



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
NORTH CAROLINA SYSTEM

# 2024 University NCFlex Enrollment Guide



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# NCFlex Benefits

The University of North Carolina (UNC) System offers a flexible and comprehensive package of benefits provided through the N.C. State Health Plan, NCFlex state insurance plans, and other University-sponsored programs. These programs are designed to allow you to tailor a benefits package that best meets the needs of you and your family.

This guide provides an overview of the plans available through NCFlex. You may enroll in any or all of the NCFlex benefits, if eligible. You pay the full cost of coverage through payroll deductions on a pre-tax basis.

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## Questions about your benefits?

Contact your local University Benefits Administrator (UBA) or Human Resources Department, visit <https://myapps.northcarolina.edu/hr/benefits-leave/>, or you can contact the individual benefit vendors (see page 25 for vendor contact information).



Amtrak train, Cary Depot

# Enrolling for Benefits

## When You Can Enroll

| As a New Hire or Newly Benefits-Eligible Employee  | As a Current Employee During Open Enrollment   | As a Current Employee If You Have a Qualifying Life Event   |
|--|--|---|
| <p>Benefits are effective on the first of the month following your date of hire or eligibility date unless EOI is required.*</p>   | <p>Benefits are effective January 1 of the new plan year unless EOI is required.*</p>  | <p>Benefits are effective the first of the month following your life event unless EOI is required.*</p>   |
| <p>You have <b>30 days from your date of hire</b> to enroll in your NCFlex benefits. Your benefit elections are effective on the first day of the month following your date of hire.</p> <p><b>If you don't enroll within 30 days</b>, you will not have any NCFlex benefits for the remainder of the plan year. Your next chance to enroll will be next fall during Open Enrollment for the following plan year, or when you experience a qualifying life event that would allow you to add or drop a dependent—like getting married or divorced.</p> | <p>Open Enrollment is your once-a-year opportunity to review and select your benefits for the coming year, add or cancel dependent coverage, and enroll in the Flexible Spending Accounts.</p> <p><b>Open Enrollment occurs during the fall.</b></p> <p><b>If you do not enroll during the Open Enrollment period</b>, your current elections will roll over, except for any flexible spending account elections (Health Care Flexible Spending Account or Dependent Day Care Flexible Spending Account), which must be elected each year.</p> | <p>You can enroll or make changes to your benefit elections during the year if you have a qualifying life event (see list below). You must enroll/make changes <b>within 30 days of the qualifying event.</b></p> <p>Qualifying life events include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marriage</li> <li>• Divorce or legal separation</li> <li>• Birth or adoption (or placement of adoption) of a child</li> <li>• Death of a covered dependent</li> <li>• Change in your spouse's employment, impacting his/her benefits eligibility</li> <li>• Your dependent turns age 26</li> </ul> <p>Any change you make in coverage must be consistent with your status change.</p> |



### Benefit Tip

All supplemental medical plans (Accident, Cancer and Specified Disease, and Critical Illness) include a Wellness Benefit. You and your covered family members are eligible for a Wellness Benefit on each one of the supplemental medical plans you are enrolled in. See the individual plan pages in this guide for more details.

\* EOI (Evidence of Insurability) requirements vary by coverage. Please review each coverage section for additional details.

# How to Enroll

As a University employee, you can enroll in all NCFlex benefits through the UNC (Empyrean) platform.

## Logging in to the UNC (Empyrean) platform and enrolling

All institutions have single sign-on for online enrollment. You can link to the UNC (Empyrean) platform for your institution from the enrollment page on the UNC System Human Resources site (<https://myapps.northcarolina.edu/hr/benefits-leave/health-and-welfare-benefits/health-benefits-enrollment>).

- Log in to the site.
- Once logged in, you will see a pending event (i.e., open enrollment).
- Click “Continue” and follow the prompts to make your enrollment choices.
- Scroll down through the display of your choices and click “Submit My Elections.”
- Click “Accept” on the pop-up message that appears. Don’t overlook this critical step! If you don’t do this, your choices will not be recorded.
- Print a copy of your Confirmation Statement before logging out.

## Have questions or need assistance?

Call the University of North Carolina Benefits Service Center at **833-862-1490**, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., ET.

## Take Action

**When you log in to the UNC (Empyrean) enrollment platform, be sure to:**

- Review your contact information (phone and email) and be sure your mailing address is correct. If any of your current information is incorrect, you will need to update it within your institution’s HR/Payroll system.
- Enter or update your dependent information, including date of birth and Social Security number, for each dependent you want to enroll.
- Review, add, and update beneficiaries on your Critical Illness and Cancer plans, as needed.
- Print a confirmation statement after you have elected your benefits so you’ll have a record of your choices.



## Benefit Tip

Your costs or contributions for NCFlex benefits are made on a pre-tax basis. Pre-tax benefits let you pay for coverage with dollars from your pay before taxes have been deducted, which results in tax savings for you.

**NEW for  
2024**

You will go to the UNC (Empyrean) platform to enroll/make changes to all NCFlex benefits.



Marina, New Bern

# Eligibility

## You

You may enroll in any of the NCFlex benefits if you are:

- A permanent (non-temporary) employee who works 30 or more hours per week, or
- A permanent (non-temporary) part-time employee who works 20 to 29 hours per week.

If you have questions about your eligibility, contact your University Benefits Administrator (UBA).

## Your Dependents

**Your eligible dependents include:**

- Your legally married spouse (includes same gender marriage).
- Your child(ren)\* up to age 26, including natural, legally adopted, child(ren) for which you have legal guardianship and your stepchild(ren).
- For the TRICARE Supplement, eligibility is up to age 21, or up to age 23 if enrolled full-time in a school of higher learning.
- Your child(ren)\* of any age who is/are physically or mentally incapacitated, to the extent that they are incapable of earning a living, and such handicap developed or began to develop before the dependent's 26<sup>th</sup> birthday while they were enrolled in the plan.

*\* Some plans may have additional restrictions on child(ren) eligibility. To view these restrictions, visit [www.ncflex.org](http://www.ncflex.org) and view each plan certificate.*

## Important Dependent Coverage Reminders

- You must be enrolled in a plan for your eligible dependent(s) to participate.
- You may not be covered as both an employee and a dependent and a child(ren) may not be dually enrolled.
- You should consult with your tax advisor if you have questions as to whether someone qualifies as your income tax dependent.
- Dependents do not have to be enrolled on your health plan in order to be enrolled on your NCFlex plan(s).



### Benefit Tip

If you plan to enroll dependents, allow yourself enough time to gather any required documentation, such as dependents' Social Security numbers and dates of birth.



Nantahala National Forest

# Dental

Good oral health is an essential part of a healthy lifestyle. Through MetLife, NCFlex offers three dental plan options that cover routine checkups and other dental care: the High Option plan, the Classic Option plan, and the Low Option plan. These options differ both in how much you pay per pay period and at time of service.

