

2025 - 2026 BENEFITS



Certificated Post Eligible



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MEDICARE PART D NOTICE

If you (and/or your dependents) have Medicare or will become eligible for Medicare in the next 12 months, a federal law gives you more choices about your prescription drug coverage. Please see the Important Plan Information section for more details.



GETTING STARTED

2025 - 2026 BENEFITS

July 1, 2025
through
June 30, 2026

Whether you’re enrolling in benefits for the first time, nearing retirement, or somewhere in between, Santa Ana Unified School District supports you with benefit programs and resources to help you thrive today and prepare for tomorrow.

This guide provides an overview of your healthcare coverage, life, disability, and more.

You’ll find tips to help you understand your medical coverage, save time and money on healthcare, reduce taxes, and balance your work and home life. Review the coverage and tools available to you to make the most of your benefits package.

WHO'S ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS?



When you become eligible for **Medicare** (usually at age 65) you and/or your spouse must enroll in Part A and B through the Social Security Administration. You must also provide our office with a copy of your Medicare card before the end of your 65th birthday month. The lower “with Medicare” rates will be applied beginning the first day of your 65th birthday month of the first day of the following month from which we receive your card.

Failure to enroll in Medicare Parts A and B or provide our office with a copy of your Medicare card will result in the termination of your benefits.

You are eligible to participate in our post eligible benefits program immediately after your retirement benefits expire. You have a 60-day window to enroll and may remain enrolled indefinitely or until you obtain other coverage. You and your dependents have your own individual election rights to SAUSD’s post eligible program.

Eligible dependents

- Legally married spouse.
- Domestic Partner with proof of a Declaration of Domestic Partnership filed with the California State Secretary. Any premiums paid for by SAUSD for your domestic partner will be deducted on an after-tax basis.
- Natural, adopted or stepchildren, or children of a domestic partner up to age 26.
- Children over age 26 who are disabled and depend on you for support.
- Children named in a Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMCSO).

Who is not eligible

Members who are not eligible for coverage include (but are not limited to):

- Parents, grandparents, and siblings.

When you can enroll

You can only enroll in the post eligible benefits program during your initial enrollment period only. You have 60 days after your retirement benefits expire to enroll in coverage.

If you fail to enroll during your initial election period, you will not be able to enroll in the future.

OPEN ENROLLMENT



Open Enrollment is a once-a-year opportunity to review your benefit choices, change plans, add or drop dependents, and enroll or re-enroll in Flexible Spending Accounts. After Open Enrollment ends, you cannot change your benefit elections until the next Open Enrollment in 2025, unless you experience an eligible life event.

Open Enrollment begins:

May 19, 2025, through May 30, 2025.

Any changes made during OE will be effective on July 1, 2025.

Do I need to enroll?

If you do not have any changes to make to your 2024 -2025 benefits, **no action is required**. You only need to enroll during Open Enrollment, if you would like to change your benefits.



What's new or changing

Our current benefit program will continue into the 2025 – 2026 school year with no changes to medical benefits. While your benefits aren't changing, you may have had some major life changes. Do your current choices still meet your needs? Review this benefits guide to understand your coverage options. Include your spouse or partner in the review if they have input into your family's benefits decisions.

These changes will be effective on July 1, 2025.

NEW! ENROLLING FOR BENEFITS

PlanSource

PlanSource is an online system that enables you to make all your benefit decisions in one place. If you don't have access to a computer, you can access the enrollment portal from a tablet or smartphone.

Before you enroll

- Know the date of birth, social security number, and address for each dependent you will cover.
- Review your enrollment materials to understand your benefit options and costs for the coming year.

Getting started

- Log in to PlanSource using the following link: [PlanSource Login](#)

Username: Your SAUSD email.

Password: Your birthdate in YYYYMMDD format.

Example: A birthdate of August 14, 1962, would result in the password "19620814".

- Please note, the first time you log in, you will be prompted to change your password.
- Click and follow for instructions on next steps: [How to PlanSource.pdf](#)

PLANSOURCE

For additional assistance:

support@thebenefitsupportcenter.com

Or call 888-909-0166

CHANGING YOUR BENEFITS

Click to play video



LIFE HAPPENS

A change in your life may allow you to update your benefit choices. Watch the video for a quick take on your options.

Outside of open enrollment, you may be able to enroll or make changes to your benefit elections if you have a big change in your life, including:

- Change in legal marital status
- Change in number of dependents or dependent eligibility status
- Change in employment status that affects eligibility for you, your spouse, or dependent child(ren)
- Change in residence that affects access to network providers
- Change in your health coverage or your spouse's coverage due to your spouse's employment
- Change in an individual's eligibility for Medicare or Medicaid
- Court order requiring coverage for your child
- "Special enrollment event" under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), including a new dependent by marriage, birth or adoption, or loss of coverage under another health insurance plan
- Event allowed under the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Reauthorization Act (you have 60 days to request enrollment due to events allowed under CHIP)

You must submit your change within 30 days after the event.

THREE RULES APPLY TO MAKING CHANGES TO YOUR BENEFITS DURING THE YEAR:

1. Any change you make must be consistent with the change in status.
2. You must make the change within 30 days of the date the event occurs.
3. All proper documentation is required to cover dependents (marriage certificates, birth certificates, etc.).



HEALTHCARE

MAKE TIME FOR HEALTH

OUR COMMITMENT

We believe that our employees should have access to healthcare coverage that promotes preventive care and helps cover the cost of illness.

Eligible employees and their eligible dependents can enroll in medical, dental, and vision coverage through the SAUSD benefits program.

Medical

We offer 4 medical plans. Preventive care is fully covered under all plans if obtained in-network. Your costs for other services will depend on which plan you choose. Review the network provider information and out-of-pocket costs such as deductible, coinsurance and prescription drugs so you can choose the best fit for your health concerns and budget.

Dental

Some people don't like going to the dentist, but no one likes big dental bills. Regular checkups and cleanings are fully covered and can identify issues before they become serious. And if you do need dental services, insurance helps cover the cost for fillings, gum disease, orthodontia, and more.

