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# YOUR 2026 M-NCPPC BENEFITS

Note: The information in this guide is a summary of the benefit plans offered to employees/retirees and their dependents. In the event of any discrepancies between the information in the guide and official plan documents, the plan documents supersede. The Commission reserves the right to make changes to its benefits program for all employees, retirees and beneficiaries. Benefits are subject to the actual plan terms in effect as of a given time. In the event of a conflict between the terms of any benefit plan and this summary, the terms of the benefit plan will control.

# WELCOME TO THE 2026 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS GUIDE!

This year's theme, "Tools of the Trade—Maximizing Your Benefits," is all about giving you what you need to make the most of your benefits. Think of your benefits as more than just a checklist—they come with built-in tools to help you understand your choices, stretch your dollars, and support your well-being. As you explore this guide, take time to discover the tools available and put them to work—so you can maximize your benefits all year long.

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#### **ELIGIBILITY FOR HEALTHCARE BENEFITS**



#### **Eligible Employees:**

Merit/Career, Appointed, Merit Board and Contract/Seasonal (limited benefits)

- Eligible dependents include your:
  - Legal spouse
  - · Children up to age 26 (biological, stepchildren, adopted, if legal guardian prior to 18th birthday)
  - Disabled children if disability occurred prior to age 26-subject to carrier approval with application 30 days before disabled child reaches age 26.

Employees adding dependents must submit copies of marriage license for spouse, birth certificate/adoption/ guardianship documents for children, and Social Security card for each dependent.

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**ENROLLING IN YOUR BENEFITS** 

# WHEN CAN EMPLOYEES ENROLL/CHANGE ELECTIONS

- As a New Hire/Rehire/Newly Eligible for Benefits
  - 45 days following date of hire
  - During the Annual Open Enrollment period
  - Usually in October with changes effective January 1st

#### When you experience a Qualifying Life Event such as marriage

- Birth/adoption, divorce, gaining other coverage or loss of coverage
- Within 45 days following event

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**Employees can enroll using Employee Self Service System (ESS).** 



Click here to go directly to the **ESS User Guide** 



If unable to enroll via ESS use the **EMPLOYEE Benefits Enrollment/Change Form** 

Retirees can use the Retiree Benefit Enrollment/Change Form to make changes to medical, dental and vision plan elections at any time throughout the year, but must remain in the Pre-Paid Legal Plan until December 31 before cancelling.



Click here for the **RETIREE Benefits/Enrollment Change Form** 

**FORMS CAN BE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS:** 



**HAND DELIVERED OR MAILED** 

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**Drop Box** 



**EMAIL** benefits@mncppc.org



**FAX** 301-454-1687



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**ACTIVE EMPLOYEES**, while still working, do not have to enroll in Medicare when eligible.

Our medical plan remains primary for you and any eligible dependents.

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(If You are Not Eligible for Medicare)

**Annual Deductible** 

**Office Visits** 

**Annual Out-of-Pocket Limit** 

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**IN-NETWORK** 

None

\$15 copay

\$20 copay

\$75 copay, waived if admitted

\$30 copay

KAISER PERMANENTE HMO	
WITH PRESCRIPTION DRUG	
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COVERAGE		
IN-NETWORK ONLY		

\$1,100 individual	
\$3,600 family	

Includes copays

\$50 copay, waived if admitted

\$15 copay

None

Office Visits	\$10 copay
Primary Care Specialist	\$10 copay

Emergency Room Specialist	
Urgent Care Center	

UNITEDHEALTHCARE

**CHOICE PLUS POS** 

\$750 individual

\$1,500 2-member

\$2,000 family

Includes copays; does not include deductible





UNITEDHEALTHCARE
SELECT EPO

**IN-NETWORK ONLY** 

None

\$750 family	
	\$1,100 individual \$3,600 family
	Does not include

does	not include deductible	copays
	Covered 80% after deductible	\$10 copay

**OUT-OF-NETWORK** 

\$300 individual

\$600 2-member

Covered 80% after deductible	\$10 copay

\$75 copay, waived if admitted	\$50 copay, waived if admitted



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#### **MEDICAL PLAN OPTIONS** (If You are Not Eligible for Medicare)

	KAISER PERMANENTE® United Healthcare		United Healthcare	
	KAISER PERMANENTE HMO WITH PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE	UNITEDHEALTHCARE CHOICE PLUS POS		UNITEDHEALTHCARE SELECT EPO
	IN-NETWORK ONLY	IN-NETWORK OUT-OF-NETWORK		IN-NETWORK ONLY
Inpatient Surgery	\$0 copay	\$0 copay	\$150 copay, then covered 80%	\$0 copay
Outpatient Surgery	\$25 copay	\$50 copay at facility	Covered 80% after deductible	\$25 copay at facility
Hearing Aids	1 hearing aid every 6 months covered up to \$1,000	80% covered every 36 months, up to \$3,000 maximum  Go to: www.UHCHearing call 1-866-926-6632	80% covered every 36 months, up to \$3,000 maximum  Go to: www.UHCHearing call 1-866-926-6632	80% covered every 36 months, up to \$3,000 maximum  Go to: www.UHCHearing call 1-866-926-6632



Use your mobile device to download your medical plan's app to access your digital id-never leave home without it, view claims, schedule virtual and routine care, and more.

