com

Questions?

If you have any questions, you may contact:

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Employee Advocates
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