

# 2022 Summer Enrollment Active Employee Guide

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## Benefits to protect your health and future

As an employee of a State of Texas agency or higher education institution, you are eligible to participate in the Texas Employees Group Benefits Program (GBP), which provides valuable benefits for you and your family.

Summer Enrollment is your chance to review your benefits elections and make changes. It is the only time you can make benefit changes unless you have a qualifying life event during the plan year. (See [ers.texas.gov/Active-Employees/Life-Changes-for-active-employees](https://www.ers.texas.gov/Active-Employees/Life-Changes-for-active-employees) for information on qualifying life events.)

You should take this opportunity to refresh your knowledge about your coverage options. Consider any life changes you've had in the past year and think about what medical, dental or vision care services you or your family members might need in Plan Year 2023. View more details and premium rate sheets at [www.ers.texas.gov/summer-enrollment-2022](https://www.ers.texas.gov/summer-enrollment-2022).

### Need to make changes to your benefits?

You should make any needed changes to your benefits during your assigned two-week Summer Enrollment phase.

Find the dates of your phase in the top left corner of your Personal Benefits Enrollment Statement, or go to [www.ers.texas.gov/summer-enrollment-2022](https://www.ers.texas.gov/summer-enrollment-2022).

### No changes? No action needed

If you want to keep your same coverage, you don't need to do anything. Your benefits will stay the same. Benefit elections for the new plan year are effective September 1.



**Note:** If you are enrolled in the TexFlex<sup>SM</sup> flexible spending account (FSA) program, it is always a good idea to double-check your annual elections to your health care or limited-purpose and/or dependent care FSAs to make sure the amount is still appropriate for you and your family.



## WHAT'S NEW?

### **Increases to dental PPO and optional life insurance rates**

Premiums for the following plans will increase:

- State of Texas Dental Choice Plan<sup>SM</sup> preferred provider organization (PPO)
- Optional Term Life Insurance
- Dependent Term Life Insurance

View all Plan Year 2023 rates at [www.ers.texas.gov/pdfs/ratesheet-py23](http://www.ers.texas.gov/pdfs/ratesheet-py23).

### **Changes to flexible spending account (FSA) contribution and carryover limits**

The IRS establishes the maximum annual limit applicable to flexible spending accounts and carryover amounts. For Plan Year 2023, if you have a health care or limited-purpose FSA, you will be able to set aside up to \$2,850 for the year through monthly, tax-free deductions from your paycheck. The maximum contribution for dependent care FSAs remains the same, at \$5,000 for the year.

The carryover amount for health care and limited-purpose FSAs is increasing. If you have a health care or limited-purpose FSA in Plan Year 2023, you can carry over up to \$570 from Plan Year 2023 (ending Aug. 31, 2023) to Plan Year 2024 (starting Sept. 1, 2023). See page 13 for more information.

### **Changes to out-of-pocket maximums**

The HealthSelect of Texas<sup>®</sup> and Consumer Directed HealthSelect<sup>SM</sup> health plans' total annual in-network out-of-pocket maximums (medical and pharmacy combined) will increase to \$7,050 per person per individual (up from \$7,000) and \$14,100 per family (up from \$14,000) to align with the IRS maximums.

Since 2018, ERS health plan premiums have not increased more than 1%, and we have not decreased coverage or asked participants to pay more in out-of-pocket costs. This is because of continued financial support from the state and ERS' cost-management efforts. ERS uses experienced third-party health plan administrators to help keep costs down and maintain high-quality coverage for GBP participants.





## HOW TO MAKE BENEFITS CHANGES

### Update your elections online—fastest and available 24/7

Go online to make changes to your benefits anytime during your two-week enrollment phase:

1. Go to **[www.ers.texas.gov](http://www.ers.texas.gov)**.
2. Click “My Account Login.”
3. Select “Proceed to Login” if you already have a username and password or “Register now” if you need to create an account.
4. After you log in, confirm that your contact information under “My Personal Information” is correct.
5. Click “Benefits Enrollment.”
6. Click the “edit” box in front of the benefit election you want to change. You will need to do this for each election you want to change.
7. Click Submit to save all your changes from the main Benefits Enrollment page.
8. ERS will email you confirmation of your changes, if you have an email address in your ERS account. If you don’t have an email address in your ERS account, we will send a confirmation to your mailing address.

### Retirees returning to work

If you are a **return-to-work retiree**, you can switch between retiree and active benefits to begin on September 1. Contact your agency’s benefits coordinator or Human Resources office during your Summer Enrollment phase. **Health and Human Services Enterprise employees:** Contact the HHS Employee Service Center.



**Note:** Like many organizations, the ERS Contact Center is facing pandemic-related staffing shortages. As a result, it may take us longer to answer calls. We sincerely apologize for any delays. We continue to do all we can to reduce wait times and provide the best service possible.

### If you don’t have internet access

Contact the Human Resources office or benefits coordinator at your agency or higher education institution. HHS Enterprise employees can submit changes through the HHS Enterprise Employee Service Center at **(888) 894-4747**.

OR

Call ERS toll-free at **(866) 399-6908**. Be sure to call during your two-week enrollment phase listed on your Personal Benefits Enrollment Statement.

### Remember

If you’ve reviewed your current benefit elections and don’t need to change anything, adjust your annual TexFlex flexible spending account contributions or update your tobacco-use status, **you don’t have to do anything**. Your current coverage and contributions will carry forward to the new plan year.

# COVERAGE FOR DEPENDENTS

Your spouse and other eligible dependents can get health insurance and other coverage for an additional premium. However, you must be enrolled in a plan before you can enroll your dependents. Visit [ers.texas.gov/New-Employee/Insurance-Eligibility](https://ers.texas.gov/New-Employee/Insurance-Eligibility) to learn which dependents are eligible for ERS benefits

## Certifying a dependent child

If you want to enroll dependent children in any insurance coverage, you will be asked to certify their eligibility before you submit your enrollment elections.

You can certify your dependent children in one of two ways:

- Log in to your ERS OnLine account and click the “Benefits Enrollment” link under *My Insurance Information*.  
or
- Complete and print the Dependent Child Certification form at [ers.texas.gov/Active-Employees/Forms](https://ers.texas.gov/Active-Employees/Forms). You must complete a separate form for each dependent child to be covered. Turn in the completed form(s) to your benefits coordinator or, if you work for HHS, to the HHS Employee Service Center.