Vision

An eye exam can uncover health conditions you may not know you have, such as glaucoma, or even high blood pressure. Our vision plan help cover the cost of eye exams, eyeglasses, and contact lenses to ensure you're seeing and feeling your best.

MEDICAL HMO COVERAGE WITH MEDICARE

The following chart shows the two plans available to post eligible subscribers who have Medicare Parts A and B. Once you are eligible for Medicare Parts A and B (usually at age 65), you and/or your spouse must enroll in those parts with the Social Security Administration and provide our office with a copy of the Medicare card before the end of your or your spouse's 65th birthday month.

All post eligible subscribers who are Kaiser members and enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B are required to enroll in the Kaiser Senior Advantage plan (additional form required).

Blue Shield members who are enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B have the option to enroll in the Blue Shield 65 Plus plan (additional form required).

Failure to enroll in Medicare Parts A and B or provide our office with a copy of your Medicare card will result in the termination of your benefits.

	Blue Shield 65 Plus HMO	Kaiser Senior Advantage HMO
Calendar Year Deductible¹	None	None
Calendar Year Out-of-Pocket Maximum¹	\$6,700 per person	\$1,500 per person
Office Visit Primary Care Specialist	\$20 copay \$20 copay	\$20 copay \$20 copay
Preventive Services	Plan pays 100%	Plan pays 100%
Chiropractic	\$20 copay (through Medicare) \$15 copay (through American specialty Health / 20 visits per year)	Not Covered
Lab and X-ray	\$20 copay	Plan pays 100%
Urgent Care	\$25 copay	\$20 copay
Emergency Room	\$50 copay (waived if admitted)	\$50 copay (waived if admitted)
Inpatient Hospitalization	\$250 copay (per admission)	\$250 copay (per admission)
Outpatient Surgery	Plan pays 100%	\$20 copay (per procedure)
Gym Membership	Silver Sneakers	Choose Healthy
PRESCRIPTION DRUGS	Express Scripts	Kaiser Pharmacy
Calendar Year Deductible	None	None
Out-of-Pocket Maximum Individual Family	\$5,000	Combined with Medical \$1,500 \$3,000
Retail- 30 Day Supply Generic Preferred Brand Name Non-Preferred Brand Name	\$10 copay \$20 copay \$40 copay	\$10 copay \$20 copay Not Applicable
Mail Order Generic Preferred Brand Name Non-Preferred Brand Name Supply limit	\$20 copay \$40 copay \$80 copay 90 days	\$30 copay \$60 copay Not Applicable 100 days

¹Deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums accumulate on a calendar year from January 1 – December 31.

MEDICAL HMO COVERAGE WITH OR WITHOUT MEDICARE

The following chart shows the HMO plans available to post eligible subscribers who have or do not have Medicare Parts A and B. Once you are eligible for Medicare Parts A and B (usually at age 65), you and/or your spouse must enroll in those parts with the Social Security Administration and provide our office with a copy of the Medicare card before the end of your or your spouse's 65th birthday month.

All post eligible subscribers who are Kaiser members and enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B are **required** to enroll in the Kaiser Senior Advantage plan (additional form required).

Blue Shield members who are enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B have the option to enroll in the Blue Shield 65 Plus plan (additional form required).

Failure to enroll in Medicare Parts A and B or provide our office with a copy of your Medicare card will result in the termination of your benefits

	HMO Plans		
	Blue Shield Trio ACO HMO	Blue Shield Access+ HMO	Kaiser Permanente HMO
Calendar Year Deductible¹	None	None	None
Calendar Year Out-of-Pocket Maximum¹ Individual Family	\$2,000 \$4,000	\$2,000 \$4,000	\$1,500 \$3,000
Office Visit Primary Care Specialist	\$20 copay \$20 copay	\$20 copay \$20 copay (\$30 copay self-referral)	\$20 copay \$20 copay
Preventive Services	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge
Chiropractic	\$10 copay (up to 30 visits per year)	\$10 copay (up to 30 visits per year)	Not Covered
Lab and X-ray	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge
Urgent Care	\$20 copay	\$20 copay	\$20 copay
Emergency Room	\$150 copay (waived if admitted)	\$150 copay (waived if admitted)	\$150 copay (waived if admitted)
Inpatient Hospitalization	\$250 copay per admission	\$250 copay per admission	\$250 copay per admission
Outpatient Surgery	No charge	No Charge	\$20 copay per admission
PRESCRIPTION DRUGS	Express Scripts		Kaiser Pharmacy
Calendar Year Deductible	\$150 per person (for brand name Rx)	\$150 per person (for brand name Rx)	None
Out-of-Pocket Maximum Individual Family	\$4,600 \$9,200	\$4,600 \$9,200	Combined with Medical
Pharmacy Generic Preferred Brand Name Non-Preferred Brand Name Specialty Supply Limit	\$10 copay \$25 copay (after Rx deductible) \$40 copay (after Rx deductible) 20% (\$100 max) 30 days	\$10 copay \$25 copay (after Rx deductible) \$40 copay (after Rx deductible) 20% (\$100 max) 30 days	\$10 copay \$20 copay Not Covered \$20 copay 30 days
Mail Order Generic Preferred Brand Name Non-Preferred Brand Name Supply Limit	\$20 copay \$50 copay (after Rx deductible) \$80 copay (after Rx deductible) 90 days	\$20 copay \$50 copay (after Rx deductible) \$80 copay (after Rx deductible) 90 days	\$20 copay \$40 copay Not Covered 100 Days

¹Deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums accumulate on a calendar year from January 1 – December 31.

MEDICAL PPO COVERAGE WITH OR WITHOUT MEDICARE

Medical coverage provides you with benefits that keep you healthy like Preventive care screenings and access to urgent care. It also provides important financial protection if you have a serious medical condition. The following chart shows the medical PPO plan offered to SAUSD post eligible subscriber. You always pay the deductible and copayment (\$). The coinsurance (%) shows what the plan pays after the deductible.