Virtual Visits are FREE, available 24/7 for the treatment of conditions such as colds, flu, stomach ache, rash and mental health. Doctors can provide a diagnosis and prescribe medication.











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Enrollment in both Medicare Part A and





Medicare Part B is required.	KAISER PERMANENTE MEDICARE ADVANTAGE HMO WITH PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE	UNITEDHEALTHCARE SELECT EPO FOR MEDICARE ELIGIBLE IN-NETWORK ONLY SERVICES UNLESS AN EMERGENCY	UNITEDHEALTHCARE MEDICARE COMPLEMENT (You can obtain services from any provider that accepts Medicare)	
	IN-NETWORK	IN-NETWORK ONLY	N/A	
Deductible	None	None (Copayments apply until Medicare Part A and Part B Deductibles have been paid)	None; the plan pays Part A and Part B deductibles	
Annual Out-of-Pocket Limit	<b>\$3,400</b> Includes copay and coinsurance	\$1,100 individual \$3,600 family Does not include copays	N/A	
Office Visits	\$10 copay	\$10 copay	Remaining 20% of Medicare approved amount	
Emergency Room	\$50 copay, waived if admitted	\$50 copay, waived if admitted	Remaining 20% of Medicare approved amount	
Urgent Care Center	\$10 copay	\$15 copay	Remaining 20% of Medicare approved amount	
Surgery: Inpatient	\$0 copay	\$0 copay	Covered in full by Medicare	
Surgery: Outpatient	\$0 copay	\$0 copay office/\$25 at facility	Covered in full by Medicare	
Hearing Aids	1 hearing aid up to \$1,000 per ear every 36 months	80% covered every 36 months, up to \$3,000 maximum  Go to: www.UHCHearing call 1-866-926-6632	80% covered every 36 months, up to \$3,000 maximum  Go to: www.UHCHearing call 1-866-926-6632	

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#### PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM: EMPLOYEES AND NONMEDICARE ELIGIBLE RETIREES





	CVS CAR	EMARK PRESCRIPTION PLAN	KAISER PERMANENTE PRESCRIPTION PLAN		
DRUG TYPE	Participating Retail Pharmacy (up to 34-day supply)	CVS Mail Order or CVS Pharmacy (up to 90-day supply)	Kaiser Facility/ Affiliated Pharmacy (up to 30-day supply)	Mail Order Network/ Affiliated Pharmacy (up to 90-day supply)	
Generic Drugs	\$10 copay	\$20 copay	\$7/\$10 copay	\$14/\$20 copay	
Preferred Brand Name Drugs	\$20 copay	\$40 copay	\$15/\$20 copay	\$30/\$40 copay	
Non-Preferred Brand Name Drugs	\$40 copay	\$50 copay	\$30/\$35 copay	\$60/\$70 copay	
Lifestyle Drugs	50% copay	50% copay	N/A	N/A	



CVS Caremark members can enroll in the PrudentRx program to receive a 30day supply of Specialty Medications with no copay. Otherwise, you will pay 30% coinsurance.

Locate **CVS Caremark** Participating Pharmacies



Locate **Kaiser Affiliated Pharmacies** (Look for DC, MD and Northern VA pharmacies)





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#### **REQUIRES ENROLLMENT**

in Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B

#### SilverScript®



	SILVERSCRIPT PRESCRIPTION PLAN (Approved Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan Administered by CVS Caremark)		KAISER MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PRESCRIPTION PLAN		
DRUG TYPE	Network Pharmacy (up to 30-day supply)	Network Mail Order or Network Retail Pharmacy (up to 90-day supply)	Pharmacy/ Network Pharmacy (up to 60-day supply)	Affiliated Pharmacy (up to 60-day supply)	AMail Order Network Pharmacy (up to 90-day supply)
Generic Drugs	\$10 copay	\$20 copay	\$10 copay	\$15 copay	\$5 copay
Preferred Brand Name Drugs	\$20 copay	\$40 copay	\$10 copay	\$15 copay	\$5 copay
Non-Preferred Brand Name Drugs	\$40 copay	\$50 copay	\$10 copay	\$15 copay	\$5 copay
Lifestyle Drugs	50%	50%	N/A	N/A	N/A













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#### **DENTAL PLAN**



You have a choice between two (2) dental plans: DeltaCare USA DHMO and Delta Dental PPO. Both plans cover preventive (exams, cleanings, and x-rays), basic (fillings, root canals, gum treatments, oral surgery) and major restorative (crowns, inlays) services.

