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Welcome Letter

The FY2026 Benefits Open Enrollment period will run from Monday, May 5, 2025, to Friday, May 23, 2025. Any changes you make to your benefit elections during this period will take effect July 1, 2025.

Open Enrollment is your opportunity to review your current benefit elections to make sure they continue to meet the needs of you and your family.

Our thriving Work'n Well Rewards Program can support your wellness and put up to \$600 each year back into your pocket.

Take advantage of the open enrollment period from May 5 to May 23, 2025 to review your elections and learn about the many benefits the City has to offer.

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City Manager

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Chief Human Resources Officer

What's New for FY 2026?

We're excited to introduce two new benefits beginning July 1, 2025. First, you'll have access to Care Concierge, a service designed to help you find the best solutions for your health and care needs, whether it's for yourself, aging loved ones, or those with complex medical conditions. Additionally, you'll be able to join Noom Weight and take advantage of their innovative digital solution for weight management. Best of all, both services are available to you at no cost. Employees concerned about diabetes prevention also will have access to Noom's Diabetes Prevention Program.

PERSONALIZED SUPPORT FOR YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES

Wellthy helps you manage the challenges of daily life with Care Concierge—a dedicated Care Coordinator and online tools and resources for all your family's needs. Wellthy can help you and your family with:

- Aging & Eldercare
- Health Conditions
- Mental Health
- Self-care
- Veterans Support
- Financial Hardship
- Special Needs
- Childcare and Teen

Support

- End of Life and Loss
- Cancer & Dementia
- Leave of Absence Support
- Backup Care
- Family planning
- Complex needs

Balancing Care Giving and Work

You'll be able to find resources and advice through Wellthy about providing care for any of your family members. Your dedicated Care Coordinator will listen to your needs, offer guidance and help you navigate the complexities of care, including medical, financial, in-home, housing, legal, and emotional needs—plus much more. To learn more about Wellthy, visit their official website at wellthy.com.



TRANSFORM YOUR HEALTH WITH NOOM

Noom offers a digital, psychology-based approach to behavior change, combining personalized coaching to help you reduce health risks, lose weight, and build lasting healthy habits.

- Noom Weight: Helps you create sustainable habits that lead to long-term weight loss.
- Noom's Diabetes Prevention Program: Combines cutting-edge diabetes prevention science with behavior change techniques to help individuals with pre-diabetes reduce the risk of type 2 diabetes through lasting lifestyle changes.

When You're Ready to Get Started

To learn more about Noom, visit <u>noom.com</u>, where you can explore their weight loss programs, how the app works, and the science behind their approach. Noom also offers free resources, success stories, and insights into how their personalized plans help manage weight and improve health.

Benefits Overview

Your benefits are a partnership between you and the City of Alexandria. The City pays for most of the cost for coverage(s) for medical, employee life, and long-term disability insurance. Your portion of the costs for these benefits (medical, dental, vision), Flexible Spending and/or Health Savings Accounts are deducted on a pretax basis, which saves you money. Other benefits listed below are deducted on an after-tax basis.

Medical, dental and vision benefits are deducted 24 times within a plan year. When there are 3 pay dates a month, only 2 deductions will occur. However, Flexible Spending and/or Health Savings Account contributions are taken 26 times within a plan year.

Benefit	TAX TREATMENT	WHO PAYS
Medical and Pharmacy	Pretax	The City & You
Dental	Pretax	You
Vision	Pretax	You
Health Savings Account	Pretax	The City & You
Flexible Spending Accounts	Pretax	You
Basic Life and AD&D Insurance	After-tax	The City
Supplemental Employee Life and AD&D Insurance	After-tax	You
Dependent Life Insurance	After-tax	You
City's Core Long-Term Disability (Plan 1)	After-tax	The City & You
Buy-Up Long-Term Disability (Plan 2)	After-tax	You

Domestic partner premiums for health benefits will be deducted from your paycheck on an after-tax basis. However, coverage will not be provided nor will premiums begin until you have validated your Domestic Partnership status, which requires you to complete a Domestic Partnership Affidavit along with providing additional supporting documentation. To learn more about this, reach out to the Benefits Team directly via DHR.benefits@alexandriava.gov.



Existing employees making changes to their benefits during Open Enrollment for an effective date of 7/1/2025 should expect to see deductions for medical, dental, vision, life insurance occur on the 6/13/2025 pay date. Flexible Spending and/or Health Savings Account contributions will begin on 7/11/2025 pay date.

Making Your Benefit Choices

HOW TO ENROLL

You may access your enrollment options and make your submissions through the Employee Self Service (ESS) portal. If you do not have your login credentials, please contact the ITS Department via AlexIT portal. You can enroll 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, on any computer with internet access, except on Apple products (i.e., Mac computers, iPads, etc.). You can make changes during each year's annual enrollment period or if you experience an approved life status event.

WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

Employees

Regular full- or part-time employees working at least 20 or more hours per week are eligible for benefit enrollment.

Dependents

- Your spouse or domestic partner. An affidavit and supporting documentation must be provided for your Domestic Partnership relationship prior to the coverage being extended.
- Your biological and stepchildren. Dependents also include those who are legally adopted (i.e., foster/adopted/grandchildren, etc.) and disabled dependents over age 26.

Parents are not eligible dependents for benefit enrollment. Enrolling ineligible dependents may result in disciplinary action and a requirement to repay the plan for claims.

Children can be covered until the end of the month when reaching age 26 regardless of financial dependency, residency, marital status (except for dependent life insurance eligibility), or student status. However, if your dependent child reaching age 26 is disabled, reach out to the Benefits Team to inquire about the process for benefits continuation.

PLEASE NOTE: The Employee is responsible for reporting the dependent child(ren) has reached the age 26 and must complete a life event. As a result of missed reporting, overpaid premiums will not be refunded.

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU DON'T ENROLL?

Current Employees

If you do nothing, most benefits automatically continue for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 (provided that you have not accessed the system and begun to make changes to your benefits).

Annual enrollment is required each year for health, dependent care, and Flexible Spending Accounts. These will not automatically renew. You must make an election to continue with these benefits.

New Hires

Health coverage begins on the 1st of the month following 30 days of employment. Enroll as soon as possible to avoid back deductions.

Buy-up long-term disability and life insurance for yourself and dependents become effective on the 1st of the month following 90 days of employment. If you do not elect supplemental life or buy-up long-term disability, you will be automatically enrolled in the city-paid basic life insurance (at 1x your salary rounded up to the nearest \$1,000).

Automatic enrollments only apply to the city-paid basic life and core long-term disability Insurance.

Council Members

Benefits provided to full-time employees are also available to Council Members. This includes the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and the city-paid basic life insurance, which is equivalent to 1x salary rounded up to the nearest \$1,000.

Council Aides

Medical, dental, vision (at a full-time rate), EAP services, and FSAs/HSAs are available for Council Aides. Leave, life, or LTD coverage will not be provided.

Making Your Benefit Choices (Continued)

QUALIFYING LIFE EVENTS

After New Hire or Open Enrollment elections have been submitted, you will not be able to make changes to your benefits unless you experience a Qualifying Life Event (QLE). A QLE must be declared within 30 days of the event using the Employee Self Service portal and uploading the required supporting documentation.

If your QLE is marriage or birth of a child, dependent life insurance doesn't require Evidence of Insurability if you choose that coverage during this special enrollment period.

Examples of Qualifying Life Events (QLEs):

- Marriage or divorce
- Birth or adoption of a child
- Over aged dependents (26+)

- Loss of other coverage
- Change in spouse's or domestic partner's benefits
- Death of a family member

If you have experienced a life event in FY 25, be sure to carefully review your elections within ESS to confirm the changes made are those you want to carry over into FY 26.

Benefits Open House Sessions

Fiscal Year 2026's Benefits Open Enrollment will run from May 5 - 23, 2025.

Open enrollment for Fiscal Year 2026 is generally the only opportunity you have during the year to change your benefits. **Plan to attend a Benefits Open House Session** and meet with UnitedHealthcare, Kaiser Permanente, and Aetna providers to discuss plan options, coverage and costs.

Join us at this year's **Health Fair** for health and wellness screenings, interactive cooking demonstrations, and informative exhibitors—all designed to help employees and retirees maintain a healthy lifestyle.

- For more information, visit
 <u>AlexNet</u>. <u>alexnet.alexandriava</u>.
 gov/index.aspx.
- For reasonable disability accommodation, contact <u>DHR.Benefits@alexandriava.</u> gov or 703-746-3777, Virginia Relay 711.

Date	TIME	LOCATION
Tuesday, May 6	10:00 a.m 1:00 p.m.	City Hall 301 King Street, Room 2000
Wednesday, May 7	10:00 a.m 1:00 p.m.	DCHS Mark Center 4850 Mark Center Drive
Thursday, May 8	1:00 p.m 3:00 p.m.	Sheriff's Office 2003 Mill Road
Wednesday, May 14	7:00 a.m 9:00 a.m.	T&ES 2900 Business Center Drive
Thursday, May 15 Health Fair	10:00 a.m 2:00 p.m.	First Baptist Church of Alexandria 2932 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302
Tuesday, May 20	1:00 p.m 3:00 p.m.	Police Department 3600 Wheeler Avenue
Wednesday, May 21	10:00 a.m 1:00 p.m.	Fire 5255 Eisenhower Avenue

Medical and Pharmacy Plan Overview

The City of Alexandria offers six medical plans through UnitedHealthcare and Kaiser Permanente, all including prescription coverage. These plans provide affordable, flexible coverage for you and your family, with a choice of doctors, hospitals, and care providers. Compare key differences such as costs, payroll deductions, covered services, and out-of-pocket expenses to find the best fit for your needs.