	Blue Shield PPO	
	In-Network	Out-of-Network
Calendar Year Deductible¹		
Individual	\$300	\$600
Family	\$600	\$1,200
Calendar Year Out-of-Pocket Maximum¹		
Individual	\$2,800	\$4,600
Family	\$5,600	\$9,200
Office Visit		
Primary Care	\$20 copay	Plan pays 60% ²
Specialist	\$20 copay	Plan pays 60% ²
Preventive Services	Plan pays 100%	Not Covered
Chiropractic (up to 50 visits/year)	Plan pays 80% ²	Plan pays 60% ²
Lab and X-ray	Plan pays 80% ²	Plan pays 60% ²
Urgent Care	\$20 copay	Plan pays 60% ²
Emergency Room	\$150 copay (waived if admitted) +20% physician services fee	\$150 copay (waived if admitted) +20% physician services fee
Inpatient Hospitalization	Plan pays 80% ²	Plan pays 60% ² up to \$1,500
Outpatient Surgery	Plan pays 80% ²	Plan pays 60% ² up to \$1,500
PRESCRIPTION DRUGS (Express Scripts)		
Calendar Year Deductible	\$150 per person	Combined with in-network
Out-of-Pocket Maximum		
Individual	\$3,800	Not Applicable
Family	\$7,600	Not Applicable
Retail- 30 Day Supply		
Generic	\$10 copay	\$10 copay + 25% coinsurance
Preferred Brand Name	\$25 copay ²	\$25 copay + 25% coinsurance
Non-Preferred Brand Name	\$40 copay ²	\$40 copay + 25% coinsurance
Mail Order- 90 Day Supply		
Generic	\$20 copay	Not Covered
Preferred Brand Name	\$50 copay ²	Not Covered
Non-Preferred Brand Name	\$80 copay ²	Not Covered

¹Deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums accumulate on a calendar year from January 1 – December 31.

²After deductible.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS – Express Scripts (Blue Shield Only)



EXPRESS SCRIPTS APP

You can also use the Express Scripts pharmacy mobile app to search for providers. Download from the App Store or Google Play.

Blue Shield members have access to prescription drug coverage through Express Scripts. Below is some information to keep in mind regarding this coverage:

Advantage Plus Utilization Management Program

Express Scripts uses these strategies to help manage the high-cost and high-utilization of specialty and non-specialty medications. Employees may be required to participate in the following programs when filling their prescriptions.

Drug Quantity Management

Drug quantity management is required medications prescribed “as needed” for which the days of supply cannot be inferred from the prescription (migraine medications, inhalers, creams, and ointments).

Step-Therapy






Step-therapy is required for most non-specialty drugs, including therapies for diabetes, high-blood pressure, depression and ulcers.

Prior Authorization

Prior authorization is required for most specialty drugs. To ensure safe and appropriate use of medications, prior authorization may apply for certain medications. For definitions on what each of these mean, please refer to the Glossary section.

KNOW WHERE TO GO

Where you get medical care can have a significant impact on the cost. Here's a quick guide to help you know where to go, based on your condition, budget, and time.

Type	Appropriate for	Examples	Access	Cost
Nurseline 	Quick answers from a trained nurse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying symptoms Decide if immediate care is needed Home treatment options and advice 	24/7	\$
Online visit 	Many non-emergency health conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cold, flu, allergies Headache, migraine Skin conditions, rashes Minor injuries Mental health concerns 	24/7	\$
Office visit 	Routine medical care and overall health management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventive care Illnesses, injuries Managing existing conditions 	Office Hours	\$\$
Urgent care, walk-in clinic 	Non-life-threatening conditions requiring prompt attention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stitches Sprains Animal bites Ear-nose-throat infections 	Office Hours, or up to 24/7	\$\$\$
Emergency room 	Life-threatening conditions requiring immediate medical expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspected heart attack or stroke Major bone breaks Excessive bleeding Severe pain Difficulty breathing 	24/7	\$\$\$\$\$

DENTAL PPO COVERAGE

SAUSD gives you a choice of two dental PPO plans. When you enroll in a Delta Dental DPPO plan, you have the choice of visiting any dentist you choose, including in-network preferred providers and non-network premier providers. Members receive the highest level of benefits when they visit an in-network preferred provider.

Contact Delta Dental at (866) 499-3001 or visit their website at www.deltadentalins.com to find to provider near you.

	Delta Dental Incentive DPPO		Delta Dental Network DPPO	
	In-Network	Out-of-Network	In-Network	Out-of-Network
Annual Deductible	None	\$25 per person \$75 per family (waived for diagnostic and preventative)	None	None
Annual Plan Maximum	\$2,000 per person	\$1,500 per person	\$2,250 per person	\$1,200 per person
Waiting Period	None	None	None	None
Diagnostic & Preventive	Plan pays 70-100%	Plan pays 70-100%	Plan pays 100%	Plan pays 50%
Basic Services Fillings Root Canals	Plan pays 70-100%	Plan pays 70-100%	Plan pays 100%	Plan pays 50%
Major Services Prosthodontics Implants Other Major Services	Plan pays 50% Plan pays 50% Plan pays 70-100%	Plan pays 50% Plan pays 50% Plan pays 70-100%	Plan pays 50% Plan pays 50% Plan pays 100%	Plan pays 50% Plan pays 50% Plan pays 50%
Orthodontia Adults and Dependent Children	Plan pays 50%	Plan pays 50%	Plan pays 50%	Plan pays 50%
Ortho Lifetime Max	\$500	\$500	\$1,500	\$1,500

Rates for Certificated Post Eligible Subscribers

	Incentive DPPO	Network DPPO
Single Cost for Employee only	\$53.65 Per month	\$44.93 Per month
Two-Party Cost for Employee +1 dependent	\$149.12 Per month	\$124.88 Per month
Family Cost for Employee +2 or more dependents	\$202.84 Per month	\$169.85 Per month

DENTAL HMO COVERAGE

Delta Care is a dental HMO plan and automatically assigns you and your dependents a dentist when you enroll. You can always change your dentist by calling Delta Care at (800) 422-4234 and letting them know the office you prefer within their DHMO network.