## Covered Services

**No matter which dental plan option you elect**, you can visit any licensed dentist, in or out of the MetLife Preferred Dental Provider (PDP) Plus Network, and still receive benefits. All dental plan options provide benefits for:

- Diagnostic and preventive services, such as oral exams, cleanings, and X-rays.
- Basic services, such as fillings, extractions, root canal therapy, and treatment of gum disease.

**The Classic Option plan and High Option plan also cover:**

- Major services, such as crowns, dentures, and bridges.
- Orthodontic services for dependent children up to age 19, with a lifetime maximum benefit of \$1,500.

## Save When You Use a Network Provider

Even though you can see any licensed dentist for care, you can save money when you visit a MetLife PDP. That’s because providers in the MetLife PDP network charge negotiated rates that are typically 30-45% less than the average charge in the same community.\* To find a participating dentist, go to [metlife.com/mybenefits](http://metlife.com/mybenefits), enter “NCFlex” as the company name and enter your ZIP code. You can also call **855-676-9441** to request that a provider list be sent to you.

*\* Negotiated fees refer to the fees that in-network dentists have agreed to accept as payment in full for covered services, subject to any copayments, deductibles, cost sharing, and benefit maximums. Negotiated fees are subject to change.*

## Monthly Cost for Coverage

| Coverage Level          | High Option | Classic Option | Low Option |
|-------------------------|-------------|----------------|------------|
| Employee Only           | \$55.40     | \$35.90        | \$24.18    |
| Employee and Spouse     | \$111.12    | \$72.00        | \$48.74    |
| Employee and Child(ren) | \$119.84    | \$78.00        | \$52.34    |
| Employee and Family     | \$196.20    | \$123.00       | \$83.44    |

## Which Plan Is Right for You?

The Low Option may be right for you if you only need basic preventive and wellness coverage. The Classic Option offers a higher level of benefits than the Low Option and a lower level of benefits than the High Option. The Classic Option may be a good option for you if you want coverage for major services, such as crowns and dentures, or orthodontia services, but you don’t need the highest level of coverage that the High Option offers (and do not want to pay the higher premium for coverage).

The High Option may be right for you if you need the highest level of coverage for basic and major services, want a higher annual maximum, and are comfortable paying the higher premium for coverage. See the “Dental At a Glance” comparison chart on the next page for details.



### Benefit Tip

You can also use your Health Care Flexible Spending Account to pay for eligible dental expenses, that are not covered by the dental plan, on a pre-tax basis. Keep in mind that cosmetic procedures, such as teeth whitening, are not considered eligible expenses.

# Dental At-a-Glance

| Benefit Category   | High Option            | Classic Option         | Low Option             |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Annual Deductible (per person/per family)  | \$50/\$150             | \$25/\$75              | \$25/\$75              |
| Annual Maximum (per covered person; does not include orthodontic services under the Classic and High Option plans) | \$5,000                | \$1,500                | \$1,000                |
| Lifetime Orthodontic Maximum <sup>1</sup> (per covered person)   | \$1,500                | \$1,500                | N/A                    |
| Benefit Category   | Plan Pays <sup>3</sup> | Plan Pays <sup>3</sup> | Plan Pays <sup>3</sup> |
| <b>Diagnostic and Preventive<sup>2</sup></b>   |                        |                        |                        |
| Oral exams, preventive cleanings, X-rays, fluoride treatments, sealants, and space maintainers                     | 100%                   | 100%                   | 100% after deductible  |
| <b>Basic<sup>2</sup></b>   |                        |                        |                        |
| Fillings, simple extractions, endodontics, re-cement crowns, inlays and bridges, and repair of removable dentures  | 80% after deductible   | 60% after deductible   | 50% after deductible   |
| Periodontal services, oral surgery, and general anesthesia   | 50% after deductible   |                        |                        |
| <b>Major<sup>2</sup></b>   |                        |                        |                        |
| Includes crowns, dentures, bridges, fixed bridge repairs, denture adjustments/relining, and implants               | 50% after deductible   | 50% after deductible   | Not Covered            |
| <b>Orthodontics<sup>2</sup></b>  |                        |                        |                        |
| Orthodontic services for dependent children up to age 19   | 50%                    | 50%                    | Not Covered            |

<sup>1</sup> The lifetime orthodontia maximum includes any orthodontia benefits you may have received from the prior NCFlex plan carrier.

<sup>2</sup> See the dental plan certificates for plan details and benefit restrictions. Go to [ncflex.org](https://ncflex.org) and select Dental, then click on “Plan Information, Claim Forms, Certificates and More” to access plan certificates.

<sup>3</sup> Benefits are subject to the Maximum Allowable Charge (MAC). The MAC for in-network dental providers is the negotiated in-network fee. Reimbursement for out-of-network services is based on the reasonable and customary (R&C) charge for the area. R&C is based on the lowest of (1) the dentist’s actual charge, (2) the dentist’s usual charge for the same or similar services, or (3) the charge of most dentists in the same geographic area. You may be responsible for the difference between the R&C charge and what an out-of-network dentist charges.



## For More Information

Go to [ncflex.org](https://ncflex.org) and select Dental, then click on “Plan Information, Claim Forms, Certificates and more” to access plan certificates.



## MEET JEN

Jen is young and single. Her job at the University of North Carolina System Office is her first “real” job. She’s heard that the NCFlex benefits are great but she’s a little overwhelmed comparing her options. What’s best for Jen? Well, she’s never had a cavity in her life, so the dental plan option is an easy one—she’ll go with the Low Option so she can get her routine cleanings and have coverage for basic services in case something comes up. And vision coverage is a must because she wears glasses—she chooses Basic coverage because she doesn’t want to pay the higher premium for Enhanced coverage. Jen decides to pass on the other NCFlex benefits for now.



Bodie Island Lighthouse

# Vision

NCFlex offers vision coverage through EyeMed Vision Care to save money on eye exams and eyewear. You can see any vision provider you choose. The level of benefits you receive depends on whether you go in or out of network for services.

The Vision Plan offers three options: Core, Basic, and Enhanced. Core vision coverage is available to you at no cost, if you enroll, and covers an annual eye exam with a \$20 copay. Both the Basic and Enhanced options provide a comprehensive eye exam and benefits for vision materials. You may receive either eyeglass lenses or contact lenses in a benefit period but not both.

## Monthly Cost for Coverage

Your monthly vision premium is based on the option you choose and whether you elect to cover yourself only, or yourself and your family. If you wish to only participate in the Core Wellness Exam, you must still enroll.

| Coverage Level      | Core Wellness Exam* | Basic   | Enhanced |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------|----------|
| Employee Only       | No charge           | \$4.50  | \$8.00   |
| Employee and Family | N/A                 | \$11.66 | \$20.52  |

\* The core wellness exam is available at no cost, if you enroll, and covers an annual eye exam with a \$20 copay.

## The EyeMed Network

You can choose from more than 4,800 in-network providers throughout the state, including independent eye doctors, retail stores, and even online options. If your vision care provider is not part of the EyeMed network, you or your provider may contact EyeMed with the provider’s name, address, and telephone number to begin the provider nomination process.