HOW YOUR PLAN WORKS

Your deductible

You'll pay out-of-pocket for most medical and pharmacy expenses until you reach your annual deductible, except for those with a copay. If enrolled in the Consumer Health Driven Plan (CDHP), you can use your Health Savings Account (HSA) to cover these expenses.

Your coverage

After meeting your deductible, you and the plan share the cost of covered medical and pharmacy expenses, with the plan covering a percentage and you paying the remainder.

Your out-of-pocket maximum

• Once you reach your out-of-pocket maximum, the plan covers 100% of eligible medical and pharmacy expenses for the rest of the year. Your deductible and coinsurance count toward this limit.

GETTING MAXIMUM VALUE FROM YOUR MEDICAL PLAN

Regular Preventive Care

A Primary Care Physician (PCP) is your health partner, knowing your history and needs. Regular visits offer proven benefits, and scheduling an annual physical is a smart health investment. All our plans cover preventive care and cancer screenings at 100% (no deductible) with in-network providers. See your PCP for screenings and discuss the right tests based on your age, health, and history.

Routine exams, screenings, X-rays, and lab tests with a diagnosis are not considered preventive. The deductible, coinsurance, and copays will apply.

Be a Smart Health Care Consumer

- Understand your plan options and benefits.
- Ask questions about recommended tests and treatments.
- Adopt a healthy lifestyle and manage chronic conditions with help from your plan's resources.
- Reserve the ER for true emergencies—use your PCP, convenience clinics, or urgent care when possible.
- Use telehealth services when appropriate.

For more info, visit AlexNet.



Choosing Your Medical Plan

ALEX, YOUR BENEFITS COUNSELOR

Your Guide to Help You Decide

Start by visiting ALEX to compare plan costs. This easyto-use tool asks a few questions about your family size and expected medical expenses, then estimates your total costs—premiums, out-of-pocket expenses, and tax savings.

ALEX helps guide your decision, but you must make your final elections through Employee Self Service (ESS).

Visit AlexNet to access ALEX to:

- ✓ Compare benefit options
- ☑ Choose the right plan for you
- ✓ Save with pretax accounts



Enroll from May 5 to May 23 for:

- Medical, dental, and vision plans
- Pretax accounts
- Life insurance
- Long-term disability
- Sick leave bank

CONSUMER DRIVEN HEALTH PLAN (CDHP)

Offered by UnitedHealthcare and Kaiser Permanente, CDHPs combine medical coverage with a Health Savings Account (HSA) to save on healthcare expenses with tax-free dollars.

Advantages of This Plan

- Lower premiums.
- Triple tax savings: tax-free contributions, investment growth, and withdrawals for eligible expenses.
- City contribution: \$600 (single) / \$1,200 (family).
- Funds can be used as needed or saved for the future.
- Once your balance reaches \$2,000, you can invest through Optum Bank.

Key Differences

 Family coverage requires meeting the family deductible first.

Medical and Pharmacy Coverage

UHC MEDICAL PLANS

Network: Choice Plus

	СДНР		CHOICE AND CHOICE PLUS	CHOICE PLUS	
Medical Plan Provisions	In-Network	Out-of-Network	In-Network	Out-of-Network	
The City's Contribution to HSA (Individual/Family)	\$600/	\$1,200	None	None	
Plan Year Deductible (Individual/Family)	\$1,650,	/\$3,300	\$400/\$800	\$800/\$1,600	
Out-of-Pocket Maximum (Individual/Family)	\$6,450/\$12,900	\$12,900/\$25,800	\$3,175/\$6,350	\$3,175/\$9,525	
Preventive Care	Covered at 100%	70%*	Covered at 100%	80%*	
Primary Care Office Visits for Illness/Injury	90%*	70%*	\$15 Copay*	80%*	
Specialist Visits/Urgent Care Center	90%*	70%*	\$25 Copay*	80%*	
Inpatient Hospitalization	90%*	70%*	\$500 Copay* (per admission)	80%*; \$500 Copay (per admission)	
Emergency Room (waived if admitted)	90	%*	\$150 Copay*	\$150 Copay	
X-ray, Lab, and Diagnostics	90%*	70%*	100%*	80%*	
CT, PET, MRI, MRA, and Nuclear Medicine	90%*	70%*	\$100 Copay*	80%*	
Outpatient Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services	90%*	70%*	\$15 Copay*	\$15 Copay after in-network deductible	
Transgender Benefits	Subject to applic	able coinsurance	Subject to standard copays	Subject to applicable coinsurance	
Pregnancy Services	90%*	70%*	100%*	80%*	
Prenatal Visits	No charge	70%*	No charge	80%*	
PHARMACY PROVISIONS (Provided by	RxBenefits/Express Scri	pts)			
Annual Deductible (Individual/Family)	Combined	with Medical	None	None	
Out-of-Pocket Maximum (Individual/Family)	Combined v	with Medical	\$1,000 /	\$3,000	
RETAIL PHARMACY (up to a 30-day supp	oly)				
Generic	90%*	Not applicable	\$15 Copay	Not applicable	
Preferred Brand	80%*	Not applicable	\$30 Copay	Not applicable	
Non-Preferred Brand	70%*	Not applicable	\$50 Copay	Not applicable	
MAIL ORDER PHARMACY (up to a 30-de	ay supply)				
Generic	90%*	Not applicable	\$37.50 Copay	Not applicable	
Preferred Brand	80%*	Not applicable	\$75 Copay	Not applicable	
Non-Preferred Brand	70%*	Not applicable	\$ 125 Copay	Not applicable	

^{*}After Deductible

Medical and Pharmacy Coverage (Continued)

KAISER PERMANENTE MEDICAL PLANS

Network: Kaiser Permanente Facilities Only

	CDHP	DHMO	HMO**		
Medical Plan Provisions	In-Network	In-Network	In-Network		
The City's Contribution to HSA (Individual/Family)	\$600/\$1,200	None	None		
Calendar Year Deductible (Individual/Family)	\$1,650/\$3,300	\$400/\$800	None		
Out-of-Pocket Maximum (Individual/Family)	\$3,500/\$7,000	\$2,200/\$6,400	\$3,500/\$9,400		
Preventive Care	Covered at 100%	Covered at 100%	Covered at 100%		
Primary Care Office Visits for Illness/Injury	90%*	\$15 Copay	\$15 Copay		
Specialist Visits/Urgent Care Center	90%*	\$25 Copay	\$25 Copay		
Inpatient Hospitalization	90%*	\$500 Copay* (per admission)	\$500 copay (per admission)		
Emergency Room (waived if admitted)	90%*	\$150 Copay	\$150 Copay		
X-ray, Lab, and Diagnostics	90%*	Covered at 100%	Covered at 100%		
CT, PET, MRI, MRA, and Nuclear Medicine	90%*	\$75 Copay*	\$75 Copay		
Outpatient Surgery	90%*	\$50 Copay	\$50 Copay		
Outpatient Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (Individual Therapy/ Group Therapy)	90%*/90%*	\$15 Copay/\$7 Copay	\$15 copay/\$7 Copay		
Transgender Benefits	Subject to applicable deductible and coinsurance	Subject to standard copays	Subject to standard copays		
Pregnancy Services	No charge	No charge	No charge		
Prenatal Visits	No charge	No charge	No charge		
PHARMACY PROVISIONS (Provided by RxBenefits/Ex	kpress Scripts)				
Annual Deductible	Combined with Medical	None	None		
Out-of-Pocket Maximum (Individual/Family)	Combined with Medical	Combined with Medical	Combined with Medical		
RETAIL PHARMACY (up to a 30-day supply)					
Generic (Medical Center/Pharmacy)	\$20 Copay/\$30 Copay	\$15 Copay/\$25 Copay	\$15 Copay/\$25 Copay		
Preferred Brand (Medical Center/Pharmacy)	\$30 Copay/\$50 Copay	\$30 Copay/\$40 Copay	\$30 Copay/\$40 Copay		
Non-Preferred Brand (Medical Center/Pharmacy)	\$45 Copay/\$65 Copay	\$50 Copay/\$55 Copay	\$50 Copay/\$55 Copay		
MAIL ORDER PHARMACY (up to a 30-day supply)					
Generic/Preferred Brand/Non-Preferred Brand	2.5x Retail Copay amount	2.5x Retail Copay amount	2.5x Retail Copay amount		
90-day Retail	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable		

^{*}After Deductible

KAISER PERMANENTE DHMO DEDUCTIBLES

Below is a list of services that count toward the deductible, along with those that require only a copay or no cost-sharing.

DEDUCTIBLE APPLIES		NO DEDUCTIBLE		
 Inpatient Care Skilled Nursing Facilities Specialty Imaging (MRIs, CT, etc.) Home Health Care 	Hospice ServicesDurable Medical EquipmentOrthotics	 Preventive Care (no copay) Primary Care Visit Specialist Visit Urgent Care Emergency Room 	 X-rays, Labs, and Diagnostics (no copay) Pregnancy Services Prescription Drugs 	

^{* *}This plan cannot be enrolled into unless you already have it.