## Verifying eligible dependents for health coverage

When you enroll any dependent in health coverage, you must prove they are eligible through the dependent eligibility verification (DEV) process:

1. Enroll your eligible dependents in health coverage and certify dependent child(ren), as noted above. (Certifying eligible dependent children is separate from verifying eligible dependents.)
2. ERS will send your information to Alight Solutions, ERS’ third-party administrator for dependent verification. Alight Solutions will mail you a letter outlining the steps you must take to verify that your dependent is eligible for coverage.

**IMPORTANT:** When you get a letter from Alight Solutions, open it right away! Carefully review the information and keep the deadline in mind.

3. Submit the necessary documents according to Alight’s instructions by the due date listed on the letter.

If you don’t submit the necessary documents or if you miss the deadline, your dependents will be ineligible and will lose coverage in all GBP plans. If you have questions about dependent eligibility verification, call Alight Solutions toll-free at (800) 987-6605 (TTY: 711).

## Adding dependents previously not verified due to dependent eligibility verification (DEV)

If you have dependents who were not verified before because you missed the DEV deadline or could not provide the needed documents, you can add them during Summer Enrollment. To do so, you must submit documentation to ERS (not Alight) to prove your dependent’s eligibility. If your dependents’ eligibility is approved, coverage will begin September 1, 2022.

You must provide copies of documents proving dependent eligibility (see required documents at [ers.texas.gov/Benefits-at-a-Glance/Dependent-eligibility-chart.pdf](https://ers.texas.gov/Benefits-at-a-Glance/Dependent-eligibility-chart.pdf)), plus a note with:

- the name of the dependent(s) you are adding to coverage,
- specific coverage type(s) you are electing to add the dependent(s) to (for example: HealthSelect of Texas, State of Texas Dental Choice<sup>SM</sup>, etc.) and
- the GBP member’s name, last four SSN digits and contact phone number.

Mail, fax or email the documentation to ERS. (Do not mail the originals. Documents will not be returned to you.) ERS must get emailed or faxed documents by **July 22, 2022**. Mailed copies must be postmarked by **July 22, 2022**.

**Mail:** Employees Retirement System of Texas  
P.O. Box 13207  
Attn: Benefit Support Services  
Austin, TX 78711-3207

**Fax:** (512) 867-7438

**Email:** [erscustomer.service@ers.texas.gov](mailto:erscustomer.service@ers.texas.gov)

### Adding coverage for a dependent previously not verified? Don’t miss this deadline

ERS must get complete and accurate documentation verifying that dependents are eligible for coverage by **July 22, 2022**.

# YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE OPTIONS

View the health plan comparison chart included in your Summer Enrollment packet to compare commonly used medical, mental health and prescription drug benefits in the HealthSelect plans.

For more details on each plan, read the Master Benefits Plan Document on the HealthSelect website: <https://healthselect.bcbstx.com/content/medical-benefits/index>.

Each plan's Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC) also provides an easy-to-understand overview of coverage. Plan Year 2023 SBCs will be available starting June 20, 2022.

Health insurance plan features at a glance	HealthSelect of Texas®	Consumer Directed HealthSelect <sup>SM</sup>
<b>Key advantages</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lower out-of-pocket costs for in-network care</li><li>• Copays for certain in-network services, like primary care provider (PCP) office visits</li><li>• Large statewide network, and large nationwide network for those who live or work outside Texas</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tax-advantaged health savings account (HSA), with monthly contributions from the state</li><li>• Large statewide and nationwide networks</li><li>• Referrals not required</li><li>• Lower monthly premium than HealthSelect of Texas for dependents and part-time employees</li></ul>
<b>In-network preventive care covered at 100%</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>Prescription drug coverage</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>Key downside(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Referrals needed for most specialty care</li><li>• Monthly premiums for dependents and part-time employees are higher than Consumer Directed HealthSelect</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Except for specific preventive services and a few limited items, the plan pays nothing until the deductible is met</li><li>• Must meet IRS' eligibility guidelines to participate in the HSA</li></ul>
<b>Might be good for people who...</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Want to keep their out-of-pocket costs low</li><li>• Don't mind getting referrals for specialty care</li><li>• Are willing to pay higher dependent or part-time employee premiums</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Usually have low (or very high) health expenses</li><li>• Can afford to pay for medical and pharmacy expenses out-of-pocket until deductible is met</li><li>• Want the state's tax-free HSA contribution</li><li>• Don't want to get referrals for specialty care</li></ul>

## Health Insurance Opt-Out Credit

If you can certify that you have other health insurance that is equal to or better than coverage offered through ERS, you can sign up for the Health Insurance Opt-Out Credit. You must be eligible for the state contribution toward your health insurance premium to qualify for the Opt-Out Credit.

The credit is up to \$60 for full-time employees and \$30 for part-time employees. You can apply this credit to your dental, vision and/or Voluntary Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D) insurance premiums. There is no refund for any unused portion of the \$60 or \$30 credit. When you opt out of your health plan, you are also giving up your prescription drug coverage and Basic Term Life Insurance coverage.

The Health Insurance Opt-Out Credit is not available if:

- your only other insurance is Medicare,
- you have health insurance coverage through ERS as a dependent,
- you are not eligible for the state contribution or
- you get a state contribution for health insurance coverage from another group benefit plan.

## Waiving health coverage: What you should know

If you waive your health coverage, you also give up your prescription drug coverage and will no longer have the \$5,000 Basic Term Life and \$5,000 AD&D coverage.

If you waive your GBP health insurance and later lose your other health coverage due to a valid qualifying life event (QLE), you may enroll in health insurance offered through ERS if you sign up within 31 days of losing your other health insurance coverage.

# HEALTHSELECT OF TEXAS AND CONSUMER DIRECTED HEALTHSELECT

Participants in HealthSelect of Texas or Consumer Directed HealthSelect have access to a network of more than 110,000 medical and mental health providers in Texas. Each plan includes a prescription drug program. ERS sets the plan benefits and pays claims. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX) manages the provider network, processes claims and provides customer service.

## HealthSelect<sup>®</sup> of Texas

HealthSelect of Texas is a point-of-service health insurance plan. With this type of plan, you generally pay less if all of your medical care is handled by in-network providers. While the plan will cover out-of-network care, you will pay more—sometimes a lot more—than you pay for in-network care. (Learn about avoiding surprise medical bills at [www.ers.texas.gov/Avoiding-Unexpected-Health-Costs](http://www.ers.texas.gov/Avoiding-Unexpected-Health-Costs).)