	Delta Care USA DHMO
Annual Deductible	None
Annual Plan Maximum	Unlimited
Waiting Period	None
Diagnostic & Preventive	\$0 - \$45 copay
Basic Services Fillings Root Canals	Plan pays 100% \$45 - \$205 copay
Prosthodontics	\$0 - \$195 copay
Major Services	\$0 - \$195 copay
Orthodontia Child – up to age 19 Adult – over 19	\$1,700 copay \$1,900 copay*
Ortho Lifetime Max	Unlimited

*copay covers up to 24 months of active treatment

Rates for Certificated Post Eligible Subscribers

Single Cost for Employee only	\$18.08 Per month
Two-Party Cost for Employee +1 dependent	\$29.84 Per month
Family Cost for Employee +2 or more dependents	\$44.11 Per month

VISION

All SAUSD employees and family members enrolled in our medical plans, including Kaiser members, will receive vision benefits from Vision Service Plans (VSP). Routine vision exams are important, not only for correcting vision but because they can detect other serious health conditions.

VSP has a large network of optometrist you can choose from for your vision needs. Visit www.vsp.com to find a VSP provider near you.

	VSP Vision Plan	
	In-Network	Out-of-Network
Exams Benefit Frequency	\$15 copay Once every 12 months	\$45 copay Once every 12 months
Eyeglass Lenses Single Vision Lens Bifocal Lens Trifocal Lens Frequency	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 100% Plan pays 100% Once every 12 months	Plan pays up to \$30 Plan pays up to \$50 Plan pays up to \$65 Once every 12 months
Lenses Enhancements Standard Progressive Premium Progressive Custom Progressive Frequency	Plan pays 100% \$95 - \$105 copay \$150 - \$175 Once every 12 months	Plan pays up to \$50 Not Covered Not Covered Once every 12 months
Frames VSP frame allowance VSP featured frames Costco frames Frequency	Plan pays up to \$150* Plan pays up to \$170* Plan pays up to \$80 Once every 24 months	Plan pays up to \$70 Not Applicable Not Applicable Once every 24 months
Contacts (Elective) Contact Allowance Fitting and Evaluation Frequency	Plan pays up to \$150 \$0 - \$60 copay Once every 12 months	Plan pays up to \$105 Not Applicable Once every 12 months

*20% savings on amount over allowance



WHEN YOU NEED CARE NOW



GET THE CARE YOU NEED

Teladoc Health doctors can treat many medical conditions, including:

- Cold & flu symptoms
- Allergies
- Sinus problems
- Urinary tract infection
- Respiratory infection
- Skin problems
- And more!

Blue Shield Members - Teladoc

Talk to a doctor anytime

Teladoc Health gives you 24/7/365 access to U.S. board-certified doctors through the convenience of phone, video or mobile app visits. It's an affordable alternative to costly urgent care and ER visits when you need care now.

Meet our doctors

Teladoc Health is simply a new way to access qualified doctors. All Teladoc Health doctors:

- Are practicing PCPs, pediatricians, and family medicine physicians
- Average 20 years' experience
- Are U.S. board-certified and licensed in your state
- Are credentialed every three years, meeting NCQA standards

When should you use Teladoc Health?

Teladoc Health does not replace your primary physician. It is a convenient and affordable option for quality care.

- When you need care now
- If you're considering the ER or urgent care for a non-emergency
- When on vacation, a business trip or away from home
- For short-term prescription refills

Teladoc Health

[Teladoc.com/bsc](https://www.teladoc.com/bsc)

800-835-2362

Kaiser Permanente Members

Get care from a doctor where they are. If you have a minor health condition or need a follow-up, you may be able to talk to a doctor by video or phone.

You need an in-person appointment and need to register on kp.org before you can receive a video or phone appointment.

Kaiser Member Services

Monday through Friday

7am to 7pm

833-574-2273

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP)



CONTACT THE EAP

Blue Shield Life Referrals 24/7
800-985-2405

Kaiser Behavioral Health
Hotline
800-900-3277

Kaiser Wellness Coaching
866-862-4295

Wellness Resources & Discounts

Throughout the years, SAUSD collaborates with various wellness vendors such as Gemini Timing for the 5k walk/run, Feet First and their Amazing Race, and HealthyWage with their team challenges. Visit the employee wellness website at www.sausd.us/healthieru for more resources and event information.

Blue Shield Life Referrals 24/7

Because we want our employees to have a well-balanced life, Blue Shield members will receive EAP benefits through Blue Shield's Life Referrals 24/7 program. This program provides referrals to professional counselors for up to the 3 free face-to-face confidential visits every 6-months and live 60-minutes telephone consultations.

You can access this program 24 hours, 365 days to help you resolve emotional, health, family and work issues.

This benefit is included in your Blue Shield medical plan and is available to all household members.

Best of all, contacting the EAP is completely confidential, free and available to any member of your immediate household.

Kaiser Behavioral Health

Kaiser takes care of the whole you. Your personal physician coordinates your care with a mental health specialist, or team, that can diagnose mental health issues that affect your health and well-being.

Depending on your needs, you can choose from a wide range of services:

- Call or email your doctor
- Make non-urgent appointments
- Make therapy appointments
- Make counseling appointments
- Talk to an advice nurse
- Speak with a wellness coach
- Enroll to take a class

Blue Shield Perks

Visit www.blueshieldca.com/sausd to access a hospital comparison tool, symptom checker, condition management information and resources, along with information specific to your health. Blue shield also offers various discounts including gym memberships. Register with Blue Shield online for additional wellness resources.

Kaiser Perks

Visit kp.org to access information on living healthy, managing conditions and diseases, and to obtain information about natural medicines and remedies. Kaiser also offers customized plans for healthier living, classes, and various specialty health services. Visit www.kp.org/choosehealthy for more information about available services including various discounts.

TURNING 65? UNDERSTAND YOUR MEDICARE OPTIONS



Alliant Medicare Solutions is a no cost service available to you, your family members, and friends nearing age 65.

Alliant Medicare Solutions is provided by Insuractive LLC, a Nebraska resident insurance agency. Insuractive LLC is wholly owned by Alliant Insurance Services, Inc.

Whether you retire or continue to work, choosing the right healthcare option is an important decision when you reach age 65

Most people become eligible for Medicare at age 65. When that happens, you'll probably have some time-sensitive decisions to make, based on your individual situation.