$Medical\ and\ Pharmacy\ Coverage\ {\tiny (Continued)}$

FY 2026 PER PAYCHECK MEDICAL PREMIUMS (24 TIMES PER YEAR)

	UHC MEDICAL PLANS		KAISER PERMANENTE MEDICAL PLANS		ICAL PLANS	
Coverage Level	CDHP	Choice	Choice Plus	CDHP	DHMO	HMO**
FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES EAR	NING LESS THA	N \$70,000 PER \	YEAR			
Employee	\$65.33	\$73.03	\$192.00	\$52.82	\$64.22	\$137.85
Employee + Spouse	\$135.04	\$150.88	\$419.21	\$108.28	\$131.64	\$282.59
Employee + Child(ren)	\$111.11	\$124.16	\$326.42	\$89.80	\$109.16	\$234.36
Family	\$186.23	\$208.07	\$578.14	\$146.84	\$178.51	\$383.23
FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES EAR	NING \$70,000	OR MORE PER YI	EAR			
Employee	\$65.33	\$97.36	\$192.00	\$52.82	\$85.60	\$137.85
Employee + Spouse	\$135.04	\$201.19	\$419.21	\$108.28	\$175.49	\$282.59
Employee + Child(ren)	\$111.11	\$165.53	\$326.42	\$89.80	\$145.54	\$234.36
Family	\$186.23	\$277.44	\$578.14	\$146.84	\$237.99	\$383.23
PART-TIME EMPLOYEES						
Employee	\$217.80	\$243.43	\$290.75	\$176.07	\$214.03	\$240.16
Employee + Spouse	\$450.14	\$502.96	\$611.97	\$360.95	\$438.79	\$492.33
Employee + Child(ren)	\$370.37	\$413.84	\$494.28	\$299.33	\$363.87	\$408.28
Family	\$620.74	\$693.59	\$843.95	\$489.48	\$595.04	\$667.66

^{*}There are no new enrollments in the Kaiser HMO Plan. If you elect to change from this plan, you will not be able to re-enroll in it.

 $[\]ensuremath{^{*}}\ensuremath{^{*}}\ensuremath{^{This}}$ plan cannot be enrolled into unless you already have it.





RxBenefits/Express Scripts FAQs

(Applies to participants on any of the UHC Medical Plans)

The City has partnered with RxBenefits and Express Scripts to provide top-tier pharmacy benefits while reducing out-of-pocket costs, ensuring safety, and quickly addressing any questions or issues.

How do I access my prescription coverage?

Present your prescription benefit ID card and prescription at any in-network pharmacy. The pharmacist will verify coverage and inform you of your copay or coinsurance.

Your Prescription Benefit Coverage (PBC) provides a snapshot of your plan's drug coverage, copays, benefits, and key services in easy-to-understand terms.

Where can I get my prescriptions filled in-person?

You can fill prescriptions at thousands of participating pharmacies nationwide. For the best value, use a network pharmacy. Visit your providers website: express-scripts.com.

Using an out-of-network pharmacy means paying the full cost upfront and submitting a claim for reimbursement.

If you have a Specialty Medication that requires a prior authorization you may be eligible to enroll in SaveON SP to cut costs. Accredo is our specialty medication pharmacy, your practitioner may reach out to Accredo to authorize specialty medications.

FAQ's for SaveON SP and Accredo may be found be visiting this link: alexnet.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/wwwroot-alexnet/content/HR/ SaveOn%20SP%20FAQ%20v6%20-.pdf.

What is a drug list or formulary?

A formulary (or drug list) is a list of FDA-approved brand-name and generic medications covered by your plan.

If your provider prescribes a medication not on the formulary, you'll pay the full cost. Talk to your provider about choosing an alternative on the formulary.

Call Member Services on the back of your ID card to check if a medication is covered. You can also refer to your Summary of Benefits for coverage details.

What is the difference between generic & brand medications? How does it affect my benefits?

Brand-name drugs are made by one manufacturer and may have patent protection. Generic drugs contain the same active ingredients but are available after the patent expires, often saving you money.

RxBenefits/Express Scripts FAQs (Continued)

Are generic medications as safe and effective as brand-name drugs?

Yes, generic medications are FDA-regulated and must be therapeutically equivalent to brand-name drugs, with the same active ingredients, dosage, and strength.

How can I request a generic medication?

Your healthcare provider and pharmacist are the best sources of information about generic medications. Simply ask one of them if your prescription can be filled with an equivalent generic medication.

Can my prescription be switched to a drug with a lower copay?

You can select lower cost options from your PBM's website. You'll get information to discuss with your healthcare provider and the tools to get started.

What is a prior authorization?

A prior authorization is required for certain medications to ensure they're a good fit for you and your coverage. Your provider must submit documentation for review. Call Member Services for assistance in processing the authorization.

How do I order medications using home delivery?

Home delivery is a convenient option for members on maintenance medications for chronic conditions. It ensures you never miss a dose and can be more cost-effective. Check your plan for details on copay differences between home delivery and retail pharmacies.

I am going to be out of town for an extended period, how do I get an extra supply of drugs to cover me for that time?

If you need extra medication while out of town, call Member Services on the back of your ID card to request a vacation override. Provide your travel dates, and RxBenefits will update the system for pharmacy pickup.

Who do I contact with questions about my specific plan and/or medications?

Your RxBenefits Member Services Team is available to answer any questions you may have. You can reach them Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., CT. by calling 800-734-4196. You can also send an email to CustomerCare@rxbenefits.com.



UnitedHealthcare Features

PREMIUM CARE PHYSICIAN PROGRAM

The UnitedHealth Premium Care Physician Program uses evidence-based standards to help you find quality, cost-efficient providers. Visit myuhc.com and select "Find a Doctor" to locate one.

Choose smart. Look for blue hearts.

- Premium Care Physician: Meets both quality and cost-efficiency criteria.
- Quality Care Physician: Meets quality criteria but not cost-efficiency, or not evaluated for costefficiency.
- Does Not Meet Premium Quality Criteria: Does not meet quality criteria.
- Not Evaluated for Premium Care: Specialty not evaluated, lacks sufficient claims data, or in evaluation process.

COST COMPARISONS

Compare prices before medical care to make smarter decisions. UnitedHealthcare's website lists in-network providers and rates for common procedures, helping you find cost-effective options for tests and services.

CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

For serious or complex conditions, UnitedHealthcare's nurse consultants can guide you to a Centers of Excellence provider, ensuring you receive expert care tailored to your needs.

VIRTUAL VISITS

Consult with a doctor anytime via mobile or computer using providers like Teladoc, American Well, and Doctor on Demand. Covered services include wellness visits, minor ailments, follow-ups, prescriptions, lab tests, and referrals for non-emergency conditions like the flu, colds, and rashes.

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

Talkspace

With Talkspace online therapy, you can regularly communicate with a therapist, safely and securely from your phone or desktop. No office visit is required to:

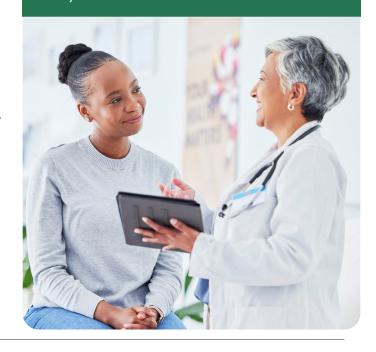
- Message a licensed therapist, 24/7.
- Find a therapist using an online tool.
- Start therapy within hours of choosing your therapist.
- Choose real-time, face-to-face video visits by appointment, when needed.

Talkspace is convenient, safe, and secure.

Register at talkspace.com/connect (first visit only) and choose a provider and message them anywhere, anytime. After you register, download the Talkspace app on your mobile phone.

Calm

Get on-demand help with stress, anxiety and depression with the Self-care app from Calm. It's available at no extra cost and offers access to clinical techniques anytime to manage symptoms, track progress, and stay supported until you feel better.



UnitedHealthcare's Well-being Programs

MAVEN MATERNITY

Maven provides personalized and engaging maternal health support through its digital platform, including:

- Support through initial postpartum period
- Partner access and support
- Pregnancy, miscarriage and loss, postpartum and return-to-work support

Features and benefits of the program include:

- Dedicated care advocacy, referrals to in-person care and care plans for all maternal risk levels
- 24/7 access to virtual specialists across 30+ specialties, including, but not limited to, doulas, professionals, career coaches, and lactation consultants
- Engaging content and communities through live classes and thousands of articles and videos

KAIA HEALTH

With Kaia, pain relief is possible at no extra cost to you. Download the Kaia app on your smartphone or tablet for on-demand, personalized support to help relieve pain and live healthier. Connecting with Kaia gives you access to:

- Bite-sized lessons
- 1-on-1 health coaching
- Workouts tailored to you

 Strengthening exercises
 - On-demand pain relief care

ONE-PASS SELECT

One Pass Select can help you reach your fitness goals and find a routine that's right for you, whether you work out at home or the gym. With plans as low as \$10 per month, you can choose a membership tier that fits your lifestyle.

You and your eligible family members (ages 18+) can get started with One Pass Select today. Learn more about One Pass Select at OnePassSelect.com.

REAL APPEAL WEIGHT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Try this virtual weight loss program that features oneon-one personal coaching, online group discussions, entertaining videos on ways to stay healthy, and nutrition guides to help you lose weight, feel good, and prevent weight-related health conditions.

Some features of the program are:

- A transformation coach who leads weekly online group sessions
- Online tools to help track your food, activity, and weight loss progress
- Tools and resources like weight and food scales, a portion plate and more. (Your Success Kit is delivered after you attend your first live group session.)

PERSONAL HEALTH SUPPORT

Personal Health Support can provide you with access to specialized nurses and other resources that can help you better manage your healthcare needs and improve your quality of life.