In this plan, you must designate a primary care provider (PCP) in the HealthSelect network who will manage your care and provide referrals to specialists to get the highest level of benefit. If your providers are in the HealthSelect network, you do not have to meet a deductible and the plan begins to pay right away.

### HealthSelect of Texas annual medical deductibles For Plan Year 2023

Deductibles are based on the calendar year and reset January 1. There is no deductible for in-network providers.

This does not include the annual \$50 per-person prescription drug deductible.

	In-network	Out-of-network
Individual	\$0	\$500
Family	\$0	\$1,500 (\$500 per participant)

See details about how the family deductible is applied in the HealthSelect of Texas Master Benefit Plan Document at <https://healthselect.bcbstx.com/content/publications-and-forms/index>.

### Copays and coinsurance

HealthSelect of Texas participants are responsible for copays and/or coinsurance for doctor and hospital visits, procedures like outpatient surgery and other medical services. For example, if you have outpatient surgery at an in-network facility, you will pay a \$100 copay and 20% of the allowable amount.

### Why do you need a PCP?

HealthSelect of Texas participants who live and work in Texas must get a referral from their designated primary care provider (PCP) to see specialists and get in-network benefits for specialist services. If you do not get a referral from your PCP, you will pay more for your treatment, even if the specialist is in the HealthSelect network.

Your PCP is a valued partner in your health care. They get to know you, your medical history and your lifestyle. If you have a medical issue, your PCP can make it easier and faster to get the care you need.

You do not need a referral from your PCP for:

- routine and diagnostic eye exams;
- OB-GYN visits;
- mental health services;
- chiropractic visits, occupational therapy, speech therapy and physical therapy;
- virtual visits through Doctor on Demand<sup>®</sup> or MDLIVE<sup>®</sup> for medical or mental health care; or
- urgent care centers and convenience care clinics.

### Make the most of your HealthSelect benefits

Your health care coverage is not just about helping you when you're sick. Learn about programs and incentives to keep you well at [www.healthselectoftexas.com](http://www.healthselectoftexas.com)

A BCBSTX Personal Health Assistant also can answer questions about your plan's benefits and coverage and direct you to useful programs and tools. Call **(800) 252-8039 (TTY: 711)** toll-free, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. CT, and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. CT.

To learn more about your prescription drug benefits, see page [xx] of this guide, visit [www.healthselectrx.com](http://www.healthselectrx.com) or call **(855) 828-9834 (TTY 711)**, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



Consumer Directed HealthSelect is a high-deductible health plan paired with a tax-free health savings account (HSA). The high deductible means you could have higher out-of-pocket costs

before your health plan begins to pay for your non-preventive medical services and prescription drugs. The plan covers in-network preventive services at 100%. It is available to GBP participants who are not enrolled in Medicare.

In this plan, you are responsible for all non-preventive health care costs, including prescription drug costs, until you meet the annual deductible. The deductible is based on the calendar year and resets on January 1.

## Consumer Directed HealthSelect annual deductibles For Plan Year 2023 (includes prescription drugs)

	In-network	Out-of-network
Individual	\$2,100	\$4,200
Family	\$4,200	\$8,400

After you meet the deductible, you pay coinsurance (20% in network, 40% out of network) for medical services and prescriptions. You do not have a copay for any services in this plan.

You don't need to designate a primary care provider (PCP) or get referrals to see specialists in Consumer Directed HealthSelect. Also, you will likely pay less for care—sometimes much less—if you see a provider who is in the network.

## Health savings account

Consumer Directed HealthSelect participants can save money by setting up a health savings account (HSA) to pay eligible health care expenses. When you contribute to an HSA, you also save money on federal taxes by lowering your taxable income. Eligible plan participants also get a monthly contribution from the state.

Use money in your HSA to pay for qualified medical expenses for yourself, your spouse and eligible dependents, even if they aren't covered under your insurance. Learn more at <https://hsastore.com/learn/taxes/who-can-i-cover-hsa> and [www.optumbank.com/all-products/medical-expenses.html](http://www.optumbank.com/all-products/medical-expenses.html).

You can make pre-tax contributions to your HSA through payroll deductions. If you are age 55 or older, you can contribute an additional \$1,000 each year. All the money in your HSA carries over from one year to the next, and you keep the funds if you change health plans or leave state employment.

The IRS sets the maximum contribution amount each year (see chart). HSA contributions and limits may change from year to year, or based on eligibility requirements and the participant's age. Maximums include both pre-tax and post-tax contributions to an HSA. The state's contributions and any monthly contributions deducted from your paycheck are deposited to accounts by the middle of the month.

## HSA contributions and maximums\*

Contribution	Individual Account	Family Account*
Calendar Year 2022 annual total maximum contribution (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2022)	Up to age 54: \$3,650 Age 55 and older: \$4,650	\$7,300
Calendar Year 2023 annual total maximum contribution (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2023)	Up to age 54: \$3,850 Age 55 and older: \$4,850	\$7,750
Fiscal Year 2023 annual state contribution (Sept. 1, 2022 – Aug. 31, 2023)	\$540 (\$45 monthly)	\$1,080 (\$90 monthly)

\*A family account includes the GBP participant plus any number of dependents enrolled in Consumer Directed HealthSelect.

## Enrolling in Consumer Directed HealthSelect? Open an Optum Bank HSA as soon as possible

When you enroll in Consumer Directed HealthSelect through ERS OnLine, you will see a link to the Optum Bank website ([optumbank.com](http://optumbank.com)) that allows you to immediately open a health savings account (HSA). If you don't open your HSA through ERS OnLine, Optum Bank will send you information about opening an account after you have enrolled in Consumer Directed HealthSelect. You must have an Optum Bank HSA to get the state's contribution; the state will not make deposits into an HSA at another bank.

Once you've opened your HSA, Optum Bank will send you a debit card to pay for eligible health care expenses. Be aware that you have access only to money that has accumulated in your HSA—not funds that you pledged to deposit in the future.

Review IRS guidelines or consult a tax advisor to make sure you are eligible to participate in a HSA. For more information, visit <https://texflex.payflex.com/texflex/frequently-asked-questions>.



# PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE

Your health insurance plan includes coverage for prescription drugs. Optum Rx administers the prescription drug program for the HealthSelect plans. Learn more about Optum Rx at [www.healthselectrx.com](http://www.healthselectrx.com).

Your prescription drug ID card is separate from your medical ID card. You may need to present your card when filling a prescription.

Prescription drugs fall into three categories, called tiers. Under the HealthSelect Prescription Drug Program, there are different copays for each tier.