Introducing Alliant Medicare Solutions

Medicare can be complicated. Figuring out the rules—not to mention how Medicare works with or compares to your employer-provided medical coverage—can be a headache. That's why we are offering Alliant Medicare Solutions. The licensed insurance agents at AMS can help you understand Medicare, what is and isn't covered, and how to choose the best coverage for your situation.

How does it work?

1. Call Alliant Medicare Solutions at **(877) 888-0165** to speak to a licensed insurance agent. Have your current medical coverage information available when you call.
2. Discuss with Alliant Medicare Solutions your existing insurance coverage, your Medicare options, and which of those plans might work the best for you.
3. If Medicare is the best option, Alliant Medicare Solutions helps you enroll immediately or emails policy materials for you to review and enroll at a later date.



IMPORTANT PLAN INFORMATION

In this section, you'll find important plan information, including:

- Your benefit contributions
- Contact information for our benefit carriers and vendors
- A Benefits Glossary to help you understand important insurance terms
- A summary of the health plan notices you are entitled to receive annually, and where to find them

RATES SUMMARY

All SAUSD employees pay for their medical insurance coverage. Be sure to look at the appropriate chart for your specific rates.

Your contributions are to be paid on a month-to-month basis.

Rates are effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

Monthly Rates for Certificated Post Eligible Employees

Blue Shield 65 Plus	Blue Shield Access + HMO		Blue Shield Trio ACO HMO		Blue Shield PPO		Kaiser HMO	Kaiser Senior Advantage
With Medicare	Without Medicare	With Medicare	Without Medicare	With Medicare	Without Medicare	With Medicare	Without Medicare	With Medicare

Single (Cost for Retiree only coverage)

Employee Pays	\$470.63	\$1,038.39	\$907.43	\$726.03	\$641.93	\$1,180.82	\$1,043.23	\$775.98	\$167.06
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Two Party (Cost for employee + 1 Dependent Coverage)

Employee Pays	\$937.75	\$2,150.27	\$1,878.63	\$1,502.31	\$1,327.87	\$2,454.65	\$2,168.09	\$1,548.45	\$334.12
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Two-Party One with Medicare and One without Medicare (Cost for Employee +1 Dependent Coverage)

1 on Trio									
Employee Pays	\$1,196.66	Does Not Apply	\$2,019.37	Does Not Apply	\$1,418.21	Does Not Apply	\$2,317.04	Does Not Apply	\$943.04

1 on Access+

Employee Pays	\$1,509.02
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Family (Cost for employee + 2 or more dependents Coverage)

Employee Pays	Does Not Apply	\$3,095.06	\$2,704.46	\$2,163.37	\$1,912.53	\$3,523.81	\$3,112.84	\$2,194.55	\$1,592.00
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Family Two with Medicare and Others without Medicare (Cost for Employee + 2 or more dependents Coverage)

Employee Pays	Does Not Apply	Does Not Apply	Does Not Apply	Does Not Apply	Does Not Apply	Does Not Apply	Does Not Apply	Does Not Apply	\$989.45
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In order to qualify for the Two-Party One with One Without Medicare rate you must be enrolled in a Two-Party plan and one person must be enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B.

In order to qualify for the Family with Medicare rate you must be enroll in a Family plan and two or more persons must be enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B.

Blue Shield rates include medical coverage, Express Scripts pharmacy coverage, and VSP vision coverage, except Blue Shield 65 Plus members. 65 Plus member receive pharmacy coverage through Blue Shield.

Kaiser rates include medical coverage, Kaiser pharmacy coverage, and VSP vision coverage, except Kaiser Senior Advantage members. Senior Advantage members receive vision coverage through Kaiser.

Delta Care USA DHMO	Delta Dental Incentive DPPO	Delta Dental Network DPPO
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Single (Cost for Employee only coverage)

Employee Pays	\$18.08	\$53.65	\$44.93
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Two Party (Cost for employee + 1 Dependent Coverage)

Employee Pays	\$29.84	\$149.12	\$124.88
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Family (Cost for employee + 2 or more dependents Coverage)

Employee Pays	\$44.11	\$202.84	\$169.85
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PLAN CONTACTS

If you need to reach our plan providers, here is their contact information:

Plan Type	Provider	Phone Number	Website	Group #
Medical	Blue Shield of California	Trio members 855-747-5800 Access+ & PPO members 800-393-6130	www.blueshieldca.com/sausd	W0051532
Medical	Kaiser Permanente	833-574-2273	www.kp.org	132731
Dental	Delta Dental	866-499-3001 – DPPO 800-422-4234 - DHMO	Deltadentalins.com	75969
Vision	VSP	800-877-7195	www.vsp.com	30098994
Pharmacy	Express Scripts – BS members only	877-474-1136	www.express-scripts.com	4117379
Voluntary Benefits	American Fidelity	800-365-9180	www.americanfidelity.com	N/A
Supplemental Cancer Insurance	Washington National (American Fidelity)	800-662-1113	www.washingtonnational.com	N/A
Wellness - Blue Shield members only	Blue Shield Mental Health	877-263-9952	www.blueshieldca.com/wellnessdiscounts www.wellvolution.com	W0051532
Wellness – Kaiser members only	Kaiser Wellness Coaching	866-862-4295	www.kp.org/coaching	132731
EAP- Blue Shield members only	Blue Shield Life Referrals 24/7	800-985-2405	www.blueshieldca.com/sausd	W0051532
EAP– Kaiser members only	Kaiser Behavioral Health	800-900-3277	www.kp.org	132731
Telemedicine - Blue Shield members only	Teladoc	800-835-2362	Member.Teladoc.com/bsc	W0051532
Medicare Services	Alliant Medicare Solutions	877- 888-0165	N/A	N/A
PlanSource	Enrollment Platform	888-909-0166	support@thebenefitsupportcenter.com	N/A
Employee Union for eligible Classified personnel	C.S.E.A	714-532-3766	www.csea.com/web	
Employee Union for eligible Certificated personnel	S.A.E.A	714-542-6758	www.santaanaeducators.com	
Employee retirement system for Certificated personnel	S.T.R.S	800-228-5453	www.calstrs.com	
Third party administrator of additional retirement accounts	Schools First	714-258-4000	www.schoolsfirst.org	

GLOSSARY

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AD&D Insurance

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

Allowed Amount

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

Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC)

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

Annual Limit

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

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Beneficiary

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

Brand Name Drug

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

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COBRA

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

Claim

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

Coinsurance

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

Copayment

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

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Deductible

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

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

Dental Basic Services

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

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

Dental Major Services

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

Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account (FSA)

An arrangement through your employer that lets you pay for eligible child and elder care expenses with tax-free dollars. Eligible expenses include day care, before and after-school programs, preschool, and summer day camp for children under age 13. Also included is care for a spouse or other dependent who lives with you and is physically incapable of self-care.