The Personal Health Support nurse will:

- Provide you with one-on-one health care information, guidance, and support
- Help coordinate your care with physicians and healthcare professionals
- Support you in understanding and following your doctor's treatment plan

QUIT FOR LIFE - TOBACCO CESSATION

Work with a Quit for Life coach to make a plan and get ongoing support including three one-toone coaching sessions, pre- and post-quit virtual group classes, and a free 8-week supply of nicotine replacement therapy (gum or patches).

Kaiser Permanente Features

EXPERIENCE THE KAISER PERMANENTE DIFFERENCE

Choosing Your Doctor	You can choose from over 1,800+ doctors in over 50+ specialties and change your doctor at any time. You and your doctor work together to decide the right care for you. See Kaiser's physician profiles and choose one that best fits your needs at kp.org/doctors .
Getting Care in Your Language	Kaiser Permanente provides multilingual doctors and staff and offers interpretation services by phone in 150+ languages.
Choosing How You Get Care	For minor concerns, simply request a phone appointment or email your doctor's office with routine questions.
Calling for Advice	Specially trained Kaiser Permanente nurses can offer medical advice by phone, 24/7.
Making an Appointment	You can schedule routine appointments from your computer or mobile device-anytime, anywhere.
Seeing Your Doctor	Your doctor and care team will have your medical history and prescriptions right at their fingertips through your electronic health record.
Managing Your Health and Your Family's	Register at kp.org or download the mobile app at kp.org/mobile to schedule appointments, get text reminders on appointments, pharmacy refills, view lab/doctors' results and more.
Remembering What Your Doctor Said	You can view your past visit summaries and most lab test results online, whenever you want.
Telehealth that Fits Your Schedule	Register at <u>kp.org</u> to see real-time availability for many in-person and virtual care options such as video or phone.
Supporting Your Total Health	Join on-demand life classes and more to improve your physical health at kp.org/health-wellness.
Care While Traveling	Get urgent and emergency care anywhere in the world, and now, when you're outside of a Kaiser Permanente state, you can visit any Cigna PPO Network provider without paying upfront or filing a claim for reimbursement. For help while traveling or to get more information about your travel coverage, call 951-268-3900.

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

Therapy Without A Referral

You can make an appointment to see a therapist without a referral from your primary care doctor. If you ever want to change your provider, your care team will assist you in finding the best fit for your needs.

Mental Health Video Visit

Book a video visit online at <u>kp.org</u> with your mental health provider. Routine appointments take place during regular office hours.

Calm

The No. 1 app for meditation and sleep, designed to help lower stress, reduce anxiety, and more. Kaiser Permanente members can access all the great features of Calm at no cost, including:

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

Members can access the app at calm.com.

Kaiser Permanente's Well-being Programs

VIRTUAL VIDEO VISITS

See your primary care doctor or specialist via secure video visits, part of your coordinated care, for easy access to the care you need without an office visit.

For DHMO and HMO plans, there are no copays, coinsurance, or deductibles. For CDHP, virtual visit costs depend on the complexity and are assessed after the deductible. The range of costs for an established member visit is typically \$97 to \$228.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE PROGRAMS

Access online wellness programs offering tools and support to improve your health—whether it's losing weight, eating healthier, quitting smoking, reducing stress, or managing conditions like diabetes. Complete a 20-minute Total Health Assessment to get a personalized health report to share with your doctor.

WELLNESS COACHING

Get Wellness Coaching by phone at no cost. Work one-on-one with a coach to create a plan for achieving your health goals.

HEALTH CLASSES

Health classes and support groups are offered right at Kaiser Permanente facilities. Visit <u>kp.org/classes</u> to view classes related to fitness, nutrition, stress, tobacco cessation, disease awareness/prevention, and more.

HEALTHY MEAL OPTION

Healthy Meal Delivery: Groceries and Household essentials delivered directly to the member's door

DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM (DPP)

A lifestyle coach leads a one-year program to prevent Type 2 diabetes, offering group training on diet, exercise, and behavior changes for weight control.

TELETHERAPY myStrength COMPLETE

myStrength Complete is a flexible digital program offering tools, support, and licensed therapist access, 7 days a week.

To start, visit mystrength.com/start, click "Join Today," and enter the code KaiserMSC. Explore more at kp.org/mentalhealthservices.

HEADSPACE CARE

Get 24/7 emotional support coaching via text.

- Chat anytime, anywhere with a coach
- Discuss goals, challenges, and create an action plan

OPTUM ONE PASS SELECT AFFINITY

- A Fitness Network: 18,000+ gym locations and boutique studios with unlimited access to all locations within selected tier.
- Digital Solutions: 23,000+ on-demand and livestreaming fitness classes through web, app, and TV, plus AI workout builder tool

CLASSPASS

ClassPass partners with 40,000 gyms and studios worldwide, offering a variety of fitness classes. Kaiser Permanente members get:

- Unlimited on-demand video workouts for free
- Discounted rates on in-person classes

This offer includes fitness and workouts only.

SUBSIDY OPTIONS

Select from various program offerings, including non-subsidized, digital, and classic tiers to drive member and employee engagement.

KAISER PERMANENTE IN ALEXANDRIA

Visit the Alexandria Kaiser Permanente Medical Office at 3000 Potomac Ave, offering primary and specialty care, including adult and pediatric services, women's health, optometry, and physical therapy. The center also provides pharmacy, radiology, and lab services. Take a virtual tour to explore the convenience of care.

Flexible Spending and Health Savings Accounts

The City of Alexandria offers tax-free accounts for eligible expenses. For a list of eligible expenses, visit irs.gov.

HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT (HSA)

Available to CDHP enrollees who are not covered by other health plans, Medicare, or claimed as a dependent. If you select an HSA but are not in a CDHP, it will be removed automatically.

HEALTH CARE FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS (FSAS)

Your options depend on your medical plan:

- Health Care FSA: For medical, pharmacy, dental, and vision expenses if not enrolled in a CDHP.
- Limited Purpose FSA: For dental and vision expenses only if enrolled in a CDHP.

DEPENDENT CARE FSA

Use for eligible childcare (through age 12) or elder care expenses. Cannot be used for tuition.

COMPARISON OF ACCOUNTS

	HSA	FSA
Does the company contribute? Amount for Fiscal Year 2026	√ Individual: \$600/Family: \$1,200	×
Can I contribute my own savings?	✓	\checkmark
Is there an IRS maximum annual contribution?	Individual: \$4,300/Family: \$8,550 Those 55 and older can contribute an additional \$1,000 annually.	Health Care or Limited Purpose FSAs: \$3,300 Dependent Care FSA: \$5,000 Parking FSA: \$315 per month
Will my savings roll over each year?	√ Unlimited	IUp to \$660 for Health Care and LimitedPurpose FSAs; No roll over for DependentCare FSA
Will I earn interest on my savings?	\checkmark	×
Are the savings tax-free? In most states	✓	✓
Do I keep the money if I leave the company?	✓	×
Can I also have a Flexible Spending Account (FSA)?		N/A

Note: The Limited Purpose FSA is used for eligible dental and vision expenses ONLY.

Health Savings Account

A Health Savings Account (HSA) is a tax-free savings account linked to the UnitedHealthcare and Kaiser CDHP, allowing you to pay for current and future medical expenses for you and your dependents.

The City of Alexandria's Health Savings Account (HSA) services are managed by Optum Bank.

If you enroll in either the UnitedHealthcare or Kaiser Permanente CDHP, you must set up your Optum Bank account to receive contributions through payroll deductions. You may also open your account on Optum's website. The last 6 digits of your Social Security number is needed for this process.

The maximum amount you can contribute to your account in Calendar Year 2025:

- Individual coverage: \$4,300 (\$3,700 employee contribution + \$600 City contribution).
- Family coverage: \$8,550 (\$7,350 employee contribution + \$1,200 City contribution).

The annual "catch-up" contribution amount for individuals age 55 or older will remain at \$1,000.

Eligibility details

- If you enroll in either the UnitedHealthcare or Kaiser Permanente CDHP, you can open a Health Savings Account with Optum Bank at <u>optumbank.com</u> and make contributions through payroll deductions.
- You cannot have an HSA if you are enrolled in any other health coverage or Medicare, or claimed as a dependent on someone else's tax return.
- You cannot participate in the Health Care Flexible Spending Account (FSA) if you have an HSA. Your spouse also cannot have a Health Care plan.



START IT

HSA contributions are tax-free, whether from you or the City. The City contributes \$600 for individual coverage and \$1,200 for family. With lower CDHP premiums, you can save more for your HSA, reducing taxes and gaining more control over your healthcare expenses.

BUILD IT

Your HSA money is always yours, even if you change jobs, plans, or retire. In Calendar Year 2025, the total contributions can be up to \$4,300 for individual coverage (\$3,700 employee + \$600 City) or \$8,550 for family coverage (\$7,350 employee + \$1,200 City). If you're 55 or older, you can contribute an extra \$1,000 annually.

USE IT

Withdraw money tax-free anytime for qualified expenses at i<u>rs.gov</u>. You can also save it for future healthcare costs.

GROW IT

Unused HSA funds roll over, earn interest, and grow tax-free. You control how to use or invest the money for eligible expenses.

Flexible Spending Accounts

An FSA lets you pay for eligible healthcare, dependent care, or parking expenses with pre-tax dollars, saving you 30 to 40%. Contributions are deducted from your paycheck and managed by Chard Snyder. You can access funds via a Debit Card for eligible expenses.

If you enroll in the CDHP, you can only enroll in a Limited Purpose Health Care FSA for dental and vision.

The Dependent Care Account is for daycare or elder care, not health or tuition expenses.