### Benefit Tip

You can use the Health Care Flexible Spending Account to pay for vision expenses (that are not covered by the vision plan) on a pre-tax basis.



### For More Information

To contact EyeMed, call 866-248-1939 or visit [eyemedvisioncare.com/NCFlex](http://eyemedvisioncare.com/NCFlex).



## Vision At-a-Glance

The chart below shows in-network benefits. Using an in-network provider will result in lower costs for you. Remember, you are responsible for paying any charges in excess of your covered benefit. When using a non-network provider, you pay the provider in full and submit an out-of-network claim form (along with a copy of your receipt) to EyeMed. You will be reimbursed up to the amount of your out-of-network allowance.

| Benefit   | Core  | Basic   | Enhanced  |
|---|---|---|---|
| Eye exam (once per year)                          | \$20 copay  | \$20 copay  | \$20 copay  |
| Contact lenses                                    | Discount on conventional lenses   | \$120 allowance (once every 12 months)  | \$175 allowance (once every 12 months)  |
| Frames  | 35% off retail  | \$125 allowance (once every 24 months)  | \$200 allowance (once every 12 months)  |
| Single vision standard lens                       | You pay \$50  | \$0 copay   | \$0 copay   |
| Standard progressive lens                         | You pay \$135   | \$50 copay  | \$50 copay  |
| Premium progressive lens                          | 20% off retail  | \$70-\$95 copay   | \$70-\$95 copay   |
| Hearing Health Care from Amplifon Hearing Network | Discounted set pricing on hearing aids and free batteries                       | Discounted set pricing on hearing aids and free batteries                       | Discounted set pricing on hearing aids and free batteries                       |
| LASIK or PRK from US laser network                | 15% off the retail price, or 5% off the promotional price, whichever you prefer | 15% off the retail price, or 5% off the promotional price, whichever you prefer | 15% off the retail price, or 5% off the promotional price, whichever you prefer |



### For More Information

For more details on what is covered and what is excluded under the Vision Plan, go to [ncflex.org](http://ncflex.org), select "Vision," then click "Plan Information, Claim Forms, Certificates and more."

### Discover More Discounts and Special Offers through EyeMed...

Once you are enrolled, register on [eyemedvisioncare.com/NCFlex](http://eyemedvisioncare.com/NCFlex) or download the EyeMed Members App (in the App Store or Google Play) for additional special offers and discounts on vision-related products and services.





Mile Hike Swinging Bridge, Grandfather Mountain

# Flexible Spending Accounts

Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs) help you save money on taxes by paying for eligible out-of-pocket healthcare and dependent care expenses with pre-tax dollars. You never pay taxes on the dollars you set aside in an FSA, which helps you save money. **If you want to participate in a Flexible Spending Account**, you must actively elect to enroll each year.

You can enroll in one or both accounts:

- Health Care Flexible Spending Account
- Dependent Day Care Flexible Spending Account

## Health Care Flexible Spending Account

You can contribute from **\$120 to \$3,050** each plan year. If your spouse is a State of NC employee or an employee of an University of North Carolina System Institution or Affiliate entity, he or she also can contribute up to \$3,050 each plan year. The full amount you elect to contribute to your Health Care Flexible Spending Account (HCFSAs) is available in your account on the first day of the plan year or the first day your benefits become effective. Your contributions will be deducted on a pre-tax basis from your paycheck evenly over the calendar year.

### Eligible expenses include:

Your or your dependent's (dependent does not have to be covered on your medical plan) out-of-pocket costs for doctor visit copays, prescription drugs, prescription eyeglasses, dental copays and deductibles, braces, contacts, hearing aids, qualifying every day health products, over-the-counter medications, menstrual items, and much more. For more details on qualifying expenses, go to [ncflex.org](https://ncflex.org) and click on "Flexible Spending Accounts."

### Ineligible expenses include:

Medical, dental, and other premiums, vitamins, and supplements (unless prescribed by a doctor), cosmetic procedures including dental procedures to whiten teeth, and weight loss programs, unless prescribed by a doctor to alleviate a diagnosed medical condition or obesity.

For the 2024 plan year, **expenses must be incurred January 1 through December 31, 2024**, to be eligible for reimbursement. You have until **March 31, 2025**, to submit claims for reimbursement. **You can roll over up to \$610** of unused account balances into the next plan year, as long as you have a minimum balance of \$25. Any funds exceeding this amount will be forfeited.

You can go to [ncflex.padmin.com](https://ncflex.padmin.com) to submit claims electronically, check your account balance, and more.

## Can I contribute to a HCFSAs if my spouse has a Health Savings Account (HSA)?

You cannot contribute to a HCFSAs at the same time your spouse is making or receiving tax-favored HSA contributions. This is because the HCFSAs is available to reimburse you, your spouse's and your dependents' qualified expenses, so a spouse's contributions to a HSA would violate IRS rules. Contributions (into an HCFSAs) that are made by or on behalf of an individual who is HSA-eligible are considered "excess contributions" and a 6 percent excise tax is imposed on the HSA owner for all excess contributions.



## Benefit Tip

Estimate your expenses carefully so you don't contribute more money to your HCFA than you can spend in the year. You are allowed to roll over up to \$610 left in your account at the end of the year (December 31), but if you think you will have leftover funds that exceed this amount, find ways to spend the money on eligible items such as a pair of glasses or schedule a year-end dental appointment.

## Dependent Day Care Flexible Spending Account

The Dependent Day Care Flexible Spending Account (DDCFSA) offers you a tax-free way to pay yourself back for eligible dependent care expenses throughout the year. You can contribute between **\$120 and \$5,000** each plan year to the DDCFSA to pay for dependent day care and elder care expenses on a pre-tax basis if both you and your spouse work, your spouse goes to school full-time, or your spouse isn't able to care for himself or herself. The IRS sets the maximum contribution, which is **\$5,000 per family, per year**.

### Eligible expenses include:

Day care, summer day camp, after-school programs, and preschool expenses for children under age 13 or disabled dependents of any age. Sleep-away or overnight camps and virtual camps are not covered. You may also use this account to pay for adult day care services for a spouse or other dependent who receives more than one-half of his or her support from you (e.g., your disabled elderly parent), who is physically or mentally incapable of caring for himself or herself and has the same principal place of residence as you for more than one-half of the year.

For more information on qualifying dependents and expenses, go to [ncflex.org](https://ncflex.org) and click on "Flexible Spending Accounts," or see **IRS Publication 503**.

For the 2024 plan year, **expenses must be incurred January 1, 2024, through March 15, 2025**, to be eligible for reimbursement. You have until **March 31, 2025**, to submit claims for reimbursement. Any unused funds will be forfeited.

You can go to [ncflex.padmin.com](https://ncflex.padmin.com) to submit claims electronically, check your account balance, and more.

