

2026 Open Enrollment Kickoff

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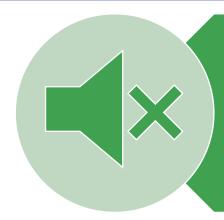


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- Moderator will read Q&A at end

Kickoff Agenda

Staff Introductions 2026 Health Plan Changes Health Insurance Program Dental & Supplemental Benefits

Pre-tax Savings Accounts Open Enrollment Materials

Resources

Q&A

ETF Staff Introductions

Meet the staff behind the event



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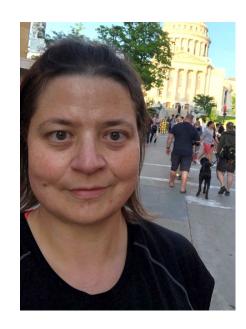
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2026 Open Enrollment Period

October 6 - October 31, 2025



Health Plan Changes

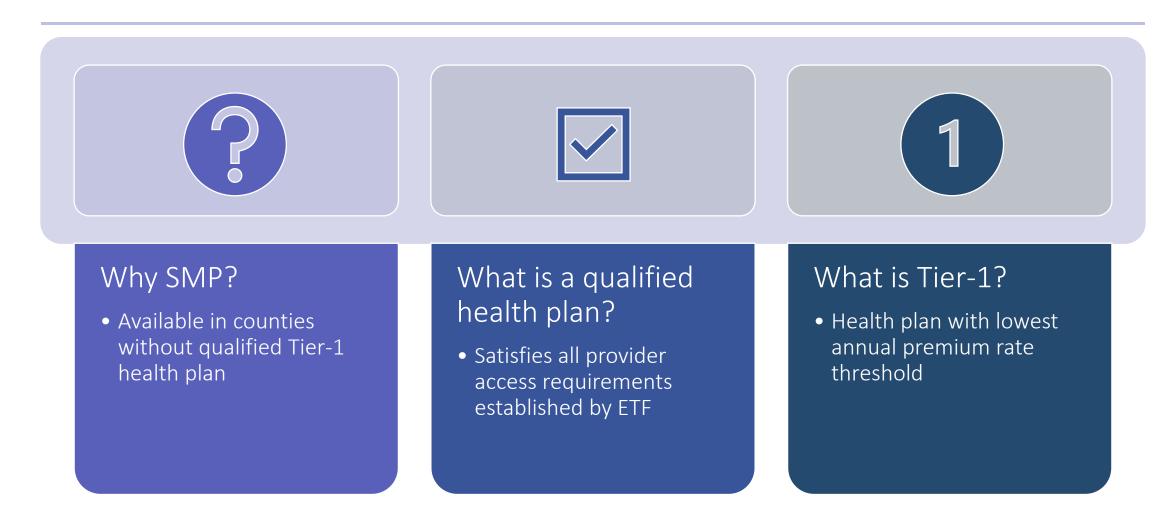
- Health Plan Name Changes
- State Maintenance Plan (SMP)
 Counties



Health Plan Name Changes

2025 Name 2026 Name Common Ground Healthcare CareSource Cooperative Dean Health Plan – Medica West and Medica West and Mayo Clinic Health Mayo Clinic System Dean Health Plan – Prevea360 East Prevea360 East Dean Health Plan Dean Health Plan by Medica Access Plan by Dean Access Plan State Maintenance Plan (SMP) by State Maintenance Plan (SMP) Dean Health Plan

State Maintenance Plan (SMP)



State Maintenance Plan (SMP) Cont'd





Administration & Providers:

- Administered by Dean Health Plan
- Local providers partnered with Dean

Availability:

- State: Florence County
- Local: 48 Counties (map next slide)

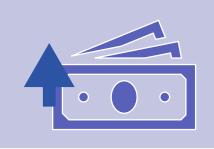
Health Insurance Program

- Premiums & Contribution Rates
- Medical Benefit Changes
- Wellness
- Reminders



State & Local

2026 State Premium Summary







Group Insurance Board approved premium increase for plan year 2026. State *employee*contribution
determined by
Division of Personnel
Management.

Full premium rates posted to Employer

<u>Group Health</u>

<u>Insurance</u> page.

Why Did Premiums Increase?