	HEALTH CARE FSA	DEPENDENT CARE FSA (DCFSA)	PARKING ACCOUNT
Eligible Expenses	Most medical, dental and vision expenses not paid by your benefit plans.	Childcare or elder care expenses while you and your spouse work or attend school.	Parking expenses for work Note: Monthly accounts for City Hall parking garage already use pretax dollars.
Examples of Eligible Expenses	 Medical, dental, and vision deductibles and copays Prescription drug costs you pay at the pharmacy Certain over-the-counter drugs (No prescription necessary due to COVID CARES Act) 	 Childcare or babysitting Before and after-school programs Nursery school or preschool Summer day camp Adult/senior daycare 	 Parking at or near your site of employment. Parking at a location where you commute to work by public transit, vanpool, or carpool.
Eligible Participants	Employee, spouse and eligible dependents	Children through age 12 and certain elderly or disabled dependents	Employee Only
Employee Contributions (Fiscal Year 2026)	Up to \$3,300 in Fiscal Year 2026	Up to \$5,000 in Fiscal Year 2026 (\$2,500 maximum if married and filing separate tax returns)	Up to \$315 a month in Calendar Year 2025
Use it or Loose It (Carryover Amount)	You can carry over up to \$660 into the following year. Amounts over \$660 will be forfeited.	No carryover at the end of Fiscal Year 2026.	Not applicable
Submitting Claims	 File claims for the full amount of your election as of the beginning of the year. Use your debit card or request reimbursement with receipts for 90 days following the end of the Plan Year (by September 30). 	 You must contribute the amount from your paycheck to file a claim for the amount. You can file claims for reimbursement for 90 days following the end of the Plan Year (by September 30). 	 You must contribute the amount from your paycheck to file a claim for the amount. Use a debit card or request reimbursement with receipts.



Visit Chard Snyder's website at chard-snyder.com.

You may also reach their Customer Service Team by calling 800-982-7715 between the hours of 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. EST.

Or you may send an email via askpenny@chard-snyder.com.

Flexible Spending Accounts (Continued)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT FSAS

FSA elections run from July 1 to June 30. Unused funds are forfeited under the "use it or lose it" rule. You must re-enroll each year; elections do not carry over. Contributions can only be changed with a qualified status change. Each FSA plan is separate, and funds are non-transferable.

ANNUAL LIMITS

When determining annual amounts for FSA enrollments for Fiscal Year 2026, consider the following:

- Health Care FSA limits have increased to \$3,300. Unused Health Care FSA Funds in excess of \$660 will not carry over from Fiscal Year 2026 to Fiscal Year 2027.
- The DCFSA annual limit for Fiscal Year 2025 is \$5,000 for married, filing jointly and \$5,000 for single.
- Transit/Parking FSA has an annual limit of \$315 for Calendar Year 2026.

MANAGING YOUR ACCOUNTS

The City partners with Chard Snyder to administer the FSA accounts. Chard Snyder offers online tools to help you manage your FSA accounts, including a list of eligible expenses, an account activity dashboard, and the ability to pay a provider or reimburse yourself via check or direct deposit. Set up your account at chard-snyder.com.

For assistance, call their Customer Service at 800-982-7715 (available from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. EST) or use the Voice Response System is available 24/7.

SAVE YOUR HEALTH CARE RECEIPTS

Always save your receipts, even when using your debit card. Chard Snyder may request them later. Upload receipts to your account for safekeeping.

DON'T LOSE IT!

Use your FSA dollars at <u>FSAStore.com</u>—everything is eligible without a prescription, thanks to the 2020 CARES Act.

Aetna's Dental Plans

It's important to have regular dental exams and cleanings so problems are detected before they become painful and expensive.

The City of Alexandria offers 2 dental options through Aetna: the Dental Maintenance Organization (DMO) Plan and the Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) Plan. Both plans provide coverage for most dental care and pay 100% of the cost of preventive care, such as routine checkups and cleanings.

DMO PLAN

To qualify, you must live in the service area and use a network primary care dentist, who must refer you to specialists.

Advantages:

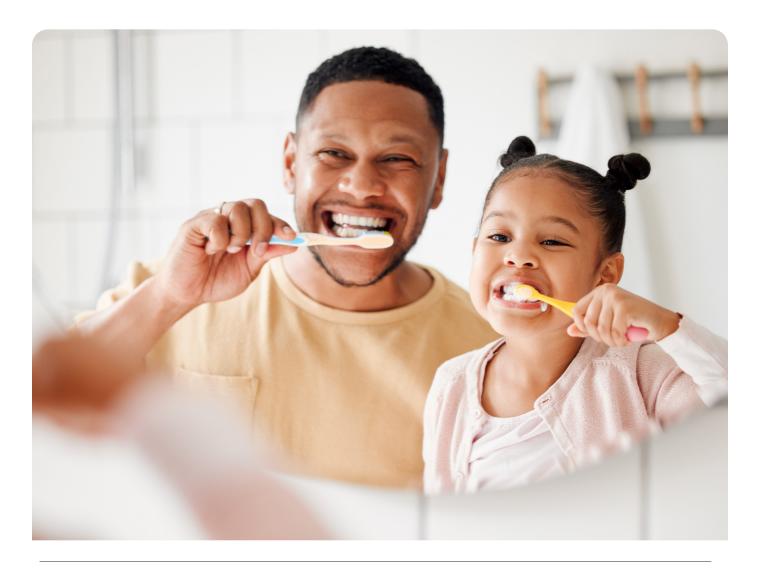
- No deductible
- No annual maximum
- Lower premiums
- Orthodontia coverage

PPO PLAN

See any dentist without a referral, but Aetna Network dentists offer savings with negotiated rates. Nonnetwork care is subject to charge limits.

FIND A DENTAL PROVIDER

Aetna won't mail ID cards. Register at <u>aetna.com</u> to access your account, print ID cards, or find a dentist. For help, call **877-238-6200** (Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.).



Aetna's Dental Plan Provisions

	DMO	PPO
Dental Plan Provisions	In-Network Only	Option to go Out-of-Network
Annual Deductible (Amount you pay before the Plan kicks in)	None	\$50 Individual/\$150 Family
Plan Year Maximum (Amount the Plan will pay each year)	No maximum	\$1,000 (per individual)
Diagnostic and Preventive Services** (e.g., Exams, Cleanings, and Bitewing X-rays)	Covered at 100%	Covered at 100% (no deductible)
Basic Care (e.g., Fillings and Simple Extractions)	Copay	25%*
Major Care (e.g., Root Canals, Dentures, Crowns and Oral Surgery)	Сорау	50%*
Orthodontia	\$2,400 copay	Not covered
Do you need to choose a Primary Care Dentist?	Yes	No
Do you need a referral from your Primary Care Dentist to see a Specialist?	Yes	No
Do you need to go to a dentist that participates in the Aetna network?	Yes	No (you can go in or out of network)

^{*}After deductible

FY 2026 PER PAYCHECK DENTAL PREMIUMS (24 TIMES PER YEAR)

Coverage Level	DMO	PPO
Employee	\$8.00	\$19.21
Employee + Spouse	\$13.77	\$39.74
Employee + Child(ren)	\$11.60	\$33.48
Family	\$18.12	\$52.27



^{**}Diagnostic and preventive benefits are available two times per year.

Aetna's Vision Plan

The vision plan covers annual eye exams and helps pay for glasses or contacts. You can get one pair of glasses or one order of contacts per year. The City of Alexandria offers the option to elect the Aetna Vision Preferred Plan. You can choose any provider, but in-network providers cost less and handle claims for you.

FIND A VISION PROVIDER

Find in-network vision providers at aetnavision.com under "Find a Provider." Out-of-network care costs more, and claims must be submitted by you.

Choose from more than 55,000+ vision offices and retailers, including popular chains like:

- LensCrafters
- Target Optical
- Pearle Vision
- CVS Optical

FIND AN EYE DOCTOR OR VISION CARE **RETAILER NEAR YOU**

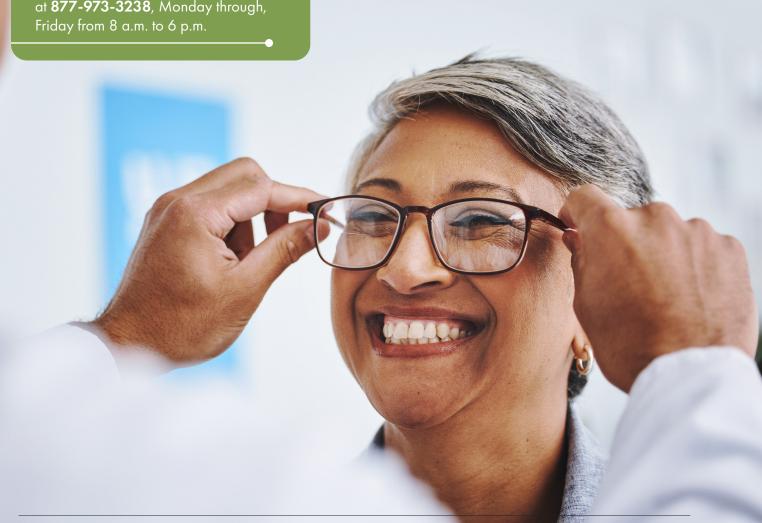
You can look up independent vision care providers and retailers that participate by visiting aetnavision. com and clicking on Find a Provider.