## How Flexible Spending Accounts Save You Money

| Example of Annual Tax Savings*            | Without an FSA  | With an FSA     |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| Annual Pay                                | \$40,000        | \$40,000        |
| Pre-tax Money Deposited into FSA          | – \$0           | – \$2,500       |
| Remaining Taxable Annual Pay              | \$40,000        | \$37,500        |
| Minus Federal and Social Security Taxes   | – \$12,000      | – \$11,250      |
| Take-home Pay Spent on Qualified Expenses | – \$2,500       | – \$0           |
| <b>Take-home Pay</b>                      | <b>\$25,500</b> | <b>\$26,250</b> |

\*Assumes annual tax rate of 30%.



That's a **\$750 increase** in take-home pay with a Flexible Spending Account.



# Paying for Expenses

When you enroll in the HCFSAs and/or DDCFSAs, you will automatically receive a NCFlex Convenience Card to help pay for expenses. This card will be active for several years, as long as you remain enrolled in the account(s). A new card will be mailed to you automatically when your card expires. You may order additional cards for yourself, your spouse, or dependents (over 18 years of age) free of charge by logging in to [ncflex.padmin.com](http://ncflex.padmin.com) or by calling 1-866-916-3475.

## HCFSAs

Your entire annual contribution amount is available on your card on January 1, or the date your account becomes effective, to pay for eligible expenses.

## DDCFSA

The money available on your card to pay for DDCFSA expenses is equal to the amount you actually have contributed to your account (via payroll deductions).

## Filing Claims

To file claims or to check your account balance at any time, log into your account at [ncflex.padmin.com](http://ncflex.padmin.com) (from your computer or mobile device) or call the number on your card. You also can register online to receive notifications via text message.

If you do not use your card to pay for expenses, you can file claims for reimbursement online or by fax or mail.

## Keep Your Receipts!

**The IRS requires that ALL claims be verified.**

Your NCFlex convenience card can auto-approve most FSA-eligible items purchased at many local pharmacies, discount stores, and grocery stores. You can also use your card to pay for DDCFSA expenses at some locations. However, if an item is not auto-approved, you may receive a request to submit receipts or additional documentation for verification. If you do not submit requested receipts/documentation within 40 days of the transaction date, your card will be turned off (or blocked) automatically.

## Shop for Eligible Expenses Online at the FSA Store!

You'll experience convenience and savings when you shop at the FSA Store, a one-stop-shop that offers significant discounts on thousands of pre-approved eligible FSA products. You can use your NCFlex Convenience Card when you checkout. Visit [ncflex.padmin.com](http://ncflex.padmin.com) to access the FSA Store today.



### For More Information

Go to [ncflex.org](http://ncflex.org), select "Flexible Spending Accounts," then click "Claim Forms, Plan Information, FAQs and more."

## Mobile App Available

You can access your account anytime, anywhere by downloading the P&A Group app through the App Store or Google Play.



## MEET YVONNE AND FAMILY

Yvonne and Marcus live an active lifestyle with two kids and a dog. Their son Devon is going to need his first round of orthodontics so Yvonne enrolled in the Classic Option (Employee + Family) for dental since it offers orthodontia coverage. She also contributes to the Health Care Flexible Spending Account to help pay for those expenses. Yvonne also takes advantage of the Dependent Day Care Flexible Spending Account to help pay for summer day camp for the kids. Because her son Lucas is a sports fanatic who has a bad habit of getting injured, she decided to enroll in the Accident Plan. If something happens to him, Yvonne will get cash to help cover the costs.

# Cancer and Specified Disease

Cancer and Specified Disease insurance pays cash benefits for cancer and 29 other specified diseases to help with the costs associated with treatments and expenses as they happen. This coverage can also help pay for hospitalization, surgery, radiation/chemotherapy, and more. You pay for this coverage on a pre-tax basis.

You can choose between three plan options (Low, High, and Premium) depending on your insurance needs. All three plan options cover the same type of services. In most cases, however, the amount of coverage differs based on the option you choose. (See “What the Plan Covers” on the next page.)

## Monthly Cost for Coverage

The monthly premium you pay for cancer coverage is based on the plan you choose and whether you cover yourself only or yourself and your family. If you are a new hire or newly eligible for benefits, you do not need to provide Evidence of Insurability (EOI) if you enroll within 30 days of your date of hire.

| Coverage Level      | Low Option | High Option | Premium Option |
|---------------------|------------|-------------|----------------|
| Employee Only       | \$6.06     | \$14.42     | \$19.26        |
| Employee and Family | \$10.02    | \$23.90     | \$31.84        |

### Pre-existing Conditions

Allstate Benefits does not pay benefits for a pre-existing condition during the 12-month period beginning on the date coverage starts. Any covered loss that is incurred after the 12-month period is payable. A pre-existing condition is a disease or physical condition for which medical advice or treatment was received by the covered person during the 12-month period prior to his or her effective date of coverage. During the 12-month waiting period for pre-existing conditions, the Cancer Prevention and Screening Benefit is still payable.

## Covered Diseases

In addition to cancer coverage, the plan provides benefits for these covered diseases:

- Addison’s Disease
- Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Lou Gehrig’s Disease)
- Brucellosis
- Cerebrospinal Meningitis (bacterial)
- Cystic Fibrosis
- Diphtheria
- Encephalitis
- Hansen’s Disease
- Hepatitis (chronic B or C)
- Legionnaires’ Disease
- Lyme Disease
- Muscular Dystrophy
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Myasthenia Gravis
- Osteomyelitis
- Poliomyelitis
- Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis (Walter Payton’s Liver Disease)
- Primary Biliary Cirrhosis
- Rabies
- Reye’s Syndrome
- Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever
- Scarlet Fever
- Sickle Cell Anemia
- Systemic Lupus Erythematosus
- Tetanus
- Tuberculosis
- Thalassemia
- Typhoid Fever
- Tularemia

## Wellness Screenings

All of the plan options pay a benefit for the following cancer/wellness screenings. (See “Cancer Prevention and Wellness Screening Benefit” in the chart in the right column to see benefit amounts for each Cancer plan option.)

- Biopsy for skin cancer
- Blood test for triglycerides
- Bone marrow testing
- Cancer antigen 125 (CA125) – blood test for ovarian cancer
- Cancer antigen 15-3 (CA 15-3) – blood test for breast cancer
- Carcinoembryonic antigen (CEA) – blood test for colon cancer
- Chest X-ray
- Colonoscopy
- Doppler screening for carotids
- Doppler screening for peripheral vascular disease
- Echocardiogram
- Electrocardiogram (EKG)
- Flexible sigmoidoscopy
- Hemoccult stool analysis
- Human papillomavirus vaccination (HPV)
- Lipid panel (total cholesterol count)
- Mammography, including breast ultrasound
- Pap smear, including ThinPrep pap test
- Prostate specific antigen (PSA) – blood test for prostate cancer
- Serum protein electrophoresis – test for myeloma
- Stress test on bike or treadmill
- Thermography
- Ultrasound screening of the abdominal aorta for abdominal aortic aneurysms



### Benefit Tip

Be sure to designate your beneficiary(ies) when you enroll in cancer coverage, then review and update them each year during Open Enrollment.