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Eligible Expense

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

Excluded Service

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

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Formulary

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

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Generic Drug

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

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Healthcare Flexible Spending Account (FSA)

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

GLOSSARY

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In-Network

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

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Life Insurance

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

Long Term Disability Insurance

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

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Mail Order

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

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Open Enrollment

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

Out-of-Network

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

Out-of-Pocket Cost

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

Out-of-Pocket Maximum

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

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

Outpatient Care

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

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Participating Pharmacy

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

Plan Year

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

Preferred Drug

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

Preventive Care Services

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

Primary Care Provider (PCP)

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

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Short Term Disability Insurance

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

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Telehealth / Telemedicine / Teledoc

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

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UCR (Usual, Customary, and Reasonable)

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

Urgent Care

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

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Vaccinations

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

Voluntary Benefit

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

IMPORTANT PLAN INFORMATION

HEALTH PLAN NOTICES

These notices must be provided to all eligible employees on an annual basis and are available in the Annual Notices document, located at the end of this booklet.

- **Medicare Part D Notice:** Describes options to access prescription drug coverage for Medicare eligible individuals
- **Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act:** Describes benefits available to those that will or have undergone a mastectomy
- **Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act:** Describes the rights of mother and newborn to stay in the hospital 48-96 hours after delivery
- **HIPAA Notice of Special Enrollment Rights:** Describes when you can enroll yourself and/or dependents in health coverage outside of open enrollment
- **HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices:** Describes how health information about you may be used and disclosed
- **Premium Assistance Under Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP):** Describes availability of premium assistance for Medicaid eligible dependents
- **Notice of Choice of Providers:** Notifies you that your plan requires you to name a Primary Care Physician (PCP) or provides for you to select one
- **Michelle's Law:** Describes right to extend dependent medical coverage during student leaves

PLAN DOCUMENTS

Important documents for our health plan and retirement plan are available www.sausd.us/benefits. Paper copies of these documents and notices are available if requested. If you would like a paper copy, please contact the Plan Administrator.

SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTIONS (SPD)

The legal document for describing benefits provided under the plan as well as plan rights and obligations to participants and beneficiaries.

SUMMARY OF BENEFITS AND COVERAGE (SBC)

A document required by the Affordable Care Act (ACA) that presents benefit plan features in a standardized format. SBC documents are www.sausd.us/benefits

- Blue Shield Access+ HMO
- Blue Shield PPO
- Blue Shield Trio ACO HMO
- Kaiser Permanente HMO

STATEMENT OF MATERIAL MODIFICATIONS

This enrollment guide constitutes a Summary of Material Modifications (SMM) to the Santa Ana Unified School District. It is meant to supplement and/or replace certain information in the SPD, so retain it for future reference along with your SPD. Please share these materials with your covered family members.

Medicare Part D Notice

Important Notice from Santa Ana Unified School District 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 Santa Ana Unified 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:

1. Medicare prescription drug coverage became available in 2006 to everyone with Medicare. You can get this coverage if you join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or join a Medicare Advantage Plan (like an HMO or PPO) that offers prescription drug coverage. All Medicare drug plans provide at least a standard level of coverage set by Medicare. Some plans may also offer more coverage for a higher monthly premium.
2. Santa Ana Unified School District has determined that the prescription drug coverage offered by the plans are, on average for all plan participants, expected to pay out as much as standard Medicare prescription drug coverage pays and is therefore considered Creditable Coverage. Because your existing coverage is Creditable Coverage, you can keep this coverage and not pay a higher premium (a penalty) if you later decide to join a Medicare drug plan.

When Can You Join A Medicare Drug Plan?

You can join a Medicare drug plan when you first become eligible for Medicare and each year from October 15th to December 7th.

However, if you lose your current creditable prescription drug coverage, through no fault of your own, you will also be eligible for a two (2) month Special Enrollment Period (SEP) to join a Medicare drug plan.

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

If you decide to join a Medicare drug plan, your Santa Ana Unified School District coverage will not be affected. See below for more information about what happens to your current coverage if you join a Medicare drug plan. **Important Note for Retiree Plans:** Certain retiree plans will terminate RX coverage when an individual enrolls in Medicare Part D and individuals might not be able to re-enroll in that coverage.

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

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

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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 Santa Ana Unified 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 (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'll get this notice each year. You will also get it before the next period you can join a Medicare drug plan, and if this coverage through Santa Ana Unified 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'll get a copy of the handbook in the mail every year from Medicare. You may also be contacted directly by Medicare drug plans.

For more information about Medicare prescription drug coverage:

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

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

Remember: Keep this Creditable Coverage notice. If you decide to join one of the Medicare drug plans, you may be required to provide a copy of this notice when you join to show whether or not you have maintained creditable coverage and, therefore, whether or not you are required to pay a higher premium (a penalty).

Date:	July 1, 2025
Name of Entity/Sender:	Santa Ana Unified School District
Contact-Position/Office:	Employee Benefits Office
Address:	1601 East Chestnut Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92701
Phone Number:	714-558-5686

Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act

If you have had or are going to have a mastectomy, you may be entitled to certain benefits under the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (WHCRA). For individuals receiving mastectomy-related benefits, coverage will be provided in a manner determined in consultation with the attending physician and the patient, for:

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

These benefits will be provided subject to the same deductibles and coinsurance applicable to other medical and surgical benefits provided under our plans. If you would like more information on WHCRA benefits, call your plan administrator (Blue Shield of California or Kaiser Permanente).

Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act

Group health plans and health insurance issuers generally may not, under Federal law, restrict benefits for any hospital length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or newborn child to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery, or less than 96 hours following a cesarean section. However, Federal law generally does not prohibit the mother's or newborn's attending provider, after consulting with the mother, from discharging the mother or her newborn earlier than 48 hours (or 96 hours as applicable). In any case, plans and issuers may not, under Federal law, require that a provider obtain authorization from the plan or the insurance issuer for prescribing a length of stay not in excess of 48 hours (or 96 hours). If you would like more information on maternity benefits, call your plan administrator (Blue Shield of California or Kaiser Permanente).

HIPAA Notice of Special Enrollment Rights

If you decline enrollment in Santa Ana Unified School District's health plan for you or your dependents (including your spouse) because of other health insurance or group health plan coverage, you or your dependents may be able to enroll in Santa Ana Unified School District's health plan without waiting for the next open enrollment period if you:

- Lose other health insurance or group health plan coverage. You must request enrollment within 30 days after the loss of other coverage.
- Gain a new dependent as a result of marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption. You must request health plan enrollment within 30 days after the marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption.
- Lose Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage because you are no longer eligible. You must request medical plan enrollment within 60 days after the loss of such coverage.

If you request a change due to a special enrollment event within the 30-day timeframe, coverage will be effective the date of birth, adoption or placement for adoption. For all other events, coverage will be effective the first of the month following your request for enrollment. In addition, you may enroll in Santa Ana Unified School District's health plan if you become eligible for a state premium assistance program under Medicaid or CHIP. You must request enrollment within 60 days after you gain eligibility for medical plan coverage. If you request this change, coverage will be effective the first of the month following your request for enrollment. Specific restrictions may apply, depending on federal and state law.

Note: If your dependent becomes eligible for a special enrollment right, you may add the dependent to your current coverage or change to another health plan.

Michelle's Law

The Santa Ana Unified School District plans may extend medical coverage for dependent children if they lose eligibility for coverage because of a medically necessary leave of absence from school. Coverage may continue for up to a year, unless your child's eligibility would end earlier for another reason.

Extended coverage is available if a child's leave of absence from school — or change in school enrollment status (for example, switching from full-time to part-time status) — starts while the child has a serious illness or injury, is medically necessary and otherwise causes eligibility for student coverage under the plan to end. Written certification from the child's physician stating that the child suffers from a serious illness or injury and the leave of absence is medically necessary may be required.

If your child will lose eligibility for coverage because of a medically necessary leave of absence from school and you want his or her coverage to be extended, notify Santa Ana Unified School District Human Resources Department in writing as soon as the need for the leave is recognized. In addition, contact your child's health plan to see if any state laws requiring extended coverage may apply to his or her benefits.

Availability of Privacy Practices Notice

We maintain the HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices for Santa Ana Unified School District describing how health information about you may be used and disclosed. You may obtain a copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices by contacting Santa Ana Unified School District Human Resources Department.

Notice of Choice of Providers

The HMO plans generally 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 HMO plans 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 the insurance provider (Blue shield of California and Kaiser Permanente).

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

You do not need prior authorization from the plans or from any other person (including a primary care provider) in order to obtain access to obstetrical or gynecological care from a health care professional in our network who specializes in obstetrics or gynecology. The health care professional, however, may be required to comply with certain procedures, including obtaining prior authorization for certain services, following a pre-approved treatment plan, or procedures for making referrals. For a list of participating health care professionals who specialize in obstetrics or gynecology, contact the insurance provider (Blue shield of California and Kaiser Permanente).

ACA Disclaimer

This offer of coverage may disqualify you from receiving government subsidies for an Exchange plan even if you choose not to enroll. To be subsidy eligible you would have to establish that this offer is unaffordable for you, meaning that the required contribution for employee only coverage under our base plan exceeds 8.39% in 2024 (9.02% in 2025) of your modified adjusted household income.

The ‘No Surprises’ Rules

The “No Surprises” rules protect you from surprise medical bills in situations where you can’t easily choose a provider who’s in your health plan network. This is especially common in an emergency situation, when you may get care from out-of-network providers. Out-of-network providers or emergency facilities may ask you to sign a notice and consent form before providing certain services after you’re no longer in need of emergency care. These are called “post-stabilization services.” You shouldn’t get this notice and consent form if you’re getting emergency services other than post-stabilization services. You may also be asked to sign a notice and consent form if you schedule certain non-emergency services with an out-of-network provider at an in-network hospital or ambulatory surgical center.

The notice and consent form informs you about your protections from unexpected medical bills, gives you the option to give up those protections and pay more for out-of-network care, and provides an estimate of what your out-of-network care might cost. You aren’t required to sign the form and shouldn’t sign the form if you didn’t have a choice of health care provider or facility before scheduling care. If you don’t sign, you may have to reschedule your care with a provider or facility in your health plan’s network.

[View a sample notice and consent form](#) (PDF).

This applies to you if you’re a participant, beneficiary, enrollee, or covered individual in a group health plan or group or individual health insurance coverage, including a Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) plan.

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

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

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

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

If you or your dependents are eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP, as well as eligible under your employer plan, your employer must allow you to enroll in your employer plan if you aren't already enrolled. This is called a "special enrollment" opportunity, and **you must request coverage within 60 days of being determined eligible for premium assistance**. If you have questions about enrolling in your employer plan, contact the Department of Labor at www.askebsa.dol.gov or call **1-866-444-EBSA (3272)**.