You can also use Online Vision Partners:

- glasses.com
- lenscrafters.com
- contactsdirect.com
- targetoptical.com
- ray-ban.com

More Information

Contact Aetna Vision Customer Service at 877-973-3238, Monday through,



Aetna's Vision Plan Provisions

	PPO		
Vision Plan Provisions	Aetna Vision Network	Out-of-Network	
Eye Exams	You pay \$0	Plan reimburses \$30	
Lenses Single vision Bifocali Trifocal	You pay \$15 for all standard lenses Plan reimburses \$25 (with standard scratch coating included) Plan reimburses \$40 Plan reimburses \$55		
Eyeglass Frames*	\$150 allowance, then 20% discount	Plan reimburses \$75	
Contact Lenses	You pay \$40 for standard fitting; \$150 allowance, then 15% discount over allowance	Plan reimburses \$ 120	
Discounts Additional pairs of glasses Non-covered Items (e.g., cleaning cloths and contact lens solution) U.S. Laser Network Retinal imaging	Up to 40% discount 20% discount Vision correction discount Up to \$39	No discount	
Frequency Eye exams Lenses Eyeglass frames Contact lenses	Once every 12 months One pair of glasses once every 12 months One pair of glasses once every 12 months One order of contact lenses once every 12 months *You can receive 1 pair of eyeglasses OR 1 order of contact lenses every 12 months		

^{*}Upgraded lens options, such as progressive bifocals, are available for an additional cost. Certain lens options, such as tints, anti-reflective, and UV coating, are covered for an additional fixed fee.

FY 2026 PER PAYCHECK VISION PREMIUMS (24 TIMES PER YEAR)

Coverage Level	PPO
Employee	\$4.27
Employee + Spouse	\$10.22
Employee + Child(ren)	\$7.24
Family	\$11.92

Get the most from your vision plan

- Use your FSA or HSA to pay for your exam copay and eyeglasses or contacts.
- Kaiser Permanente Plans include a \$75 allowance on eyeglasses and a \$25 allowance on contact lenses at their optical centers.

For more information, including rules, exclusions and limitations and Vision Benefits Summary, visit <u>AlexNet</u>.



Life and AD&D Insurance

The City of Alexandria offers Basic Life and AD&D Insurance, Supplemental Life and AD&D Insurance and Dependent Life and AD&D Insurance.

BASIC LIFE AND ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT (AD&D)

• This benefit is available to all employees at no cost. Coverage is automatic; you do not need to enroll.

SUPPLEMENTAL LIFE AND AD&D INSURANCE

- You can also purchase additional Life and AD&D coverage for yourself and your dependents at affordable group rates.
- You pay for this coverage through after-tax payroll deductions.
- You can elect any level of supplemental insurance at hire without any evidence of good health.
- You may ONLY increase your current coverage election during an Open Enrollment period. Elections will not begin until the employee sends DHR.Benefits@alexandriava.gov the approval notice from the Standard Insurance Company. You may increase current election by one level by completing a Medical History Statement and being approved by the Standard Insurance Company. This is an online process and can be completed by visiting myeoi.standard.com/instructions.

Sample Computation for Supplemental Life Insurance (Employee with \$50,000 Annual Salary)

Option Selected	ANNUAL PAY MINUS 3 ZEROS	MULTIPLY BY OPTION RATE	PER PAYCHECK COST FOR \$50,000 COVERAGE
Option 1: 1x your pay	\$50,000 - 000 = 50	50 × 0.133	\$6.65
Option 2: 2x your pay	\$100,000 - 000 = 100	100 x 0.133	\$13.30

Imputed Income Tax

As required by law, employees with Life Insurance amounts of more than \$50,000 will be taxed on the value of premiums for Basic Life Insurance coverage over \$50,000.

Benefits Effective Date

For new hires, life insurance benefits are effective on the first of the month following 90 days of employment. For example, if you are hired on May 15th, your coverage will not begin until September 1st.

Life and AD&D Insurance (Continued)

DEPENDENT LIFE INSURANCE

- You may elect Dependent Life insurance in the Employee Self Service.
- If you are electing coverage for yourself and a dependent for the first time after 30 days of your hire date, Evidence of Insurability will be required and can be submitted online prior to having the dependent coverage extended for your spouse.
- Evidence of Insurability is not applicable to children.

Coverage Level	COVERAGE	PER PAYCHECK COST (AFTER-TAX)	
BASIC LIFE AND AD&D			
Class 1	Coverage equal to 2x your annual pay, up to a maximum of \$500,000	Benefits are paid by the City	
Class 2	Coverage equal to 1x your annual pay, up to a maximum of \$500,000	Benefits are paid by the City	
SUPPLEMENTAL E	MPLOYEE LIFE AND AD&D		
Option 1	Coverage equal to 1x your annual pay	Coverage equal to 1x your pay (multiply you annual pay, minus 3 zeros by 0.133)	
Option 2	Coverage equal to 2x your annual pay	Coverage equal to 2x your pay (multiply annual pay, minus 3 zeros by 0.266)	
DEPENDENT LIFE INSURANCE			
Option 1	\$5,000 for Spouse and \$2,000 for Child(ren)	\$0.73 per paycheck	
Option 2	\$10,000 for Spouse and \$5,000 for Child(ren)	\$1.45 per paycheck	
Option 3	\$25,000 for Spouse and \$10,000 for Child(ren)	\$3.63 per paycheck	

Your life insurance coverage will equate to your annual salary amount rounded to the next thousand.

Example: \$38,459 annual salary = \$39,000 Life Insurance amount.



Leave and Disability Benefits

The City of Alexandria provides disability benefits to help replace your income if you become unable to work due to pregnancy or non-work-related illness or injury. See <u>AlexNet</u> for more information.

LONG-TERM DISABILITY (LTD)

You can choose between two LTD options, both serviced by The Standard. The Core Plan is fully paid by the City, while you pay for the Buy-Up option. You can only select one plan. To switch from Plan 1 to Plan 2 (except for new hires), you must provide proof of good health. No action is needed unless changing plans. Note directly below:

LTD Provisions	CITY'S CORE LTD (PLAN 1)	BUY-UP LTD (PLAN 2)	
Benefits Start Date	After 180 days	After 90 days	
Coverage	Covers 60% of your pay, up to \$5,000 per month	Covers 60% of your pay, up to \$5,000 per month	
Employee Cost	Provided to you at no cost	0.0077x your covered pay	

ANNUAL LEAVE

- Use this leave for vacation and personal leave.
- Regular, full-time employees earn up to 13 days after 1 year of service.
- You receive one additional day per year up to 25 days at 12 years of service.
- You accrue annual leave each pay period.
- The maximum annual rollover limit varies by civilian and sworn job classes.

PAID PARENTAL LEAVE (PPL)

- The City provides up to six weeks (or 240 hours) of PPL to eligible City employees who are parents of a newborn child or a child who is placed with the employee through adoption or foster care.
- The PPL is designed to allow employees paid time off to care for and bond with a child.
- 60% of the first \$8,333 of Predisability Earnings, reduced by Deductible Income.
- You can use the 6 weeks continuously or intermittently with department approval within 12 weeks from the birth or placement of the child.
- Maximum Benefit is \$5,000 before reduction of Deductible Income. Minimum Benefit is \$100.
- Eligible regular part-time employees working at least 20 hours per week will receive PPL proportional to the percentage of their standard weekly work hours.

THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)

The Americans with Disabilities act prohibits employers from discriminating against employees with qualified disabilities and requires employers to provide reasonable accommodation for employees while working.

SICK LEAVE

- Use this leave for your illness or to care for immediate family.
- Full-time employees accrue up to 12 days per year.
- Accruals for regular part-time employees are pro-rated.
- You accrue sick leave each pay period.
- There is no maximum accrual limit.

SICK LEAVE BANK

- You can only enroll in the Sick Leave Bank at the time of hire or during Open Enrollment.
- This Bank provides up to an additional 160 hours (equivalent to four weeks) of sick leave that can be used if an extended medical absence occurs and all other leaves are exhausted. Part-Time Employee's Sick Leave Bank hours are issued on a pro-rated basis.
- To join the Bank, full-time employees must make a one-time donation of 8 hours of annual leave and regular part-time employees must donate 4 hours.

FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE (FMLA)

 Provides unpaid job-protected leave for up to 12 weeks in a 12-month rolling period if you or your immediate family have a serious medical condition.

Transit and Parking Benefits

To reduce traffic congestion and parking demand, and encourage public transportation, ridesharing, walking, and bicycling, the City of Alexandria provides eligible City employees with up to \$270 per month for public transit and qualified vanpool fares.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility for the City's transportation benefit requires employees to:

- Be permanent full-time or part-time employees of the City of Alexandria.
- Commute using transit or a qualified vanpool (e.g., Metrorail, Metrobus, Fairfax Connector, VRE, MARC, Amtrak).
- Relinquish any free or discounted employee parking, except for eligible parking at Union Station.



LIMITATIONS

- Employees can receive only one Transit or Parking Benefit at a time; dual enrollment is not allowed.
- DASH is FREE and is a great way to get around the City. No ID necessary.
- Transportation benefits are exclusively for the employee's work commute.
- Benefits must not be shared, sold, or transferred to others.
- Benefits cannot be accumulated during vacation or leave (e.g., school employees on summer break are ineligible).

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- Submit your completed application with your registered SmarTrip card number by the 15th to receive SmartBenefits by the 1st of the next month. Register your card at wmata.com/fares/Register-SmarTrip.cfm.
- To manage your benefit you must establish a SmartBenefits account at <u>smartrip.wmata.com/</u> <u>Account/Login</u> and allocate your monthly benefit to your qualified transportation provider under the "Upcoming Transit Allocation" tab. Changes must be made before the 20th of each month.
- You can also contact Commuter Direct at 703-228-7433 or CommuterDirect.com for assistance in processing allocations and receiving paper tickets for your transportation provider in the mail.
- Find the Transit Benefits application on <u>AlexNet</u> and submit completed forms to the Benefits Team at <u>DHR.Benefits@alexandriava.gov</u> for processing.