## What the Plan Covers

Here is a partial list of how the plan pays benefits.

| Benefit   | Low Option  | High Option   | Premium Option |
|---|---|---------------|----------------|
| <b>Cancer Prevention and Wellness Screening Benefit** (per calendar year/per covered person)</b>          | \$25  | \$100         | \$100          |
| <b>Continuous Hospital Confinement (per day, up to 70 days for each period of continuous confinement)</b> | \$100   | \$200         | \$300          |
| <b>Extended Benefits* (per day after 70 days)</b>   | Up to \$100                                       | Up to \$200   | Up to \$300    |
| <b>Surgery* (per surgery, based on surgical schedule)</b>   | Up to \$1,500                                     | Up to \$3,000 | Up to \$4,500  |
| <b>Ambulatory Surgical Center* (per day)</b>  | Up to \$250                                       | Up to \$500   | Up to \$750    |
| <b>Radiation/Chemotherapy* (per 12-month period)</b>  | Up to \$2,500                                     | Up to \$7,500 | Up to \$10,000 |
| <b>Inpatient Drugs and Medicine*</b>  | Up to \$25 per day while confined in the hospital |               |                |
| <b>Private Duty Nursing Services* (per day)</b>   | Up to \$100                                       | Up to \$200   | Up to \$300    |
| <b>At-Home Nursing* (per day)</b>   | Up to \$100                                       | Up to \$200   | Up to \$300    |
| <b>Prosthesis*</b>  | Up to \$2,000 per amputation                      |               |                |
| <b>Ambulance*</b>   | Up to \$100                                       |               |                |
| <b>Hospice Benefits:</b>  |   |               |                |
| <b>Freestanding Hospice Care Center* (per day)</b>  | Up to \$100                                       | Up to \$200   | Up to \$300    |
| <b>Hospice Care Team* (per day; limit 1 visit per day)</b>  | Up to \$100                                       | Up to \$200   | Up to \$300    |
| <b>Extended Care Facility* (per day)</b>  | Up to \$100                                       | Up to \$200   | Up to \$300    |

\* These benefits are payable based on actual charges up to the maximum amount listed.

\*\* See covered “Wellness Screenings” in the first column on this page.



### For More Information

For a complete list of covered benefits, exclusions, and limitations, go to [ncflex.org](http://ncflex.org), select “Cancer and Specified Disease,” then click “Plan Information, Claim Forms, Certificates and more.”

*The coverage provided is limited benefit supplemental cancer and specified disease insurance, policy form GVCP2, or state variations thereof. Allstate Benefits is the marketing name used by American Heritage Life Insurance Company (Home Office, Jacksonville, FL), the underwriting company and a subsidiary of The Allstate Corporation.*

# Critical Illness

Critical Illness Insurance pays a benefit if you are diagnosed with a covered critical illness. You can choose a maximum benefit amount of \$15,000, \$25,000, or \$40,000. Benefits are paid directly to you. You do not have to provide evidence of good health/insurability to enroll in this plan, and no pre-existing conditions are excluded.

**Maximum Benefit Amount: \$15,000, \$25,000, or \$40,000**

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <p><b>Pays 100% of benefit in the event of:</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heart Attack</li> <li>• Stroke</li> <li>• Major Organ Transplant</li> <li>• Bone Marrow Transplant</li> <li>• Cancer</li> <li>• Permanent Paralysis</li> <li>• Coma</li> <li>• Severe Burns</li> <li>• Loss of Sight/Speech/Hearing</li> <li>• Advanced Dementia, including Alzheimer’s</li> <li>• Benign Brain Tumor</li> <li>• Parkinson’s Disease</li> <li>• Multiple Sclerosis</li> <li>• Muscular Dystrophy</li> <li>• Occupational HIV</li> <li>• Occupational Hepatitis B or C</li> <li>• Type 1 Diabetes</li> <li>• ALS</li> <li>• Huntington’s Disease</li> <li>• Coronary Artery Bypass</li> <li>• Carcinoma in Situ</li> <li>• Stem cell transplant</li> </ul> |
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|---|--|
| <p><b>Pays 10% - 50% of benefit in the event of*:</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skin Cancer: 10%</li> <li>• Sudden Cardiac Arrest: 25%</li> <li>• Pacemaker Placement: 10%</li> <li>• Infectious Disease: 25%</li> <li>• Transient Ischemic Attack: 10%</li> <li>• Systemic Lupus Erythematosus: 50%</li> </ul> |
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**! Benefit Tip**

Medical plans may cover only part of the cost of medical expenses incurred during a critical illness. Consider Critical Illness coverage to pay expenses not covered by your medical plan, or to pay your mortgage or other living expenses while you’re out of work.

*Some diagnoses covered by this plan will pay a benefit for unlimited recurrences if separated by six months. For skin cancer, a benefit is payable up to 1 time per calendar year, with 6 month treatment free period, up to 10 times lifetime maximum limit. For a full list of covered critical illnesses and maximum benefit limits, refer to the certificate of insurance found in the Critical Illness section of [ncflex.org](http://ncflex.org).*

*\* To see a full list of covered events, visit [ncflex.org](http://ncflex.org) and view the 2024 NCFlex Benefits Guide or the Critical Illness Certificate.*

**! Benefit Tip**

Be sure to designate your beneficiary(ies) when you enroll in critical illness coverage, then review and update them each year during Open Enrollment.



# Wellness Benefit

The Wellness Benefit is included in all three Critical Illness plans. If you complete an eligible health screening test, you are eligible for a Wellness Benefit payment. The health screening test must occur on or after your effective date. If your spouse and/or children are covered under your Critical Illness plan, they can also file for a Wellness Benefit payment for a covered health screening test.

Only one benefit is payable per covered member per calendar year, regardless of how many screenings are completed by that member.

| Covered Member | Wellness Benefit available once per year with a covered screening |
|----------------|---|
| Employee       | \$50  |
| Spouse         | \$50  |
| Child(ren)     | \$25  |

## What types of health screening tests are eligible?

Health screening tests include, but are not limited to:

- Blood tests for triglycerides
- Pap smear or thin prep pap test
- Flexible sigmoidoscopy
- CEA (blood test for colon cancer)
- Bone marrow testing
- Serum cholesterol test for HDL & LDL levels
- Hemoccult stool analysis
- Serum Protein Electrophoresis (myeloma)
- Breast ultrasound, sonogram, MRI
- Chest x-ray
- Mammography
- Colonoscopy
- CA 15-3 (breast cancer)
- Stress test on bicycle or treadmill
- Fasting blood glucose test
- Thermography
- PSA (prostate cancer)
- Hearing test
- Routine eye exam
- Routine dental exam
- Well child/preventive exams through age 18
- Biometric screenings
- Electrocardiogram (EKG)
- Annual physical exam - adults
- CA 125 (ovarian cancer)
- Tests for sexually transmitted infections (STIs)
- Ultrasound screening for abdominal aortic aneurysms
- Hemoglobin A1C (HbA1c)
- Bone density screening
- COVID-19 test

## Infectious Disease Benefit Rider

The following additional benefits are payable in the event of diagnosis or hospitalization due to COVID-19:

- Diagnosis Benefit:** Pays \$100 once per calendar year per covered person for a COVID-19 diagnosis.
- Hospital Confinement Benefit:** Pays \$2,000 once per calendar year per covered person if confined to a hospital due to COVID-19.