The average health insurance premium increases:

- 8% for state government employees
- 11.5% for local government employees

Key drivers for 2026 premium increase:

- Increased pharmacy cost particularly specialty drugs
- Inflation costs are higher
- Stabilization of the Reserve Fund
- Administrative costs

Health Premium Increases for 2026 Plan Year

- Health Premium Increases for 2026 Plan Year page:
 - Available from the 2026 Insurance Changes page
 - Featured on the Insurance and Health & Pharmacy pages

↑ / Health Premium Increases for 2026 Plan Year

Health Premium Increases for 2026 Plan Year

The Group Insurance Board set health premium rates for 2026. Actual monthly premium costs by plan will be included in the open enrollment materials, which will be posted closer to the annual open enrollment period (October 6-31, 2025).

Reasons for Premium Increase

The increases next year are primarily driven by three factors:

Rising Healthcare Costs



Healthcare costs, including medical, pharmacy, and dental, have increased across the insurance industry. These increases are projected to continue along with inflation, affecting all elements of healthcare, including provider wages, medical supplies, etc.

Stabilizing the Reserve Fund



The Board has a reserve fund for the Group Health Insurance Program. The reserves are used to pay prescription and dental claims and operations, as well as protect the program against possible adverse experience and negative market trends. The reserve funds are affected by investment returns.

Up until 2023, the Board used reserve funds to reduce premium rates. In 2024, reserve funds dropped too low to continue reducing premiums, so the Board began implementing a strategy to refund the reserves. This will continue for the next few years, pending changes in program costs and/or investment returns.

Administrative Costs



Administrative fees pay for operational costs to run the program, including compliance audits, actuarial services, ETF staff solaries, maintaining the data warehouse, and systems. ETF is in the process of implementing an Insurance Administration System (IAS), and the cost of IAS has contributed to the overall increase in administrative fees.

2026 State Active Employee Share

	IYC Health Plan	High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP)	Access Plan	Access HDHP
2026 Individual / Family	\$132/\$329	\$49/\$122	\$335/\$833	\$252/\$626
2025 Individual / Family	\$124/\$307	\$46/\$114	\$296/\$734	\$218/\$541

Rates include Uniform Dental

Uniform Dental Premiums

The Uniform Dental premium is added to a member's health insurance premium.



Year	Individual Rate	Family Rate
2026	\$4	\$11
2025	\$4	\$10

2026 Medical Benefit Changes



Medical benefit changes effective
January 1, 2026

- Coverage for Continuous Glucose Monitors (CGMs) no longer covered under medical insurance
- CGMs only covered under pharmacy benefit (Navitus)

Current members with CGM through medical

- Contact provider to request subscription
- Affects ~20% of members with CGMs

2026 Annual Health Savings Account (HSA) Employer Contribution

Employees covered by HDHP for all of 2026 and eligible for employer contributions.

Contributions distributed evenly over year, in accordance with payroll schedule.

Contribution prorated if coverage begins after January 1.

Employer Contribution	2026	
Individual	\$852	
Family	\$1,704	

High Deductible Health Plan Change

HDHP & HDHP Access annual deductible increased to comply with federal requirements.

Deductible	2026	2025	Change
Individual	\$1,700	\$1,650	个 \$50
Family	\$3,400	\$3,300	个 \$100

Well Wisconsin Offerings



Health coaching for chronic conditions, mental health, physical activity, nutrition, stress, & more

Positively Me, weight management

Diabetes Prevention Program

It's Your Health: Diabetes (in collaboration with Navitus)

Mental health support with meQuilibrium and Togetherall

NEW: Kaia Health, pain management

Reminder: Opt-out Incentive Each Year

Ineligible for Opt-Out incentive: Considerations: Incentive is • Opted out in 2015 • Sick leave credits State employee taxable and forfeited upon Covered under Must opt out \$2,000 opt-out spread death **GHIP** each year • Ineligible for UDB incentive throughout • Graduate assistant year

Reminder: 2025 Incentive Deadline

Earn \$150 wellness incentive by Oct. 17, 2025 deadline:

Health assessment

Health check

Well-being activity

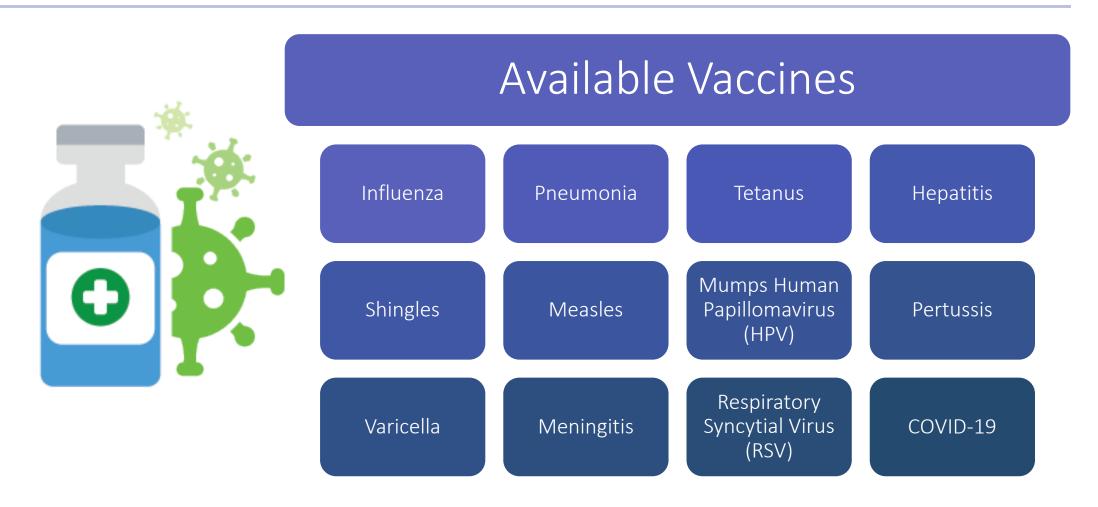


Administered by WebMD

webmdhealth.com/wellwisconsin

1-800-821-6591

Reminder: Vaccines Available In-Network Pharmacy



Reminder: Active Employees Retiring Oct. - Dec.

If intending to continue health insurance into retirement:

Submit OE elections directly to ETF via Box, email, fax, or mail

OE election changes take effect January 1

Applies to UWs retirees



Pre-tax Savings Accounts

- New Administrator for Pre-tax Savings Accounts
- Contribution Limits
- Minimum Annual Contribution and Carryover Amounts



New Vendor: TASC (Total Administrative Service Corporation)



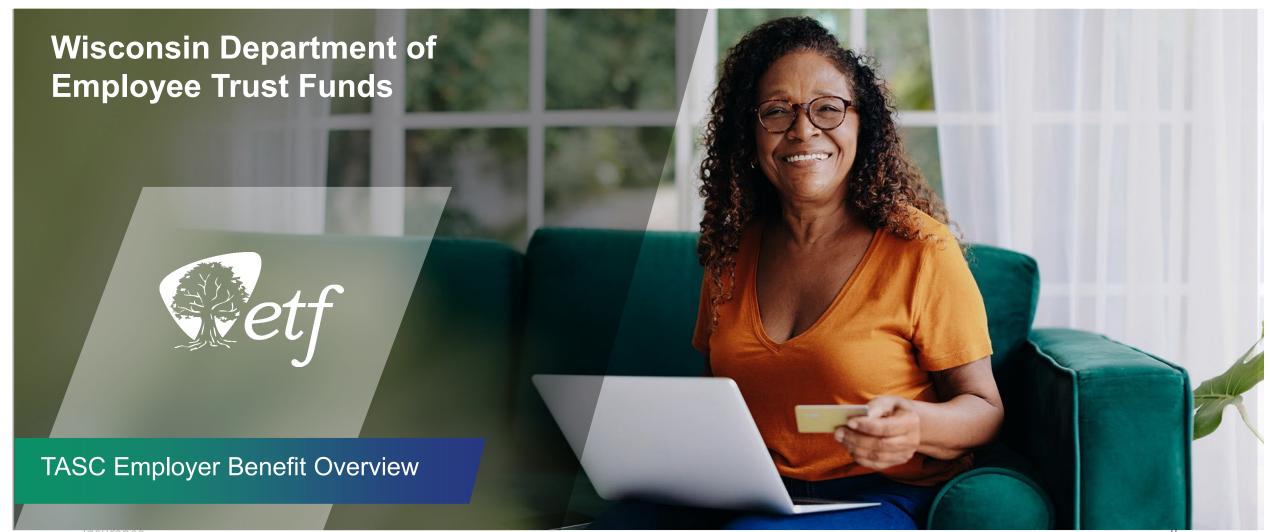
Active employees should contact employer for:

- Pre-tax Savings Accounts eligibility
- Paycheck deductions

Active employees should contact TASC for:

- Available for program-specific questions
- Contact info: 1-888-276-3174 www.etf-tasc.com





Types of FSA Plans

FSA plans allow members to use pre-tax dollars to pay for eligible expenses and save money



Health Care FSA



Helps to cover medical, dental, vision, prescription, and qualified over-the-counter items