Transit and Parking Benefits (Continued)

LOCATIONS AND PAYMENT OPTIONS

The City of Alexandria has partnered with the following local Parking Garages to provide its employees with parking options on a pretax basis:

MARKET SQUARE	COURTHOUSE	UNION ST
108 N. Fairfax St	111 S. Pitt St	220 N. Union St

Monthly amounts are deducted directly from your paycheck. Alternatively, you can choose a Parking Flexible Spending Account to cover daily expenses on a pretax basis.

You may park at the Union Station free of charge if you display a Hang Tag. To request a Hang Tag, contact <u>DHR.Benefits@alexandriava.gov</u>.

LEARN MORE

- Free Capital Bikeshare Program: <u>capitalbikeshare.com</u>
- Information on Commuter Benefits can be found on AlexNet
- GO Alex is available to help you with transportation questions.
 Contact us via email at GOAlex@alexandriava.gov

PARKING CASHOUT PROGRAM

Earn \$5 inWork'n Well Rewards Cash each day you take public transportation or a non-driving commuting option to get to work. By joining, you can:

- Reduce commute costs with City-sponsored commuter benefits.
- Enjoy a flexible commute that saves time and reduces stress.
- Boost your health by increasing physical activity through transit, biking, or walking.

How to Cashout your Commute:

Sign up by selecting the **Parking Cashout** benefit on the Work'n Well app and complete the enrollment form.

Log your commute daily to earn \$5 in Work'n Well Rewards Cash (only same-day commutes are eligible). Only logged commutes with a screen shot of your commute via your chosen trip planner (CommuterCash, Transit app, etc) qualify.



CAPITAL BIKESHARE

The City provides a FREE Capital Bikeshare Membership to all employees which can be used throughout the region at over 700 stations. Visit capitalbikeshare.com to join and sign up for the annual membership using your City email address. The discount code to receive free membership is **COABikes9472**.

ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

- The Guaranteed Ride Home Program provides up to 6 free rides in the event of an emergency for people carpooling or using public transportation.
- Employees may take
 advantage of the resources on
 CommuterConnections.org to
 receive incentives, including cash,
 and get support for ride options in
 your area.
- The GO Alex Mobile Store is a resource for transportation information and a place to load funds onto your SmarTrip card. Visit <u>alexandriava.gov/</u> <u>TransitStore</u> to see the Store's schedule and location.

Work/Life Benefits

SPRING HEALTH

Employee Assistance Program

The City of Alexandria has partnered with Spring Health to offer comprehensive mental health benefits for you, your spouse, and covered dependents, enhancing mental and emotional well-being.

Spring Health offers free services for you and your family, including:

- In-app wellness exercises for meditation, better sleep, and more.
- Personalized assessments and progress tracking.
- Guidance from a personal Care Navigator.
- Therapy with same-week sessions; the first six are fully covered.
- Medication management with psychiatrists.
- Coaching for stress management and focus.
- Work-life resources for travel, elder/adult care, and pet care.
- Legal assistance for divorce, custody, real estate, and more.
- Financial advice on home buying, college planning, and debt management.

Ways to activate your Spring Health benefits:

- Online: Visit coa.springhealth.com.
- Phone: Call 240-558-5796.
- Spring Health App: Download Spring Health Mobile from the App Store or Google Play.
- Work'n Well Rewards App: Go to the "Benefits" section. Click on "Spring Health", then "Start Now".
- For more information on this benefit and everything it has to offer, please visit My Work'n Well on AlexNet.

WORKING ADVANTAGE

Discount program

Working Advantage is your exclusive savings marketplace on all things travel, entertainment, shopping, wellness & more! We're here to support your personal and financial well-being.

Visiting Working Advantage to learn more.

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

Department of Human Resources Learning & Development (DHR L&D)

The City of Alexandria is dedicated to empowering its employees by providing access to valuable training and development opportunities. The City's Learning & Development programs are designed to help employees enhance their skills, qualifications, and experience, ensuring they can effectively perform their roles and advance their careers.

The City offers a comprehensive Citywide classroom training program to support career development and organizational efficiency. Employees are encouraged to participate in these programs to achieve their professional goals.

DHR L&D provides in-classroom trainings and access to NEOGOV Learn, a Learning Management System that offers a library of courses fostering continuous development.

To further support professional growth, the DHR L&D provides the Funding for Employee Education & Professional Development Program. This program offers financial assistance for education programs that enhance job performance and career advancement. Full-time employees can receive up to \$3,200, while part-time employees are eligible for up to \$800 annually.

In a new initiative aimed at supporting upward mobility for frontline employees, the City is introducing an additional \$2,000 in educational assistance. This brings the total support to \$5,200 for qualifying employees. These program cover the costs of accredited degree courses (bachelor's or associate's) and certifications required for promotions, helping employees overcome barriers to advancement and achieve their career aspirations.

More Information

Contact DHR L&D programs and initiatives DHR.Learning@alexandriava.gov.

Work/Life Benefits (Continued)

2ND.MD

Second Opinion Medical Consultations

Access expert second opinions from board-certified doctors nationwide at no cost. Connect via phone or video for consultations to:

- Gain clarity on new or chronic diagnoses and treatment options.
- Discover breakthrough treatments and trials not known locally.
- Evaluate recommended surgeries and explore alternatives.

How it Works

- Activate your account at <u>2nd.md/alexandriavagov</u>, download the app, or call 866-269-3534.
- Speak with a nurse who will manage medical records and connect you with a specialist.
- Consult with a specialist about your diagnosis and treatment plan via video or phone, including evenings and weekends.

SUMMER

Student Loan Management Platform

The City of Alexandria offers Summer to enhance financial well-being by helping employees and their families save on student loans.

Features:

- Identify and enroll in optimal repayment plans.
- Save over \$300 monthly on loan payments.
- Access guidance from student loan advisors.
- Explore savings options beyond refinancing.
- Enroll in CoA's Tuition Reimbursement Program.
- Summer provides clear savings comparisons, digitizes enrollment, and offers advisor support via app chat, email, or phone/video consultations.

Sign up at app.meetsummer.org/onboard/ cityofalexandria using Access Code COA for a free account. For questions, email partnersupport@ meetsummer.org.

NOOM WEIGHT (New!)

Access through Personify Health

Healthy weight loss

Powered by psychology, Noom Weight uses evidence-based techniques to empower behavior change. It's a personalized, mind-first approach that combines technology and human support to create healthier daily habits that lead to long-lasting results.

- Techniques that teach people the why behind your habits and how to change them.
- Daily lessons tailored to each person's goals.
- One-on-one coaching and peer support to help improve outcomes.

NOOM DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM (New!)

Access through Personify Health

CDC-approved, psychology-based curriculum empowers members to uncover the why behind their habits and how to change them for good.

- Engaging lessons are personalized daily to support the development of lifelong skills focused on preventing the onset of type 2 diabetes.
- Specialized DPP coaching offers personalized, 1:1 support from DPP lifestyle coaches certified by CDC-affiliated Diabetes Training and Technical Assistance Center (DTTAC).
- Intuitive health tracking tools for blood glucose, weight, food, activity, and more enable members to proactively stay on top of your progress.



Work/Life Benefits (Continued)

WELLTHY (New!)

Support through life's most vital moments

Wellthy helps with every phase of life as your care partner –taking tasks off caregiver's plates, helping families access the right care at the right moment, and delivering an experience that is both fundamentally human and tech forward.

- Personalized 1:1 support dedicated support from 200+ experts in every facet of care from social work to patient advocacy, nursing to home care and behavioral health
- Easy-to-use navigation— tools to help manage care, securely store important information, message the Care Team, and ensure the care circle is constantly in the loop
- Connection, sharing, and learning expertmoderated, peer-to-peer forums where family caregivers can find connection, support, and exchange knowledge

Work'n Well Rewards

Unlock Your Wellness Potential: Earn up to \$600 a Year!

The City offers a voluntary incentive program to promote health, covering all participation costs. Track activity, sleep, nutrition, biometrics, and healthy habits to earn points. Reach Level 3 (12,000 points) in a quarter to receive a \$40 monthly incentive the next quarter. The cycle resets each quarter for new rewards opportunities.

Complete an annual preventive exam with a validated physician form to earn \$120 the following quarter.

Details are available on <u>AlexNet</u>. Your health data is protected by HIPAA and privacy laws, ensuring the City cannot access your individual results. Consult your doctor before starting any physical activity program.

How to Complete Your Benefit Enrollment Event Online

Access Your Online Enrollment

Complete your benefit enrollment online through the <u>Employee</u> Self Service Portal.

Access the portal from any internet-enabled computer or a kiosk at your work location. The platform is not compatible with Apple products (e.g., Macs, iPads, etc.).

Before enrolling, spend a few minutes with ALEX at <u>start.myalex.</u> <u>com/cityofalexandria</u>. ALEX is an interactive benefits counselor that explains your options in simple, engaging language to help you choose the best benefits for your needs and budget. Visit AlexNet to learn more.

Starting Your Enrollment on AlexNet

- Click "My Pay, Leave & Info" on the left side of the screen.
- Click "My Pay, Leave & Info" again in the middle of the screen.
- Log in using your network username and password on the Windows security screen, then click OK.
- Access Munis Employee Self-Serve (ESS) and click "Employee Self Service" on the left to reach the welcome page.
- Click "Benefits" on the left to open the Benefits page.
- Begin making your elections by selecting "No Changes,"
 "Make New Election," or "Decline" for each plan.