- Tier 1 prescriptions are usually inexpensive medications, such as generic drugs.
- Tier 2 prescriptions are usually lower-cost preferred brand-name drugs.
- Tier 3 prescriptions are non-preferred brand-name drugs with a higher cost.

You can lower your own health care costs, and those of the plan, by using generic drugs whenever possible.

## Learn more

See the health plans comparison chart that came in your Summer Enrollment packet to compare prescription drug coverage in the different HealthSelect plans. Learn additional details about your prescription drug coverage on your plan's website or at [www.ers.texas.gov/Active-Employees/Health-Benefits/Prescription-Drug-Programs](http://www.ers.texas.gov/Active-Employees/Health-Benefits/Prescription-Drug-Programs).

# Out-of-pocket limits on health expenses

To help protect you from extremely high health costs, HealthSelect of Texas and Consumer Directed HealthSelect have out-of-pocket maximums for care you get from in-network providers. This is the maximum amount you or your family will pay in one year for in-network copays, coinsurance and deductibles (as applicable) for covered medical and prescription drug expenses. If you reach this maximum, the plan will pay 100% of covered in-network provider and pharmacy expenses for the rest of the calendar year. There is no out-of-pocket maximum for out-of-network care.

The out-of-pocket maximums reset every calendar year (January 1). The chart below lists the out-of-pocket maximums for the health plans.

In-network out-of-pocket maximums for the HealthSelect plans (excluding Medicare plans)	
<b>Calendar Year 2022</b> (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2022)	<b>\$7,000 individual</b> <b>\$14,000 family</b> (GBP member + one or more covered family member)
<b>Calendar Year 2023</b> (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2023)	<b>\$7,050 individual</b> <b>\$14,100 family</b> (GBP member + one or more covered family member)





## TOBACCO-USE STATUS

Every participant enrolled in a GBP health insurance plan must certify their status as a tobacco user or non-user. You only need to update your tobacco-use status if you or a dependent's tobacco-use status has changed.

A tobacco user is a person who has used any tobacco products five or more times within the past three consecutive months. Certified tobacco users pay a monthly tobacco user premium.

Tobacco products are all types of tobacco, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, dip and all e-cigarettes and vaping products. If you or a covered family member uses these products, you are required to report it to ERS.

You can update your tobacco-use status during your Summer Enrollment phase through your ERS OnLine account, your agency or higher education institution's benefits coordinator or by returning the Tobacco Use Certification form to ERS. Failing to do so could result in losing your GBP health insurance coverage. If you are using the form to update your tobacco-use status, complete and print the certification form at [www.ers.texas.gov/PDFs/Forms/Tobacco\\_User\\_Certification\\_ERS2933](http://www.ers.texas.gov/PDFs/Forms/Tobacco_User_Certification_ERS2933). You don't need to use the form if you update your certification through your ERS OnLine account or your benefits coordinator.

Participants who change a certification to tobacco user during Summer Enrollment will have the first premium deducted from their October 1 paycheck. For more information on the tobacco-user premium, see the Plan Year 2023 rate sheet (available online at [www.ers.texas.gov/summer-enrollment-2022](http://www.ers.texas.gov/summer-enrollment-2022)) or your Personal Benefits

Enrollment Statement. Read about the tobacco policy at [www.ers.texas.gov/About-ERS/Policies/Tobacco-Policy-and-Certification](http://www.ers.texas.gov/About-ERS/Policies/Tobacco-Policy-and-Certification).

If your or a dependent's tobacco use changes during the plan year, you should update the status in your account as soon as possible. You do not have to wait for Summer Enrollment to change the tobacco-use status.

### Tobacco user premium alternative

If you are a tobacco user, you may qualify for an alternative to the tobacco user premium, if it complies with your doctor's recommendations. For more information on this alternative, called "Choose to Quit," view the ERS Tobacco Policy on ERS' website (see above).



## DENTAL INSURANCE



### State of Texas Dental Choice

The State of Texas Dental Choice Plan<sup>SM</sup> is a preferred provider organization (PPO) dental insurance plan. You can see any dentist you want, but you will pay less if you go to a dentist in one of two Delta Dental networks:

- Delta Dental PPO
- Delta Premier

All Delta Dental PPO and Delta Premier dentists are in-network providers. You get the same coverage in either network, but you may pay less for covered services in the Delta Dental PPO network. Delta Premier dentists can charge higher rates for the same covered services.

Benefits are available in the United States, Canada and Mexico, if you live in the United States.

## DeltaCare<sup>®</sup> USA

### DeltaCare<sup>®</sup> USA dental health maintenance organization

This is a dental health maintenance organization (DHMO) dental insurance plan.

- Coverage applies only to dentists in the Texas service area. Before you enroll, make sure there is a DeltaCare<sup>®</sup> USA network dentist in your area.
- You must choose a primary care dentist (PCD) from a list of approved providers. You and your enrolled dependents can choose different PCDs.
- Services from participating specialty dentists cost 25% less than the dentists' usual charges when specialty care is coordinated by your PCD.

### What is a “smart” ID card?

To keep costs low, active employees who sign up for GBP dental insurance will not get an ID card, and participating Delta dentists shouldn't require them.

If you would like a card, you can download a virtual ID card to your smartphone through the Delta Dental app. You can also download and print your ID information from [www.ERSdentalplans.com](http://www.ERSdentalplans.com) or call Delta Dental at **(888) 818-7925 (TTY: 711)**, toll-free, and they will mail a paper copy to you.

Your covered dependents cannot access the Delta Dental app, and their names aren't listed on the ID card. Providers can verify your dependent's coverage using your dependent's name or your name and the plan ID number.

## Dental plans comparison chart

This chart is a summary of benefits in the two dental insurance plans. See plan booklets for actual coverage and limitations.

Delta Dental administers both plans. Before starting treatment, discuss the treatment plan and all charges with your dentist.