## Monthly Cost for Coverage

The monthly premium is based on the maximum benefit amount you choose (\$15,000, \$25,000, or \$40,000), your age, and whom you cover (yourself only or you plus your spouse). The monthly cost for your spouse is the same as the cost for yourself. For example, if you are age 30 and choose \$15,000 in coverage for yourself and for your spouse, your costs will be \$2.10 for you plus \$2.10 for your spouse, for a total of \$4.20.

Costs for you and/or your spouse are based on your age as of January 1, 2024, and are in five-year age bands. There is no cost for coverage for dependent children under age 26.

| Coverage Level       | Employee Age  | Benefit Amount* |          |          |
|----------------------|---|-----------------|----------|----------|
|                      |   | \$15,000        | \$25,000 | \$40,000 |
| Employee/Spouse      | <25   | \$0.90          | \$1.50   | \$2.40   |
|                      | 25-29   | \$1.20          | \$2.00   | \$3.20   |
|                      | 30-34   | \$2.10          | \$3.50   | \$5.60   |
|                      | 35-39   | \$2.70          | \$4.50   | \$7.20   |
|                      | 40-44   | \$4.20          | \$7.00   | \$11.20  |
|                      | 45-49   | \$7.80          | \$13.00  | \$20.80  |
|                      | 50-54   | \$10.80         | \$18.00  | \$28.80  |
|                      | 55-59   | \$15.90         | \$26.50  | \$42.40  |
|                      | 60-64   | \$29.70         | \$49.50  | \$79.20  |
|                      | 65-69   | \$42.00         | \$70.00  | \$112.00 |
|                      | 70+   | \$49.80         | \$83.00  | \$132.80 |
| Dependent Child(ren) | If you choose coverage for yourself, you may also elect coverage for your dependent child(ren) under age 26 |                 |          |          |
|                      | Up to age 26  | No cost         |          |          |

\* The costs are per covered person (employee/spouse) for the benefit amount you elect.

## Example of Benefit Payment

Here's an example of how Critical Illness insurance pays for multiple covered conditions over time. In the scenario below, John has elected the \$15,000 benefit amount. **Note:** The plan pays benefits for recurrences of the same condition (John's heart attack) since the two events are separated by at least six consecutive months.

| Covered Condition   | Lump- Sum Benefit Payment Received |
|---|------------------------------------|
| John has a heart attack                                       | \$15,000                           |
| Three months later, John is diagnosed with noninvasive cancer | \$3,750                            |
| Eight months later John has another heart attack              | \$15,000                           |
| Two months later John becomes paralyzed                       | \$15,000                           |
| <b>Total Payout</b>   | <b>\$48,750</b>                    |

### A Note about Taxes

If Voya pays you benefits totaling \$600 or more in a plan year, a 1099 tax form will be sent to your home address in January of the following year. You should consult with your tax advisor regarding the possible effects of the purchase and/or receipt of benefits under Voya Benefits Critical Illness Insurance.



### For More Information

For a complete list of covered benefits, go to [ncflex.org](http://ncflex.org), select "Critical Illness," then click "Plan Information, Claim Forms, Certificates and more."



Currituck Beach Lighthouse, Corolla, Outer Banks

# Accident

NCFlex offers an Accident Plan that pays you cash benefits for specific injuries and events resulting from a covered accident that occurs on or after your coverage effective date. You can use this money however you like; for example, deductibles, other out-of-pocket medical costs, child care, housecleaning, groceries, or utilities. Benefits are paid directly to you and pay in addition to any other insurance you may have. You can choose between two plan options: the Classic Option and the Enhanced Option. Keep reading to learn more about the differences in these plans.

## Monthly Cost for Coverage

All employees pay the same rate, no matter their age. **Note:** You cannot be covered as an employee and a dependent. Additionally, if you and your spouse are covered as employees under the Plan, only one of you may cover eligible dependent children.

| Coverage Level          | Classic Option | Enhanced Option |
|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Employee Only           | \$6.94         | \$15.98         |
| Employee and Spouse     | \$11.50        | \$28.46         |
| Employee and Child(ren) | \$13.64        | \$31.26         |
| Employee and Family     | \$18.20        | \$43.72         |



### A Note about Taxes

If Voya pays you benefits totaling \$600 or more in a plan year, you will receive an IRS 1099-MISC after the plan year ends. You should consult with a tax advisor regarding the possible affects to your taxes.

*The Accident Plan is a limited benefit policy. It is not health insurance and does not satisfy the requirement of minimum essential coverage under the Affordable Care Act.*

## Summary of Benefits

The following list is a summary of the benefits provided by the Accident Plan. For a complete description of the available benefits, exclusions and limitations, see the certificate of insurance and any riders, which are available at [ncflex.org](http://ncflex.org).

The Accident Plan also provides a Sports Accident Benefit. If an accident occurs while participating in an organized sporting activity as defined in the plan certificate, the Accident Hospital Care, Accident Care, or Common Injuries benefit will be increased by 25% to a maximum additional benefit of \$1,000. If your spouse and/or a child(ren) are covered under the Accident Plan, their coverage includes this benefit.

| Event   | Classic Option | Enhanced Option |
|---|----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Accident Care</b>                                      |                |                 |
| Initial doctor visit                                      | \$100          | \$120           |
| Emergency room treatment                                  | \$300          | \$400           |
| Ground ambulance  | \$360          | \$600           |
| Follow-up doctor treatment                                | \$100          | \$120           |
| Medical equipment   | \$120          | \$500           |
| Physical or occupational therapy (per treatment up to 10) | \$60           | \$75            |
| Speech therapy up to 6 per accident                       | \$60           | \$75            |
| Chiropractic care   | N/A            | \$75 per visit  |
| Major diagnostic exam                                     | \$240          | \$500           |
| X-ray   | \$75           | \$100           |