	DELTACARE USA HMO	DELTA DENTAL PPO  In-Network Non-Delta Dental Provider		
	In-Network			
Annual Deductible	None	\$50/person / \$150/family \$100/person / \$300/f		
Annual Benefit Maximum	Unlimited	\$2,000/person each calendar year	\$2,000/person each calendar year	
Annual Deductible	Unlimited	\$2,000 Lifetime Maximum	\$2,000 Lifetime Maximum	
Annual Benefit Maximum	Not covered	Covered	Covered	





**Find a Delta Dental PPO**, **Premier or Delta Care USA Dentist** 



What is the Difference **Between Delta Dental PPO and DeltaCare USA HMO?** 



**How the Delta Dental PPO Dual Network** Works



#### **DELTA DENTAL TELEDENTISTRY**

24/7, anytime and anywhere, free virtual visits for treatment advice: toothaches. oral pain, cavities, cracked/chipped teeth or lost fillings. Prescriptions provided.

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#### **VISION PLAN**

Without a vision plan, like EyeMed, you would have to pay the full price for routine eye exams and things not covered by your medical plan such as eyeglasses, frames, lenses, contact lenses and Lasik eye surgery.

PLAN FEATURE	LOW PLAN	MODERATE PLAN	HIGH PLAN			
FREQUENCY OF VISION CARE SERVICES						
Exam	Every plan year	Every plan year	Every plan year			
Frame	Every other plan year	Every other plan year	Every plan year			
Lenses	Every other plan year	Every plan year	Every plan year			
Contact Lenses	Every other plan year	Every plan year	Every plan year			





SEE the details of coverage under each plan to determine which plan fits your needs:



**EyeMed Low Plan** 



**EyeMed Moderate Plan** 



**EyeMed High Plan** 



Find an EyeMed Doctor in the INSIGHT network or look or consider innetwork online options including:

Glasses.com / ContactsDirect.com

**LensCrafters / Ray-Ban** 

**Target Optical / Oakley** 



#### **Know Before** You Go

to estimate your outof-pocket expenses for the eyeglasses and contact lenses.

**OTHER BENEFITS** available to employees and retirees. *Discover what they offer.* 

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Important: FSA elections do not roll over to the next calendar year. You must re-enroll each year, even if choosing the same amount.

#### **FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS (FSAS)**

The Healthcare FSA and Dependent Care FSA are designed to help you save on taxes by allowing you to set aside money, up to certain limits, on a pre-tax basis to pay for eligible healthcare or dependent care expenses. When you reduce your taxes, you increase your spendable income.

- Minimum Contribution for Flexible Spending Accounts: \$260/year
- **Maximum Contribution** Limits for 2026: Healthcare FSA \$3,300/year and Dependent Care FSA - Up to \$7,500/year if Single or married filing joint income tax returns (\$3,750 if married filing separately)

#### **Deadlines:**

- Must use Healthcare FSA and Dependent Care FSA funds by March 15, 2027.
- (Any funds remaining will be forfeited.)
- Deadline to file claims for reimbursement: March 31, 2027.





**How Can an FSA Account Help You? Use the Healthcare FSA** Calculator. (Note: M-NCPPC does not offer a Limited Purpose FSA).



For a list of eligible Healthcare FSA expenses, view

IRS Publication 502.



For a list of eligible Dependent Care FSA expenses view 🤣

IRS Publication 503.



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#### **GROUP LIFE AD&D INSUR**

Coverage for Basic and Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D) plans are automatic (unless insurance-there is no cash or surrender value.



FOP members receive FREE \$50,000 Supplemental AD&D coverage. If you apply outside of your initial eligibility period (45-days after hire/rehire or QLE), Evidence of Insurability will be required, subject to carrier approval.

Determine your cost with the Securian **Life Insurance Cost** Estimator.

Coverage

**Basic Life** 

AD&D

**Supplemental** 

Spouse/

**Dependent** 

Use Employee Self Service (ESS) to make sure that your beneficiaries are up to date. Need help? Refer to the **Guide for Designating Your Beneficiaries Via ESS.** 

**Amount** 

2 times annual base salary up to \$200,000

2 times annual base salary up to \$200,000

1-8 times annual base salary up to \$750,000

\$10,000/\$5,000, \$20,000/\$10,000, or \$30,000/\$15,000

\*Spouse must submit Evidence of Insurability for \$30,000

\*\*Coverage can continue for disabled dependents if proof of disability provided 30 days prior to reaching age 26.