	State of Texas Dental Choice Plan PPO – In-Network	State of Texas Dental Choice Plan PPO – Out-of-Network	DeltaCare® USA DHMO (Services from participating PCDs only)
<b>Dentists</b>	<b>In-network dentist</b>	<b>Out-of-network dentist</b>	You must select a primary care dentist (PCD).  NOTE: Not all in-network dentists accept new patients. Dentists are not required to stay on the plan for the entire year.
<b>Deductibles</b>	<b>Preventive:</b> Individual-\$0; Family-\$0 <b>Combined Basic/Major:</b> Individual-\$50; Family-\$150 <b>Orthodontic services:</b> no deductible  In State of Texas Dental Choice, deductibles are based on the calendar year and reset on January 1.	<b>Preventive:</b> Individual-\$50; Family-\$150 <b>Combined Basic/Major:</b> Individual-\$100; Family-\$300 <b>Orthodontic services:</b> no deductible	None
<b>Copays/ coinsurance</b>	<b>Preventive and Diagnostic Services:</b> none <b>Basic Services:</b> 10% coinsurance after meeting the Basic Services deductible <b>Major Services:</b> 50% coinsurance after meeting the Major Services deductible  There is no charge for anything over the allowed amount.  After reaching the Maximum Calendar Year Benefit, the participant pays 60% until January 1.	<b>Preventive and Diagnostic Services:</b> 10% coinsurance after meeting the Preventive and Diagnostic deductible <b>Basic Services:</b> 30% coinsurance after meeting the Basic Services deductible <b>Major Services:</b> 60% coinsurance after meeting the Major Services deductible  Participants may be required to pay the difference between the allowed amount and billed charges.  Once the Maximum Calendar Year Benefit is reached, the participant pays 100% until January 1.	<b>Primary care dentist (PCD):</b> Copays vary according to service and are listed in the “Schedule of Dental Benefits” booklet.  <b>Specialty dentistry:</b> 75% of the dentist’s usual and customary fee when specialty care is coordinated by the PCD (DHMO pays nothing)
<b>Maximum calendar year benefits</b>	\$2,000 per covered individual (includes orthodontic extractions) plus 40% after Maximum Calendar Year Benefit is met	Does not apply to orthodontic services provided by out-of-network dentists (plan pays \$0)	Unlimited
<b>Maximum lifetime benefit</b>	\$2,000 per covered individual for orthodontic services	\$2,000 per covered individual for orthodontic services	Unlimited
<b>Average cost of cleaning / oral exams</b>	Up to two cleaning/oral exams per calendar year allowed	10% of the allowed amount after deductible is met  Up to two cleaning/oral exams per calendar year allowed	Vary according to service and are listed in the “Schedule of Dental Benefits” booklet  Up to two cleaning/oral exams per calendar year allowed
<b>Orthodontic coverage</b>	50% of the allowed amount.	50% of the allowed amount  Participants may be required to pay the difference between the allowed amount and billed charges.	<b>Orthodontic services performed by a general dentist listed in the directory with a “0” treatment code:</b> child-\$1,800; adult-\$2,100  <b>Orthodontic services performed by a specialist:</b> 75% of the usual fee (plan pays \$0)



# VISION INSURANCE



Your health insurance plan covers some vision and eye health services, including an annual eye exam and treatment for diseases of the eye (see chart below).

GBP health plans do not cover the cost of eyeglasses or contact lenses. For this type of coverage, you and your eligible dependents can enroll in State of Texas Vision<sup>SM</sup> for an additional monthly premium. (Besides the eye exam, any additional vision offerings through the health plans are value-added benefits. ERS does not guarantee the length of time that a specific value-added product will be offered.)

Administered by Superior Vision Services, State of Texas Vision covers an eye exam, contact lens fitting and other eyewear options. The plan includes an allowance for eyeglass frames or contact lenses, as well as discounts for LASIK. The State of Texas Vision plan gives you an annual \$200 retail allowance to use towards either contact lenses OR eyeglasses (frames and lenses) in the same plan year. For example, if you choose to use your \$200 allowance to purchase contact lenses, you will not have an allowance for eyeglasses for the remainder of the year. For a complete list of plan benefits and a list of providers, visit [StateOfTexasVision.com](http://StateOfTexasVision.com).

## Vision coverage comparison chart, in-network services

Listed benefits are available for the plan year period, unless indicated. Benefits differ for out-of-network providers. See your health plan materials for details.

	State of Texas Vision	HealthSelect of Texas	Consumer Directed HealthSelect
<b>Routine eye exam</b>	\$15 copay	\$40 copay	After deductible is met: 20% coinsurance Before deductible is met: possibly the full cost of the exam
<b>Frames</b>	\$200 retail allowance in-network \$75 retail allowance out-of-network	Not covered	Not covered
<b>Standard contact lens fitting*</b>	\$25 copay	Not covered	Not covered
<b>Specialty contact lens fitting*</b>	\$35 copay	Not covered	Not covered
<b>Single-vision lenses</b>	\$10 copay	Not covered	Not covered
<b>Bifocal lenses</b>	\$15 copay	Not covered	Not covered
<b>Trifocal lenses</b>	\$20 copay	Not covered	Not covered
<b>Progressives</b>	\$70 copay	Not covered	Not covered
<b>Polycarbonate</b>	\$50 copay	Not covered	Not covered
<b>Scratch coat</b> (factory, single sided)	\$10 copay	Not covered	Not covered
<b>Ultraviolet coating</b>	\$10 copay	Not covered	Not covered
<b>Tint</b>	\$10 copay	Not covered	Not covered
<b>Standard antireflective coating</b>	\$40 copay	Not covered	Not covered
<b>Contact lenses**</b>	\$200 retail allowance in-network \$150 retail allowance out-of-network	Not covered	Not covered

\*A contact lens fitting exam has its own copay and is separate from the eye exam copay. Standard contact lens fitting applies to a current contact lens user who wears disposable, daily wear, or extended wear lenses only. Specialty contact lens fitting applies to new contact wearers and/or a participant who wears toric, gas permeable, or multi-focal lenses.

\*\*Contact lenses are in lieu of the eyeglass lenses and frame benefit. This allowance can be used once per plan year for either frames OR contact lenses. If you use the \$200 allowance for contact lenses, you cannot use it for eyeglass frames. All costs and allowances are retail; you are responsible for any charges in excess of the retail allowances. If you purchase your frames or contacts from an out-of-network provider, you can be reimbursed at the out-of-network rate of up to \$75 retail for frames or up to \$150 retail for contact lenses.



## FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS

**TEXFLEX**<sup>SM</sup> By participating in one or more of the TexFlex<sup>SM</sup> flexible spending accounts (FSAs), you can set aside pre-tax dollars from your paycheck to cover eligible out-of-pocket health care and/or dependent care expenses not reimbursed from another source. Your TexFlex contribution is automatically withdrawn from your paycheck and deposited into your account each month.

During your Summer Enrollment phase, you can change the amount you contribute to your FSA. After you review your annual election needs, if you do not make a change during Summer Enrollment, the annual amount you contribute to your account(s) next plan year will stay the same as this plan year.

