



City of Seattle

Seattle Human Resources

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Re: Make Your 2023 Benefits Changes by Friday, October 21

Dear City Employee:

**Open Enrollment
Ends at 5:00 pm on **Oct. 21****

Maintaining your health and well-being is vital; now more than ever. The City offers employees and families a wide range of benefit choices that support health and financial security. Open Enrollment is a time to assess your needs for 2023 and make modifications to your benefit selections. Open Enrollment begins at 8:00 am on Monday, October 3, and it ends at 5:00 pm on Friday, October 21, 2022.

No action is required to continue your current benefits for 2023 unless you want to enroll or re-enroll in a Flexible Spending Account (FSA). **Medical plan payroll deductions are not increasing in 2023.**

Your Employee Self-Service (ESS) Considerations:

- Enroll/re-enroll in an FSA.** To set aside pre-tax money for a 2023 Health Care or Dependent Care (Daycare) FSA, you **must re-enroll** during Open Enrollment via ESS. Your current FSA election does not roll over from one year to the next. For plan information, go to <http://bit.ly/mostFSA>.
- Change your benefits.** Make different benefit plan choices or add or drop dependents.
- Update your beneficiaries.** Review your Life and AD&D insurance beneficiaries on ESS.

See the next page for 2023 plan changes and enrollment instructions. For more details, go to the *Open Enrollment Highlights* at <http://bit.ly/benhome1>.

Deadline Notice: To set up an FSA or make benefit changes for 2023, you must do so by **5:00 pm on Friday, October 21** through Employee Self-Service.

Document your 2023 benefit choices: print or save a snapshot of your **“Summary of Open Enrollment Elections”** in Employee Self-Service and compare it with the 2023 benefits statement you’ll receive in January. For questions, please get in touch with your department’s benefits representative (<http://bit.ly/benhome1>).

Sincerely,

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Plan Changes for All Employees*, effective January 1, 2023

Flexible Spending Accounts

Health FSA	Increasing maximum contribution from \$2,750 to \$2,850. Decreasing carryover from unlimited to \$550 if there is a minimum balance of \$120 in 2023.
Day Care FSA	Decreasing carryover from unlimited to \$0.

Plan Changes for Most Employees*, effective January 1, 2023

Aetna Preventive and Traditional Plans

Travel and Lodging	Adding \$10,000 travel and lodging allowance for abortion, transgender, or infertility services if a member lives in a state or area that cannot provide them.
Orthotics	Removing deductible and coinsurance application to \$500-lifetime maximum.
Hearing Aids	Increasing coverage from \$1,000 to \$1,500 per ear every 3 years.

Delta Dental of Washington Plan

Preventive Services	No longer counting the cost of preventive services received toward the annual benefit maximum.
Adult Orthodontia	Adding adult orthodontia and raising the orthodontia lifetime benefit maximum to \$2,000.

Dental Health Services

Copays	Removing copays for general dentist office visits and fillings.
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* See the *Open Enrollment Highlights* at <http://bit.ly/benhome1> for additional details.

Enroll Online

Please **do not wait until the last day** to make your online changes.

From home or City computer	ess.seattle.gov	Select "Login to ESS"	After logging in, choose "Open Enrollment" under <i>Benefits</i>
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