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Use **Benefit** 

**Scout** to help

life insurance

needs.

determine your

you opt-out). You can also obtain Supplemental and Spouse/Dependent coverage. All plans are term



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The **Sick Leave Bank** is a short-term, income-replacement disability plan designed to provide income-replacement, once you exhaust your accrued leave (except for 80 hours of annual leave) in the event of your own serious illness (including pregnancy), the illness of a family member-children up to age 26 or parental responsibilities (newborn, adoption, foster care).



#### **Everyday Benefits**

provides solutions including special rates and discounts for life insurance with Long-Term Care, home/auto insurance, pet insurance, purchasing program for computers, televisions, appliances and student loan assistance.

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#### **2026 PREMIUM RATES**

Click on the link to view the 2026 premium rates for the medical, prescription, dental, vision and group legal services plans. Employees will also find premium rates for long-term disability, and group term basic life and AD&D plans.



**MCGEO/NonRepresented Employees** 



**Fraternal Order of Police (FOP)** 



**Contract/Seasonal Employees** 



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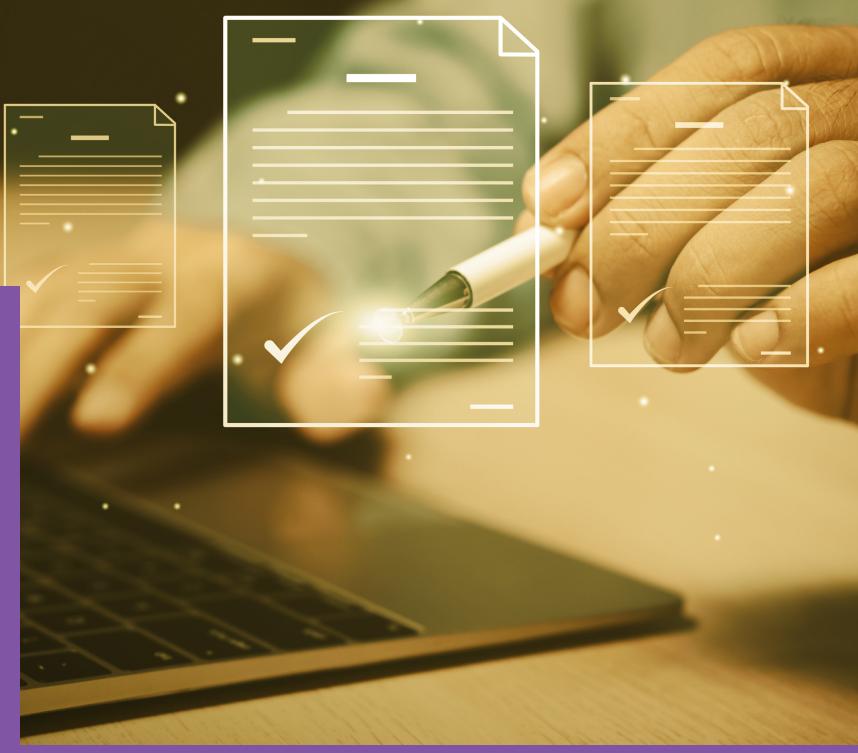
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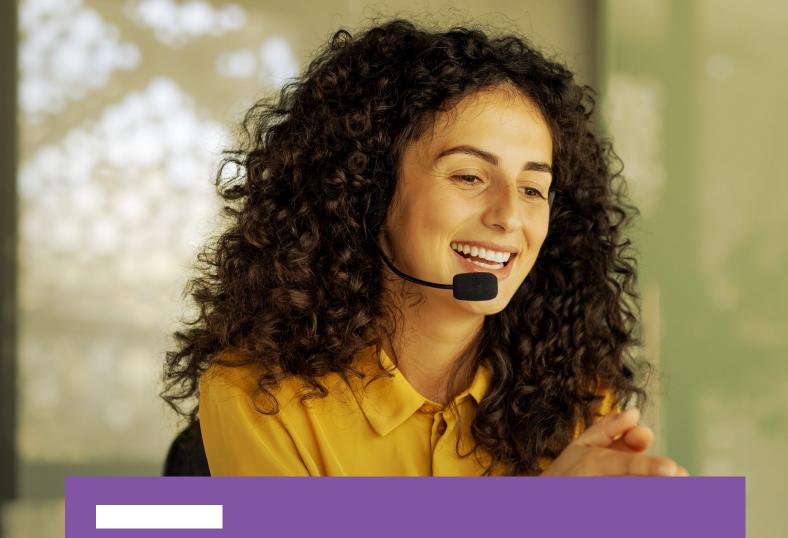
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If you need more information or have questions about the benefits described in this guide, you can:

- Contact your **@** Benefit Plan Providers
- Reach out to the Health & Benefits Office at **benefits@mncppc.org** or 301-454-1694.
- Visit the **Virtual Benefits Fair**, available 24/7, where you can find information on the plans in vendor booths and listen to vendor webinars (real-time on 10/29 and 10/30 or webinars on demand).