After you enroll in a TexFlex health care or limited-purpose FSA, you will get a debit card in the mail. You can use it to pay for eligible out-of-pocket expenses not reimbursed by another source, but you cannot use it to pay for dependent care. There is no cost to you to use the debit card.

Because TexFlex FSAs are tax-free, the IRS requires all purchases with TexFlex funds to be validated. PayFlex<sup>®</sup> Systems, Inc., the TexFlex plan administrator, may ask you to submit proof that you used your TexFlex debit card to pay for eligible expenses. **Be sure to save your receipts or explanation of benefits (EOB).**

If eligible, active employees can enroll in either a health-care FSA or a limited-purpose FSA and also enroll in a dependent care FSA. See the following charts for rules that apply to each type of account.

### Why contribute to an FSA?

Contributions to a flexible spending account are deducted before you pay income taxes. Because FSAs lower your taxable income, you save on taxes.

### Leftover TexFlex dollars?

Current health care FSA and limited-purpose FSA participants can carry over up to \$550 in unused funds from Plan Year 2022 (ending Aug. 31, 2022) to Plan Year 2023 (starting Sept. 1, 2022). Any unused Plan Year 2022 funds over \$550 will be forfeited. If you have a health care or limited-purpose FSA in Plan Year 2023, you can carry over up to \$570 from Plan Year 2023 (ending Aug. 31, 2023) to Plan Year 2024 (starting Sept. 1, 2023).

The dependent care FSA does not have a carryover, but participants have a 2½-month grace period after the plan year ends to incur eligible dependent care expenses. For the current plan year that ends Aug. 31, 2022, dependent care FSA participants can incur eligible expenses through Nov. 15, 2022. Any Plan Year 2022 funds not incurred by Nov. 15, 2022 will be forfeited. Claims must be submitted before the end of the runout period ending December 31, 2022.





# Flexible spending accounts in Plan Year 2023

## Health care, limited-purpose and dependent care

	Health care FSA	Limited-purpose FSA (Consumer Directed HealthSelect participants only)	Dependent care FSA
<b>Eligible expenses</b> See complete list at <a href="https://texflex.payflex.com">https://texflex.payflex.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copays, coinsurance and other out-of-pocket medically necessary charges not covered by insurance or reimbursed by another source</li> <li>Prescription drug deductible and copays</li> <li>Over-the-counter medicine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vision and dental expenses not covered by insurance or reimbursed by another source</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Day care, after-school care and summer day camp for dependent children under age 13</li> <li>Adult day care programs for qualifying individuals</li> </ul>
<b>Maximum annual contribution</b>	\$2,850 per participant	\$2,850 per participant	\$5,000 per household
<b>Funds availability</b>	Full election available Sept. 1	Full election available Sept. 1	Funds available monthly as contributions are made
<b>Debit card (no fee)</b>	Yes	Yes	No
<b>Carryover of funds or grace period</b>	Up to \$570 in carryover is allowed from Plan Year 2023 (ending Aug. 31, 2023) to Plan Year 2024 (starting Sept. 1, 2023). Unspent Plan Year 2023 funds above \$570 will be forfeited.	Up to \$570 in carryover is allowed from Plan Year 2023 (ending Aug. 31, 2023) to Plan Year 2024 (starting Sept. 1, 2023). Unspent Plan Year 2023 funds above \$570 will be forfeited.	There is a 2½-month grace period from Sept. 1 through Nov. 15, 2023. Any Plan Year 2023 funds not spent by Nov. 15, 2023 will be forfeited.
<b>Runout period</b>	Submit claims for eligible expenses you paid between Sept. 1, 2022 and Aug. 31, 2023 by Dec. 31, 2023.	Submit claims for eligible expenses you paid between Sept. 1, 2022 and Aug. 31, 2023 by Dec. 31, 2023.	Submit claims for eligible expenses you paid between Sept. 1, 2022 and Nov. 15, 2023 by Dec. 31, 2023.





## TEXA\$AVER

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401(k) / 457 Program

While you can open and make changes to a Texa\$aver account anytime, Summer Enrollment is a great time to

sign up or make changes to your elections.

Your State of Texas Retirement annuity and Social Security benefits are only part of a financially secure retirement. With Texa\$aver, you can boost your retirement savings through a tax-advantaged account that offers investment flexibility and lower-than-average fees.

Learn more at [www.ers.texas.gov/Active-Employees/Retirement/Texa\\$aver-401\(k\)-457-Program](http://www.ers.texas.gov/Active-Employees/Retirement/Texa$aver-401(k)-457-Program).

### Questions about Texa\$aver?

Texa\$aver counselors are always available to answer questions and help with account changes. Visit the Texa\$aver website at [www.texasaver.com](http://www.texasaver.com) to schedule an online meeting, or contact a representative toll-free at (800) 634-5091, Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. CT.

# OPTIONAL TERM LIFE AND VOLUNTARY AD&D INSURANCE



Your health coverage through ERS includes \$5,000 of Basic Term Life Insurance, with \$5,000 of accidental death & dismemberment (AD&D) coverage at no cost to you. This limited coverage probably will not be enough to cover end-of-life and funeral costs or provide for any family who survive you. If you want your family or other people who depend on your salary to have more financial security if you die, you should consider additional life insurance.

## Optional Term Life Insurance

During Summer Enrollment, you can apply for additional life insurance through evidence of insurability (EOI, see information at right) in increments based on your annual salary, with a matching amount of AD&D insurance. You may choose coverage from one to four times your annual salary, up to \$400,000.

Securian's calculator at [web1.lifebenefits.com/sites/lbwem/ers/learn-more/how-much-life-insurance-is-enough](http://web1.lifebenefits.com/sites/lbwem/ers/learn-more/how-much-life-insurance-is-enough) can help you decide how much life insurance coverage you might need. Premiums and coverage amounts are based on the salary reported to ERS for September 1, 2022.

## Dependent Term Life Insurance

For an additional monthly premium, you can apply through EOI (see information at right) to enroll your eligible dependents in dependent term life and AD&D insurance.

If your dependents are approved, the benefit includes \$5,000 term life with \$5,000 AD&D for each covered family member. The benefit will be paid to you upon the death of a covered dependent or in the event of certain accidental injuries. Your monthly premium covers all your eligible dependents, but you must list each dependent on your policy.

## Voluntary AD&D Insurance

Voluntary Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D) Insurance can provide additional financial protection for you and your family in the event of certain accidental injuries or accidental death. You can choose insurance from \$10,000 up to \$200,000 in increments of \$5,000.