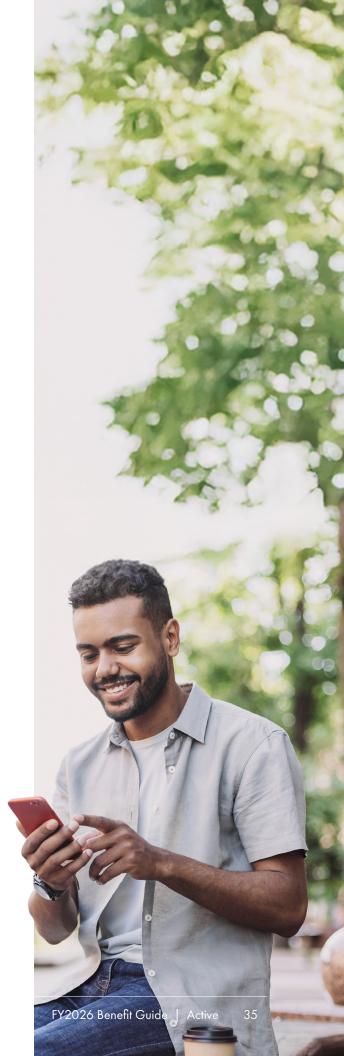
Completing Your Online Enrollment

Your online Enrollment Summary will display:

- Current: Your existing benefits (if enrolled).
- New Election: Your current benefits, which carry over unless changed, except for Flexible Spending Accounts, which require annual re-enrollment.

Important Note:

Employees who had a life status change or moved from under \$70,000 salary to over \$70,000 during FY 2025 MUST take action to ensure your election changes are accurate for FY 2026.



Benefit Enrollment Event Online Tips & Reminders

ONLINE ENROLLMENT TIPS

- Make all elections on ESS except Supplemental Life Insurance, which requires a paper form available on AlexNet. Submit the completed form to DHR.Benefits@alexandriava.gov within 90 days of hire.
- Use the Continue button or click Open Enrollment on the left to navigate sections; avoid using the Back button.
- Close additional windows by clicking the X in the upper right to return to enrollment.
- Click Continue to save choices. Your selections are only processed after clicking Submit Choices
 and receiving a confirmation. Incomplete enrollments won't carry over current elections.
- Disable pop-up blockers when adding dependents.
- If you encounter issues, clear your browser history, close, and log in again.
- Access your Enrollment Event online anytime outside work hours, but note the portal isn't compatible with Apple products.

HOW TO ENROLL, DECLINE, OR CHANGE BENEFITS

- To enroll, decline, or change a benefit, select each option. For medical coverage, click "Make New Election" next to Medical to view options and costs. Access the guide and more info on AlexNet.
- Choose a medical plan by clicking the plus sign next to the vendor (Kaiser Permanente or UnitedHealthcare) and select the plan and coverage level. Scroll down to review or add dependents.
 - If all dependents are listed, click each one and select "Add Coverage" for those you want to cover. Update their information if needed.
 - If dependents are missing, follow instructions to update their info.
 - Do not add dependents who are no longer eligible (e.g., age 26).
- Click "Continue" to save choices and return to your Enrollment Summary for other benefit selections.

ADDING DEPENDENTS

- Click "Add New Dependent" at the bottom of each applicable benefit option.
- Enter a birth date for each dependent.
- Provide a Social Security number for dependents over 18; Provide a Social Security Number and Date of Birth for all dependents. (suggested)

After updating dependents, click "Continue" to return to the Enrollment Summary screen.

EVIDENCE OF GOOD HEALTH REQUIREMENT

- To buy-up one level of Supplemental Life or choose the 90-day LTD coverage option (if not elected at hire), evidence of good health is needed.
- Submit medical underwriting online for approval from The Standard.
- You may Only increase your current coverage election during an Open Enrollment period. Elections will not begin until the employee sends <u>DHR.Benefits@alexandriava.gov</u> the approval notice from the Standard Insurance Company.
- If required, you'll stay in your current option until approved. If denied, your coverage remains unchanged.

Benefit Enrollment Event Online Tips & Reminders (Continued)

SUBMITTING YOUR ENROLLMENT

- Once you have made your election for each benefit, click the Continue button on your Enrollment Summary page.
- Your enrollment is not complete and will not be processed until you click the Submit Choices button.
- You will receive a confirmation page indicating that your enrollment has been completed.
- You can print this Confirmation for your records.
- You can go back and make changes until the end of Open Enrollment on May 23.

LIFE INSURANCE CHANGES - THIS OPEN ENROLLMENT

If you want to change your life insurance election (elect 1x or 2x pay for Supplemental Employee Life Insurance), you must complete the online form for approval from The Standard. Dependent Life Insurance can be selected in Employee Self Service. Evidence of Insurability for spouse coverage is required to move up one level. Elections will not begin until the employee sends DHR.Benefits@alexandriava.gov the **approval notice** from the Standard Insurance Company.

CONFIRM THAT YOUR DEPENDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE

Review your benefits carefully to verify that only eligible dependents are enrolled. The City reserves the right to audit eligibility of dependents from time to time. You are subject to disciplinary action and can be held financially responsible for the cost of the benefits, including any claims paid for enrolled persons who are not eligible for dependent coverage.



Benefit Terms Overview

Benefit Plan Year: Coverage runs from 7/1 to 6/30 annually.

Calendar Year Deductible and Out-of-Pocket Maximums: Plan deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums reset January 1 (applies to Kaiser Permanente plans).

Coinsurance: Cost-sharing between you and the plan, e.g., 80% coinsurance means the plan pays 80% after the deductible, and you pay 20%.

Consumer Health Driven Plan (CDHP):

Offered by United Healthcare and Kaiser Permanente, combining medical coverage with a Health Savings Account (HSA) for tax-free healthcare savings.

Copay: A fixed fee (e.g., \$15) for a covered service, varying by service type.

Deductible: The annual amount you pay for covered services before the plan starts paying.

Elimination Period: For LTD claims, the time between injury/illness onset and benefit payments.

Flexible Spending Account (FSA): Use tax-free dollars for eligible healthcare, dependent care, and parking expenses. Funds must be used by the end of the plan year ("use it or lose it").

Generic Drugs: Non-trademarked drugs equivalent to brand-name versions in use, dose, strength, quality, and performance.

Health Savings Account (HSA): A personal savings account for those in the City's CDHPs (UnitedHealthcare or Kaiser Permanente) to pay for qualified medical expenses like doctor visits, hospital care, prescriptions, dental, and vision. Funds can be used for current or future expenses for you and your dependents, even if not covered by the CDHP.

In-network: A list of healthcare providers with negotiated rates, reducing service costs for you and the insurer.

Inpatient: Services during an overnight hospital stay.

Mail Order Pharmacy: Offers a 90-day medication supply for the cost of a 60-day retail supply, delivered to your door.

Non-preferred Brand Drugs: Trademarked drugs that are more expensive than generic or preferred options.

Out-of-network: Providers not in the plan's network, leading to higher costs and deductibles.

Out-of-pocket Maximum: The yearly cap on expenses you pay; once reached, the plan covers 100% of eligible costs.

Outpatient: Hospital services without an <u>overnight</u> stay.

Plan Year Deductible and Out-of-Pocket Maximum: Deductibles and Out-of-Pocket maximums reset every 7/1 (applies to UHC and Aetna plans).

Preferred Brand Drugs: Trademarked drugs that are safe, effective, and typically cheaper than other brand-name options.

Primary Care Provider (PCP):

A doctor providing ongoing care for various health conditions.

Reasonable & Customary Charges (R&C): Standard rates for services in a specific area, applicable to out-of-network charges.

Specialist: A doctor with expertise in a specific medical field, like surgery or cardiology.

Benefit acronyms

- ACA Affordable Care Act
- AD&D Accidental Death & Dismemberment
- CDHP Consumer Directed Health Plan
- DMO Dental Maintenance Organization
- FMLA Family Medical Leave Act
- FSA Flexible Spending Account
- HMO Health Maintenance Organization
- HSA Health Savings Account
- LTD Long-Term Disability
- PBM Pharmacy Benefit Program Manager
- PPL Paid Parental Leave



Contact Information

Coverage	CARRIER	PHONE	WEBSITE/EMAIL
Medical and Pharmacy	UnitedHealthcare (Group #: 714332)	866-844-4864	myuhc.com
Pharmacy	RxBenefits/Express Scripts	800-734-4196	CustomerCare@RxBenefits.com
Medical and Pharmacy	Kaiser Permanente (Group #: 4073)	855-249-5018	kp.org
Health Savings Account	Optum Bank		optumbank.com
Flexible Spending Accounts	Chard Snyder	800-982-7715	<u>chard.snyder.com</u>
Dental	Aetna (Group #: 737479)	877-238-6200	aetna.com
Vision	Aetna	877-973-3238	aetnavision.com
Life and AD&D Insurance	The Standard	800-378-4170 ext. 0587	standard.com
Long-Term Disability	The Standard	800-378-4170 ext. 0587	standard.com
Employee Assistance Program (EAP)	Spring Health	240-558-5796	coa.springhealth.com
Diabetes Prevention & Weight Loss Program	Noom		
Health Consultant	Wellthy		
Medical Consultations	2nd.MD	866-269-3534	2nd.md
Human Resources	Benefits Team	703-746-3777	alexandriava.gov/HR DHR.Benefits@alexandriava.gov
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