Maximum: \$3,300Minimum: \$50Carryover: \$660

Limited Purpose FSA





Helps to cover dental and vision expenses, compatible with HSA plans

Maximum: \$3,300Minimum: \$50Carryover: \$660

Dependent Care



Helps to cover daycare expenses for tax dependents during work hours

Maximum: \$7,500 No Minimum No Carryover



Commuter Accounts





Ride Share



Bus



Train & Subway



Van Pool



Transit

UWHC in not eligible



\$325.00
Per Month
Maximum
\$50 Minimum
100% Rollover

Parking
UWHC in not eligible



\$325.00
Per Month
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Parking Garage



Monthly Parking Pass





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HSA

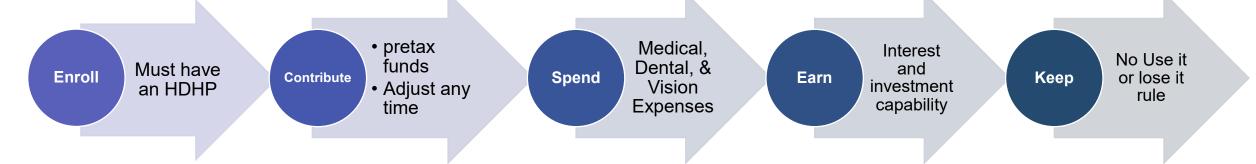
Health Savings Accounts



The Benefits of an HSA

HSA Account Checklist





An HSA helps members set aside savings they can use for today's needs or tomorrow's goals.



2026 HSA IRS Contribution Limits

Deciding how much to contribute



How much should you contribute?

Points to consider when deciding:

2026 IRS contribution limits

Individual: \$4,400

Family: \$8,750 No Minimum

2026 Employer contribution

Individual: \$852 Family: \$1,704

When members are 55 or older, and not enrolled in Medicare, they can fund an additional \$1,000 each year, called a catch-up contribution.



- ✓ Ongoing care costs
- ✓ Prescriptions
- ✓ Retirement
- ✓ Planned procedures
- √ Family members
- ✓ Planning for future family
- ✓ Health plan deductible



Support



Microsite: www.ETF-TASC.com

Relationship Manager: Jodi Carstensen

Employer Contact Email: stateofwi@tasconline.com

Member Contact Email: <u>ETF-service@TASConline.com</u>

Customer Care: (888) 276-3147



ETF Pre-tax Savings Accounts

Health Care Flexible Spending Account (FSA) Limited Purpose Flexible Spending Account (LPFSA)

Health Savings Account (HSA) Dependent Day
Care Account

Parking Account

Transit Account



Reminder: Must reenroll or have minimum carryover to participate

Health Savings Account (HSA) Required for State HDHP



State HDHP participants must enroll in the State sponsored HSA



Must re-enroll in HSA (even if rolling over HDHP from previous year)



State employers contribute to employee HSAs \$852 / \$1,704

Minimum Contribution & Carryover Requirements

\$50 minimum annual contribution

\$50 minimum carryover account balance required if member does not reenroll

Applies to

- Health Care Flexible Spending Account (FSA)
- Limited Purpose Flexible
 Spending Account (LPFSA)
- Parking Account
- Transit Account

2026 Contribution Limit Changes

Program	Contribution Limit	Change
Health Savings Account (HSA)	\$4,400 per year (individual) \$8,700 per year (family)	个 \$100 per year 个\$150 per year
Dependent Day Care Account	\$7,500 per year	个 \$2,500 per year
Health Care Flexible Spending Account (FSA) and Limited Purpose FSA	\$3,300 per year	个 \$100 per year
Parking Account and Transit Account	\$325 per month	个 \$10 per month

Supplemental Benefits

- Supplemental Dental
- Accident Plan
- Life Insurance
- Supplemental Vision
- Reminders



Supplemental Dental Premium

Active employees:

Coverage Level	Preventive	Select	Select Plus
Individual	\$37.18	\$9.08	\$22.24
Individual + Spouse		\$18.16	\$44.52
Individual + Child(ren)		\$12.24	\$41.32
Family	\$92.98	\$21.76	\$68.18

Accident Plan

Provides a cash payment to help cover out-of-pocket expenses.

Employees may continue this plan into retirement – portable up to age 70.





Coverage	Premium
Employee Only	\$3.92
Employee + Spouse	\$5.58
Employee + Child(ren)	\$7.52
Employee + Family	\$10.98

Reminder: Submit Accident Plan Claims



Must file claims with Securian to receive a benefit payout

Submit claims to Securian within 30 days.