You can sign up for coverage for yourself only, or for yourself and your eligible dependents. EOI is not required for AD&D coverage.

- If you die as the direct result of an accidental bodily injury, your beneficiaries receive the full coverage amount.
- Enrolled family members are covered at partial benefit levels.
- If you have an accident and suffer any of the covered injuries, such as loss of a hand, a foot or sight of one eye, you will receive a benefit up to the full amount of coverage.
- If an insured family member loses a hand, a foot or sight of one or both eyes in an accident, they will receive a percentage of the benefits if you have coverage for that family member.

## Evidence of insurability

When you request to enroll in optional term life, dependent term life and/or disability insurance after your first 31 days of employment, you must provide evidence of insurability (EOI). EOI is an application process in which you provide information about your health or that of your dependents. You or your dependents may be denied coverage based on information in the EOI application.

## How to submit your EOI

Initiate the EOI process online after you request to enroll in life and/or disability insurance. You can choose whether you want the EOI underwriter to communicate with you by email or mail. Then:

- The EOI underwriter will provide instructions for submitting your EOI application.
- You must answer all questions on the EOI application truthfully and completely. Missing information can delay the process.
- If needed, the EOI underwriter will request additional information to make a decision on your application.

For questions about the EOI process for life insurance, contact Securian toll-free at (877) 494-1716, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

## Coverage start dates

If you initiate EOI during Summer Enrollment and are approved, your coverage will begin on:

- September 1, 2022, if the EOI approval is dated before September 1 or
- the first day of month following EOI approval if the approval is dated on or after September 1.

# DISABILITY INSURANCE



The Texas Income Protection Plan<sup>SM</sup> (TIPP) provides money to help you pay your bills if an accident or health-related condition makes it impossible for you to work. Reed Group Management, LLC is the administrator for TIPP disability insurance; evidence of insurability (EOI) is underwritten by Guardian Life Insurance.

- Short-term disability insurance provides a maximum benefit of 66% of your salary, with a cap of \$6,600 per month for those whose monthly working salary is more than \$10,000. For example, if your monthly salary is \$4,000, the highest amount you'll get for short-term disability is \$2,640 per month. Benefits are paid up to a total of 150 days after you complete the waiting period.
- Long-term disability insurance provides a maximum benefit of 60% of your monthly salary, with a cap of \$6,000 per month for those whose monthly working salary is more than \$10,000. For example, if your salary is \$3,500 per month, your monthly long-term disability payment would be \$2,100. Benefits are paid until you return to work, reach full Social Security retirement age or are no longer considered disabled under the plan. If you become disabled at 69 or older, benefits are payable for up to 12 months. **(Note:** For some mental diseases and disorders, the maximum benefit period for disability is two years.)

If you are eligible for Social Security Disability Insurance, Workers' Compensation payments, ERS disability retirement benefits, Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) disability retirement benefits and/or other disability payments, your short-term and long-term disability payments may be reduced.

For questions about EOI for disability insurance, contact TIPP toll-free at **(855) 604-6230**, Monday – Friday 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. CT.

## Take note



- Pre-existing conditions are subject to certain exclusions.
- You must use all of your sick leave (including extended sick leave, sick leave pool and donated sick leave) or complete a waiting period (30 days for short-term, 180 days for long-term), whichever option is longest, before disability benefits will be paid.
- Please review the plan documents before applying for TIPP disability insurance.
- TIPP coverage is not available to family members.

## TIPP disability insurance

	Short-term disability coverage	Long-term disability coverage
Monthly benefits	66% of your monthly salary, up to a \$6,600 benefit each month	60% of your monthly salary, up to a \$6,000 benefit each month
Potential benefit reduction	Benefits are reduced if you get other disability payments. The minimum benefit is 10% of your monthly salary.	Benefits are reduced if you get other disability payments. The minimum benefit is 10% of your monthly salary.
When do benefits start?	After a waiting period of 30 consecutive days or after you've used all your sick leave (whichever is longer); sick leave can be used during the 30-day waiting period	After a waiting period of 180 consecutive days or after you've used all your sick leave (whichever is longer); sick leave can be used during the 180-day waiting period
How long are benefits paid?	Up to 150 days after the completion of your waiting period	Until you are able to return to work or until you reach your Maximum Benefits Period (based on the age you become disabled) or based on the condition causing your disability



# SUMMER ENROLLMENT FAIRS AND WEBINARS

ERS and plan administrators will host Summer Enrollment fairs around the state to help you make informed decisions about your benefits. You may attend any of the fairs—not just those at your agency or higher education institution. All in-person ERS presentations begin at 10:30 a.m. CT.

If you prefer not to attend an in-person event, ERS and GBP plan administrators will also host several hour-long Summer Enrollment webinars. You can participate in as many webinars as you wish from the convenience of your home, or anywhere you have internet access. Q&A sessions led by plan administrators will feature a brief overview of the plans followed by time for questions. (Plan representatives can answer general questions; if you have a specific question about your account or a claim, contact the plan's customer service number.)

Register for a Summer Enrollment event at <https://ers.texas.gov/Event-Calendars>.

**PLEASE NOTE:** In rare cases, ERS must cancel or change events due to issues beyond our control. When possible, we will provide notice of cancellations and/or changes on the ERS website. If you're planning to join a webinar, check the ERS Events webpage ([www.ers.texas.gov/Event-Calendars](https://www.ers.texas.gov/Event-Calendars)) shortly before the event for any updates. Other webinars may be added. Visit the Summer Enrollment webpage at [www.ers.texas.gov/summer-enrollment-2022](https://www.ers.texas.gov/summer-enrollment-2022) to check for schedule updates and to access webinar recordings.