| Event   | Classic Option                     | Enhanced Option                    |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Common Injuries</b>  |                                    |                                    |
| Emergency dental work (crown)                                     | \$480                              | \$525                              |
| Eye injury (removal of foreign object)                            | \$100                              | \$120                              |
| Torn knee cartilage surgery (no repair or if cartilage is shaved) | \$225                              | \$280                              |
| Torn knee cartilage surgical repair                               | \$800                              | \$1,000                            |
| Laceration <sup>1</sup>   | \$60 - \$480                       | \$80 - \$960                       |
| Ruptured disk surgical repair                                     | \$800                              | \$1,000                            |
| Tendon/ligament/rotator cuff                                      | \$720 - \$1,520                    | \$900 - \$1,900                    |
| Concussion  | \$450                              | \$525                              |
| Burns (2nd and 3rd degree in certain scenarios)                   | \$1,250 - \$15,000                 | \$1,750 - \$22,000                 |
| <b>Fractures</b>  | Closed/open reduction <sup>2</sup> |                                    |
| Hip   | \$5,000/\$10,000                   | \$6,000/\$12,000                   |
| Leg   | \$2,800/\$5,600                    | \$3,500/\$7,000                    |
| Ankle   | \$2,500/\$5,000                    | \$3,125/\$6,250                    |
| Kneecap   | \$2,500/\$5,000                    | \$3,125/\$6,250                    |
| Foot excluding toes, heel   | \$2,500/\$5,000                    | \$3,125/\$6,250                    |
| Upper arm   | \$2,750/\$5,500                    | \$3,500/\$7,000                    |
| Forearm, hand, wrist except fingers                               | \$2,500/\$5,000                    | \$3,125/\$6,250                    |
| Finger, toe   | \$400/\$800                        | \$500/\$1,000                      |
| Vertebral body  | \$4,200/\$8,400                    | \$5,250/\$10,500                   |
| Vertebral processes   | \$2,000/\$4,000                    | \$2,500/\$5,000                    |
| Pelvis except coccyx  | \$4,000/\$8,000                    | \$5,000/\$10,000                   |
| Coccyx  | \$500/\$1,000                      | \$625/\$1,250                      |
| Bones of the face except nose                                     | \$1,400/\$2,800                    | \$1,750/\$3,500                    |
| Nose  | \$750/\$1,500                      | \$950/\$1,900                      |
| Upper jaw   | \$1,750/\$3,500                    | \$2,200/\$4,400                    |
| Lower jaw   | \$2,000/\$4,000                    | \$2,500/\$5,000                    |
| Collarbone  | \$2,000/\$4,000                    | \$2,500/\$5,000                    |
| Rib or ribs   | \$600/\$1,200                      | \$750/\$1,500                      |
| Skull – simple except bones of face                               | \$1,750/\$3,500                    | \$2,200/\$4,400                    |
| Skull – depressed except bones of face                            | \$5,000/\$10,000                   | \$6,250/\$12,500                   |
| Sternum   | \$500/\$1,000                      | \$625/\$1,250                      |
| Shoulder blade  | \$2,500/\$5,000                    | \$3,125/\$6,250                    |
| Chip fractures  | 25% of the closed reduction amount | 25% of the closed reduction amount |

| Event   | Classic Option                     | Enhanced Option                    |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Dislocations</b>                                   | Closed/open reduction <sup>3</sup> |                                    |
| Hip joint   | \$4,000/\$8,000                    | \$5,000/\$10,000                   |
| Knee  | \$3,000/\$6,000                    | \$3,750/\$7,500                    |
| Ankle or foot bone(s) other than toes                 | \$1,800/\$3,600                    | \$2,250/\$4,500                    |
| Shoulder  | \$2,200/\$4,400                    | \$2,750/\$5,500                    |
| Elbow   | \$1,500/\$3,000                    | \$1,875/\$3,750                    |
| Wrist   | \$1,500/\$3,000                    | \$1,875/\$3,750                    |
| Finger/toe  | \$350/\$700                        | \$450/\$900                        |
| Hand bone(s) other than fingers                       | \$1,500/\$3,000                    | \$1,875/\$3,750                    |
| Lower jaw   | \$1,500/\$3,000                    | \$1,875/\$3,750                    |
| Collarbone  | \$1,500/\$3,000                    | \$1,875/\$3,750                    |
| <b>Partial dislocations</b>                           | 25% of the closed reduction amount | 25% of the closed reduction amount |
| <b>Accident Hospital Care</b>                         |                                    |                                    |
| Surgery open abdominal, thoracic                      | \$1,250                            | \$2,500                            |
| Surgery exploratory or without repair                 | \$350                              | \$500                              |
| Blood, plasma, platelets                              | \$600                              | \$650                              |
| Hospital admission                                    | \$1,250                            | \$2,000                            |
| Hospital confinement per day, up to 365 days          | \$200                              | \$300                              |
| Critical care unit confinement per day, up to 30 days | \$400                              | \$500                              |
| Coma duration of 5 or more days                       | \$10,000                           | \$20,000                           |
| Transportation per trip, up to 3 per accident         | \$750                              | \$840                              |
| Lodging per day, up to 30 days                        | \$180                              | \$225                              |

<sup>1</sup> Laceration benefits are a total of all lacerations per accident.

<sup>2</sup> For fractures: Closed reduction is a procedure to set a broken bone without surgery. Open reduction requires surgery to set a broken bone. The surgery involves making cuts in the skin to put broken pieces of bone back into place.

<sup>3</sup> For dislocations: Closed reduction is a procedure to repair a completely separated joint without surgery. Open reduction requires surgery to repair a completely separated joint.

## Wellness Benefit (Both Classic and Enhanced Options)

The Wellness Benefit is included in both options under the Accident Plan. If you complete an eligible health screening test, you are eligible for a Wellness Benefit payment. The health screening test must occur on or after your effective date. If your spouse and/or a child(ren) are covered under your Accident plan, they can also file for a Wellness Benefit payment for a covered health screening test.

Only one benefit is payable per covered member per calendar year, regardless of how many screenings are completed by that member.

| Covered Member | Wellness Benefit available once per year with a covered screening |
|----------------|---|
| Employee       | \$50  |
| Spouse         | \$50  |
| Child(ren)     | \$25  |

### What types of health screening tests are eligible?

Health screening tests include, but are not limited to:

- Blood tests for triglycerides
- Pap smear or thin prep pap test
- Flexible sigmoidoscopy
- CEA (blood test for colon cancer)
- Bone marrow testing
- Serum cholesterol test for HDL and LDL levels
- Hemocult stool analysis
- Serum Protein Electrophoresis (myeloma)
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- Well child/preventive exams through age 18
- Biometric screenings
- Electrocardiogram (EKG)
- Annual physical exam - adults
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- Tests for sexually transmitted infections (STIs)
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- Hemoglobin A1C (HbA1c)
- Bone density screening
- COVID-19 test

## Voya Travel Assistance (Both Classic and Enhanced Options)

Voya Travel Assistance Services\* offers enhanced security for your leisure and business trips when traveling 100 miles or more from your primary residence:

- Emergency medical transportation services
- Medical assistance services
- Travel assistance services
- Security assistance services

These services can help ease stress if something goes wrong in an unfamiliar place away from home. At any time before or during a trip, you may contact Voya Travel Assistance for assistance. Visit <https://imglobal.com/member> or call **317-659-5841** (Referral Code: VOYATRAVEL) for more information. In addition, the Accident section on [ncflex.org](http://ncflex.org) has a summary document that you may want to print and keep with your travel documents.

\* Voya Travel Assistance services are provided by International Medical Group, Inc. (IMG), Indianapolis, IN.

### Did You Know?

The Enhanced option under the Accident Plan not only offers higher payments for injuries and care, but also includes the Wellness Benefit, Sickness Hospital Confinement Benefit, and Travel Assistance Services.