If you live in one of the following states, you may be eligible for assistance paying your employer health plan premiums. The following list of states is current as of **March 17, 2025**. Contact your State for more information on eligibility—

ALABAMA – Medicaid
Website: http://myalhipp.com/ Phone: 1-855-692-5447
ALASKA – Medicaid
The AK Health Insurance Premium Payment Program Website: http://myakhipp.com/ Phone: 1-866-251-4861 Email: CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com Medicaid Eligibility: https://health.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/default.aspx
ARKANSAS – Medicaid
Website: http://myarhipp.com/ Phone: 1-855-MyARHIPP (855-692-7447)
CALIFORNIA – Medicaid
Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program website: http://dhcs.ca.gov/hipp Phone: 916-445-8322 Fax: 916-440-5676 Email: hipp@dhcs.ca.gov
COLORADO – Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) & Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)
Health First Colorado Website: https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/ Health First Colorado Member Contact Center: 1-800-221-3943 State Relay 711 CHP+: https://hcpf.colorado.gov/child-health-plan-plus CHP+ Customer Service: 1-800-359-1991 State Relay 711 Health Insurance Buy-In Program (HIBI): https://www.mycohibi.com/ HIBI Customer Service: 1-855-692-6442
FLORIDA – Medicaid
Website: https://www.flmedicaidtplrecovery.com/flmedicaidtplrecovery.com/hipp/index.html Phone: 1-877-357-3268
GEORGIA – Medicaid
GA HIPP Website: https://medicaid.georgia.gov/health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp Phone: 678-564-1162, press 1 GA CHIPRA Website: https://medicaid.georgia.gov/programs/third-party-liability/childrens-health-insurance-program-reauthorization-act-2009-chipra Phone: 678-564-1162, press 2

INDIANA – Medicaid
Health Insurance Premium Payment Program All other Medicaid Website: https://www.in.gov/medicaid/ http://www.in.gov/fssa/dfr/ Family and Social Services Administration Phone: (800) 403-0864 Member Services Phone: (800) 457-4584
IOWA – Medicaid and CHIP (Hawki)
Medicaid Website: Iowa Medicaid Health & Human Services Medicaid Phone: 1-800-338-8366 Hawki Website: Hawki - Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa Health & Human Services Hawki Phone: 1-800-257-8563 HIPP Website: Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Health & Human Services (iowa.gov) HIPP Phone: 1-888-346-9562
KANSAS – Medicaid
Website: https://www.kancare.ks.gov/ Phone: 1-800-792-4884 HIPP Phone: 1-800-967-4660
KENTUCKY – Medicaid
Kentucky Integrated Health Insurance Premium Payment Program (KI-HIPP) Website: https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/member/Pages/kihipp.aspx Phone: 1-855-459-6328 Email: KIHIPPPROGRAM@ky.gov KCHIP Website: https://kynect.ky.gov Phone: 1-877-524-4718 Kentucky Medicaid Website: https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms
LOUISIANA – Medicaid
Website: www.medicaid.la.gov or www.ldh.la.gov/lahipp Phone: 1-888-342-6207 (Medicaid hotline) or 1-855-618-5488 (LaHIPP)
MAINE – Medicaid
Enrollment Website: https://www.mymaineconnection.gov/benefits/s/?language=en_US Phone: 1-800-442-6003 TTY: Maine relay 711 Private Health Insurance Premium Webpage: https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms Phone: 800-977-6740 TTY: Maine relay 711
MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: https://www.mass.gov/masshealth/pa Phone: 1-800-862-4840 TTY: 711 Email: masspremassistance@accenture.com
MINNESOTA – Medicaid
Website: https://mn.gov/dhs/health-care-coverage/ Phone: 1-800-657-3672
MISSOURI – Medicaid
Website: http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm Phone: 573-751-2005
MONTANA – Medicaid
Website: http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP Phone: 1-800-694-3084 email: HSHSHIPPProgram@mt.gov
NEBRASKA – Medicaid
Website: http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov Phone: 1-855-632-7633 Lincoln: 402-473-7000 Omaha: 402-595-1178
NEVADA – Medicaid
Medicaid Website: http://dhcfp.nv.gov Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900
NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid
Website: https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/medicaid/health-insurance-premium-program Phone: 603-271-5218 Toll-free number for the HIPP program: 1-800-852-3345, ext. 15218 Email: DHHS.ThirdPartyLiabi@dhhs.nh.gov
NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP
Medicaid Website: http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/ Phone: 800-356-1561 CHIP Premium Assistance Phone: 609-631-2392 CHIP Website: http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710 (TTY: 711)
NEW YORK – Medicaid
Website: https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/ Phone: 1-800-541-2831

NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid
Website: https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/ Phone: 919-855-4100
NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid
Website: https://www.hhs.nd.gov/healthcare Phone: 1-844-854-4825
OKLAHOMA – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: http://www.insureoklahoma.org Phone: 1-888-365-3742
OREGON – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx Phone: 1-800-699-9075
PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: https://www.pa.gov/en/services/dhs/apply-for-medicaid-health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp.html Phone: 1-800-692-7462
CHIP Website: Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) (pa.gov) CHIP Phone: 1-800-986-KIDS (5437)
RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/ Phone: 1-855-697-4347 or 401-462-0311 (Direct Rlte Share Line)
SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid
Website: https://www.scdhhs.gov Phone: 1-888-549-0820
SOUTH DAKOTA – Medicaid
Website: http://dss.sd.gov Phone: 1-888-828-0059
TEXAS – Medicaid
Website: Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program Texas Health and Human Services Phone: 1-800-440-0493
UTAH – Medicaid and CHIP
Utah's Premium Partnership for Health Insurance (UPP) Website: https://medicaid.utah.gov/upp/ Email: upp@utah.gov Phone: 1-888-222-2542 Adult Expansion Website: https://medicaid.utah.gov/expansion/ Utah Medicaid Buyout Program Website: https://medicaid.utah.gov/buyout-program/ CHIP Website: https://chip.utah.gov/
VERMONT – Medicaid
Website: Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program Department of Vermont Health Access Phone: 1-800-250-8427
VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: https://coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/learn/premium-assistance/famis-select or https://coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/learn/premium-assistance/health-insurance-premium-payment-hipp-programs Medicaid/CHIP Phone: 1-800-432-5924
WASHINGTON – Medicaid
Website: https://www.hca.wa.gov/ Phone: 1-800-562-3022
WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: https://dhhr.wv.gov/bms/ or http://mywvhipp.com/ Medicaid Phone: 304-558-1700 CHIP Toll-free phone: 1-855-MyWVHIPP (1-855-699-8447)
WISCONSIN – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p-10095.htm Phone: 1-800-362-3002
WYOMING – Medicaid
Website: https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/medicaid/programs-and-eligibility/ Phone: 1-800-251-1269

To see if any other states have added a premium assistance program since March 17, 2025, or for more information on special enrollment rights, contact either:

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

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



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