## In-person Summer Enrollment fairs (All fairs will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. CT.)

Date	Host and Location
June 21	<b>Texas Department of Transportation</b> 1601 Southwest Parkway • Wichita Falls, 76302
June 22	<b>Texas Department of Transportation</b> 1365 N. Main St. • Paris, 75460
	<b>Texas Commission on Environmental Quality</b> 12100 Park 35 Circle • Austin, 78753
June 23	<b>Texas Department of Transportation</b> 4625 E. Highway 80 • Mesquite, 75150
June 24	<b>Texas Department of Criminal Justice</b> 491 State Highway 75 • Huntsville, 77320
June 28	<b>Lone Star College</b> 5000 Research Forest Dr. • The Woodlands, 77381
June 29	<b>Houston Community College</b> 5601 West Loop South • Houston, 77081
June 30	<b>University of Houston – Victoria</b> 3007 N. Ben Wilson St. • Victoria, 77901

Date	Host and Location
July 6	<b>Texas Tech University Health Science Center</b> 3601 4th St. • Lubbock, 79430
July 7	<b>Amarillo College</b> 2201 S. Washington St. • Amarillo, 79109
	<b>Texas Parks and Wildlife Department</b> 4200 Smith School Rd. • Austin, 78744
July 8	<b>Texas Education Agency</b> 1701 N. Congress Ave. • Austin, 78701
July 12	<b>South Texas College</b> 3201 W. Pecan Blvd. • McAllen, 78501
July 13	<b>Texas State Technical College</b> 1902 N. Loop 499 • Harlingen, 78550
July 15	<b>College of the Mainland</b> 1200 Amburn Rd. • Texas City, 77591

## Summer Enrollment webinars

Register for a webinar at [www.ers.texas.gov/Event-Calendars](https://www.ers.texas.gov/Event-Calendars). Once you register, you will get the login information via email.

Topic	Presenter(s)	Dates and times (All times are Central, and all webinars last one hour.)		
<b>Summer Enrollment Overview</b>	ERS	June 20; 10 a.m. June 30; 2 p.m.	July 5; 10 a.m. July 11; 2 p.m.	July 18; 10 a.m.
<b>HealthSelect of Texas®</b>	Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas	June 20; 2 p.m.	June 28; 10 a.m.	July 14; 2 p.m.
<b>Consumer Directed HealthSelect<sup>SM</sup></b>	Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas Optum Bank	June 21; 10 a.m.	July 8; 2 p.m.	July 13; 2 p.m.
<b>HealthSelect<sup>SM</sup> Prescription Drug Program</b>	OptumRx	July 1; 10 a.m.	July 15; 10 a.m.	
<b>Dental Plans</b>	Delta Dental	June 22; 10 a.m.	July 1; 2 p.m.	July 12; 2 p.m.
<b>State of Texas Vision<sup>SM</sup></b>	Superior Vision	June 23; 10 a.m.	July 6; 2 p.m.	July 19; 10 a.m.
<b>Term Life and AD&amp;D Insurance</b>	Securian Financial	June 24; 2 p.m.	July 6; 10 a.m.	July 21; 10 a.m.
<b>Texas Income Protection Plan<sup>SM</sup></b>	ReedGroup	June 23; 2 p.m.	July 7; 10 a.m.	July 20; 10 a.m.
<b>TexFlex<sup>SM</sup></b>	PayFlex	June 27; 10 a.m.	July 5; 2 p.m.	July 15; 2 p.m.

# CONTACTS

## Health

Plan	Administrator	Phone number	Website
<b>HealthSelect of Texas®</b> <b>HealthSelect<sup>SM</sup> Out-of-State</b> <b>Consumer Directed</b> <b>HealthSelect<sup>SM</sup></b>	Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas Group number – 238000	Toll-free: (800) 252-8039 (TTY: 711) Nurseline: (800) 581-0368	<a href="http://www.healthselectoftexas.com">www.healthselectoftexas.com</a>
<b>HealthSelect<sup>SM</sup> Prescription Drug Program</b>	OptumRx	Toll-free: (855) 828-9834 (TTY: 711)	<a href="http://www.HealthSelectRx.com">www.HealthSelectRx.com</a>
<b>Consumer Directed HealthSelect health savings account (HSA)</b>	Optum Bank	Toll-free: (800) 791-9361 (TTY: 711)	<a href="http://www.optumbank.com">www.optumbank.com</a>

## Dental

<b>State of Texas Dental Choice Plan<sup>SM</sup></b>	Delta Dental Group Number – 20010	Toll-free: (888) 818-7925 (TTY: 711)	<a href="http://www.ERSdentalplans.com">www.ERSdentalplans.com</a>
<b>DeltaCare® USA DHMO</b>	Delta Dental Group Number – 79140		

## Vision

<b>State of Texas Vision<sup>SM</sup></b>	Superior Vision Services, Inc. Group number – 35040	Toll-free: (877) 396-4128 (TTY: 711)	<a href="http://www.StateofTexasVision.com">www.StateofTexasVision.com</a>
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## Life and Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance

<b>Basic Term Life Insurance</b> <b>Optional Term Life Insurance</b> <b>Dependent Term Life Insurance</b> <b>Voluntary AD&amp;D Insurance</b>	Securian Financial	Toll-free: (877) 494-1716 (TTY: 711)	<a href="http://www.lifebenefits.com/plandesign/ers">www.lifebenefits.com/plandesign/ers</a>
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## Short-term and long-term disability insurance

<b>Texas Income Protection Plan<sup>SM</sup> (TIPP)</b>	Reed Group Management, LLC Evidence of Insurability underwritten by Guardian Life Insurance	Toll-free: (855) 604-6230 (TTY: 711)	<a href="http://www.texasincomeprotectionplan.com">www.texasincomeprotectionplan.com</a>
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## Other programs

<b>TexFlex<sup>SM</sup> flexible spending account (FSA) program</b>	PayFlex® Security, Inc.	Toll-free: (866) 353-9839 (TTY: 711)	<a href="http://www.texflexers.com">www.texflexers.com</a>
<b>Texa\$aver<sup>SM</sup> 401(k) / 457 Program</b>	Empower Retirement	Toll-free: (800) 634-5091 (TTY: (800) 766-4952)	<a href="http://www.texasaver.com">www.texasaver.com</a>
<b>Discount Purchase Program</b>	Beneplace	Toll-free: (800) 683-2886 (TTY: 711) Local: (512) 346-3300	<a href="http://www.Beneplace.com/DiscountProgramERS">www.Beneplace.com/DiscountProgramERS</a>

The Employees Retirement System of Texas (ERS) complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex. ERS provides free language aids and services, such as: written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, and other formats), qualified interpreters, and written information in other languages.

If you need these services, call: 1-877-275-4377, TDD: 711.

If you believe that ERS has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can file a grievance by mail, fax or email:

Mail: Section 1557 Coordinator Employees Retirement System of Texas  
P.O. Box 13207, Austin, Texas 78711. Fax: 512-867-3480.

Email: [1557coordinator@ers.texas.gov](mailto:1557coordinator@ers.texas.gov)

For more information visit: <http://www.ers.texas.gov>

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services online, by mail or by phone at:

Online: <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>

Complaint forms are available at: <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.

Mail: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, D.C. 20201.

Phone: 1-800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD).

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