## Sickness Hospital Confinement Benefit (Enhanced Option Only)

This benefit provides daily benefit payments for each day you or your covered dependent is confined to a hospital due to a covered sickness. The benefit can be used for a maximum of 30 days. For you or your covered spouse, the benefit is \$200 per day. For a covered child, the benefit is \$150 per day. There is a 30-day waiting period from the effective date of coverage for this benefit to be available. This benefit excludes pre-existing conditions if the hospital stay occurs in the first 12 months from the effective date of your coverage. After the first 12 months, pre-existing conditions are covered by this benefit.

To see a complete list of covered benefits, exclusions and limitations, or to see the certificate of insurance and any riders, go to [ncflex.org](http://ncflex.org), select "Accident," then click "Additional Plan Information."



*Cannons at Barker House, Albemarle Sound, Edenton*

# UNC Voluntary Life Insurance and Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D)

Effective January 1, 2023, the University consolidated our voluntary life insurance and AD&D (Voluntary and Core) plans under a single policy offered through Securian Financial.

## Keep in Mind

- The UNC voluntary life insurance uses a salary multiplier formula (1X, 2X, 3X, etc.).
- If you are a benefit-eligible employee, you will be automatically enrolled in \$10,000 of UNC Core AD&D insurance at no cost to you. In other words, you do not need to enroll to receive this free coverage.
- Go to the UNC (Empyrean) platform to enroll in/make changes to your UNC voluntary life insurance and/or AD&D plan elections. While in the UNC (Empyrean) platform, take time to designate your beneficiary(ies) as well.

## Learn More

Visit <https://myapps.northcarolina.edu/hr/benefits-leave/> and click on the Open Enrollment website under the Benefits at a Glance box for more information about the UNC voluntary life insurance and AD&D plans.



Airborne Special Operations Museum, Fayetteville

# TRICARE Supplement Plan

If you currently have TRICARE Select, Prime, or TRR benefits offered to the military community, you may be eligible and interested in the TRICARE Supplement Plan. This plan helps pay 100% of members' TRICARE outpatient deductibles, cost shares, copayments plus 100% of covered excess charges.

## Eligibility for You

You may be eligible for TRICARE Supplement if you are a retired uniformed service member enrolled in either TRICARE Select, Prime, or TRR and are not eligible for Medicare, including:

- Retired military entitled to retired or retainer pay.
- Retired reserve members between the ages of 60 and 65 and entitled to retired and retainer pay.
- Retired Reserve members under age 60 and enrolled in TRICARE Retired Reserve (TRR).
- Spouses/surviving spouses of the above.
- Retired military personnel, spouse/surviving spouse age 65 or older and resides outside the U.S. or its territories (must be enrolled in Medicare).
- Retired military personnel, spouse/surviving spouse age 65 or older, and ineligible for Medicare (must have Statement of Disallowance form from the Social Security Administration).

## Eligibility for Your Dependents

Eligible dependents include your unmarried biological child(ren), step-child(ren), and adopted child(ren), up to age 21 (or up to age 23 if in college). Eligibility may extend beyond these age limits if your dependent child is severely disabled.

## Monthly Cost for Coverage

| Coverage Level          | Monthly Cost |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Employee Only           | \$60.50      |
| Employee and Spouse     | \$119.50     |
| Employee and Child(ren) | \$119.50     |
| Employee and Family     | \$160.50     |



### For More Information

For a complete list of covered services under TRICARE, visit [tricare.mil](https://www.tricare.mil).



# Coverage Continuation Options at Separation

When NCFlex coverage is lost due to termination of employment, retirement or other losses of eligibility, employees and covered dependents may continue certain benefits. The following chart lists the continuation options.

| NCFlex Coverage                              | Option      | Cost  | What You Need to Know  |
|--|-------------|-------|--|
| Health Care Flexible Spending Account        | COBRA       | 102%  | P&A will send COBRA enrollment materials to your last known address.   |
| Dependent Day Care Flexible Spending Account | None        | N/A   | Cannot be continued. Upon your termination, you can use the balance to pay for eligible expenses incurred through the end of the calendar year or the plan's grace period. |
| Accident Plan                                | Portability | 100%  | Contact Voya by calling <b>877-464-5111</b> .  |
| Cancer                                       | Portability | 100%  | Allstate Benefits will send you a portability letter upon receipt of the termination of employment.  |
| Critical Illness                             | Portability | 100%  | Contact Voya by calling <b>877-464-5111</b> .  |
| Dental                                       | COBRA       | 100%* | iTedium will send COBRA enrollment materials to your last known address.   |
| Vision Care                                  | COBRA       | 100%* | iTedium will send COBRA enrollment materials to your last known address.   |
| TRICARE Supplement                           | Portability | 100%  | Selman will send COBRA enrollment materials to your last known address.  |

\* The rate is 100% of the combined employer and employee rate.



# Benefit Resources

[NCFlex.org](https://ncflex.org) is your one-stop information source for NCFlex benefit plan details, resources, links to vendors, summary plan descriptions (SPDs), claims forms, and more! To contact a vendor directly, see the information below.

| Benefit Plan   | Vendor                                       | Phone                     | Website  |
|--|--|---------------------------|--|
| All NCFlex Benefits  | NCFlex                                       | N/A                       | <a href="https://ncflex.org">ncflex.org</a><br>Email: <a href="mailto:ncflex@nc.gov">ncflex@nc.gov</a> |
| Flexible Spending Accounts<br>(Health Care and Dependent Day Care) | P&A Group                                    | 866-916-3475              | <a href="https://ncflex.padmin.com">ncflex.padmin.com</a>  |
| Accident   | Voya Financial                               | 877-464-5111              | Email: <a href="mailto:ncflex@lifehelp.com">ncflex@lifehelp.com</a>                                    |
| Cancer and Specified Disease                                       | Allstate Benefits                            | 866-232-1517              | <a href="https://allstatebenefits.com/mybenefits">allstatebenefits.com/mybenefits</a>                  |
| Critical Illness   | Voya Financial                               | 877-464-5111              | Email: <a href="mailto:ncflex@lifehelp.com">ncflex@lifehelp.com</a>                                    |
| Dental   | MetLife                                      | 855-676-9441              | <a href="https://metlife.com/mybenefits">metlife.com/mybenefits</a><br>(Company name: NCFlex)          |
| Vision   | EyeMed Vision Care                           | 866-248-1939              | <a href="https://eyemedvisioncare.com/NCFlex">eyemedvisioncare.com/NCFlex</a>                          |
| COBRA for Dental and Vision  | Empyrean<br>COBRA Administration/<br>iTedium | 877-679-6272              | <a href="https://cobraguard.net">https://cobraguard.net</a>  |
| TRICARE Supplement   | Selman & Company                             | 800-638-2610,<br>Option 1 | <a href="https://www.selmantricareresource.com/nc">www.selmantricareresource.com/nc</a>                |



## For More Information

Go to <https://myapps.northcarolina.edu/hr/benefits-leave/> for more information about all the benefits provided by the UNC System. In addition, you can check your institution's website for additional details and Human Resources/Benefits Office contacts.





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