Claim forms are available on the ETF Accident Plan page

Additional documentation may be required

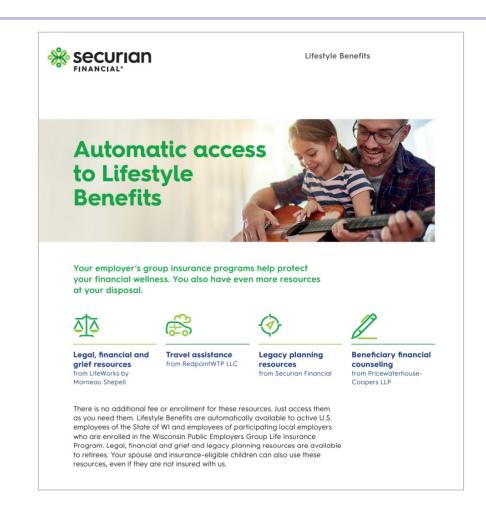
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Lifestyle Benefits

Available to members enrolled in life insurance and/or accident plan

- Travel assistance
- Legacy planning
- Beneficiary financial counseling
- Grief resources

Link to Lifestyle Benefits handout



New Supplemental Vision Vendor

New vendor: MetLife

No action needed for members currently enrolled

Covers annual eye exams & glasses or contacts allowances

No premium change

New providers: Costco, Warby Parker, and Davis Duehr Dean

• Members should check if their providers will be in network for 2026

Contact MetLife for program questions

Members will not receive an ID card from MetLife when enrolled

• Tell provider to contact MetLife.



Supplemental Vision Premium

Coverage Level	2026 Premiums	2025 Premiums
Individual	\$4.72	\$5.72
Individual + Spouse	\$9.40	\$11.42
Individual + Child(ren)	\$10.60	\$12.88
Family	\$16.94	\$20.58

Vision Insurance



Superior Vision by MetLife...savings, choice and convenience

In-network benefits for a wide range of covered services,^{V4} including eye exams, glasses and contact lenses

Discounts on lens enhancement options^{V6} and laser vision correction^{V1}

Free hearing exam and a discount of 40% off the national average for hearing aids^{V5}

Option to see any licensed ophthalmologists, optometrists and opticians at participating retail and private practice locations^{V7}

The top 50 retailers in-network, including America's Best Contacts & Eyeglasses, Costco Optical, Eyeglass World, LensCrafters, Pearle Vision, Target Optical, VisionWorks, Walmart and more V15

Popular online in-network eyewear stores, including Glasses.com, ContactsDirect, 1-800-contacts and Befitting

Out-of-network coverage





Vision Plan – Benefits Breakdown

Benefit Type	In-Network Coverage	Frequency
Eye exam (one per frequency)	Covered after a \$15 copay	Every 12 months
Materials/EyewearLenses for glasses or contactsFrames	\$25 copay \$25 copay	Every 12 months Every 24 months
Frame Allowance (20% off the additional amount over frame allowance. Available from all in-network private providers.)	Covered up to \$150 allowance after eyewear copay Additional \$25 allowance at select providers	Every 24 months
Contact Lenses Fitting and Evaluation Elective Lenses Medically Necessary Lenses	Standard fitting: Covered in full after a \$30 copay Premium fitting: \$50 retail allowance after a \$30 copay Covered up to \$150 allowance Covered after eyewear copay	Every 12 months
Standard Corrective Lenses • Single Vision • Lined bifocal/trifocal • Lenticular	Covered after \$40 eyewear copay	Every 12 months



Vision Plan – Benefits Breakdown Cont.

Benefit Type	Benefit Details
Diabetic Eyecare Plan Enhancement	 Provides additional services for members diagnosed with type 1 or 2 diabetes and have specific ophthalmological conditions.
Child Vision Care Plan Enhancement	 Covers children up to age 18 for one additional comprehensive exam, covered after any applicable copay. One additional pair of lenses or contact lenses
Additional Lens Enhancements	 Average 20-25% savings on all other lens enhancements
Additional Discounts on Glasses and Sunglasses	 20% savings on additional pairs of prescription glasses and nonprescription sunglasses, including lens enhancements.



Find a Vision Provider

With MetLife Vision insurance, choose from thousands of private practice optometrists & ophthalmologists nationwide, as well as many large retail chain stores. Find names, addresses, languages spoken & phone numbers of participating vision providers by searching our online Find a **Vision Provider** directory.



Step 1

Visit the MetLife Microsite and navigate to "Benefits"



Step 2: Select "Find a Vision Provider"



Step 3: Enter your search criteria.

https://metlife.pathfactory.com/s tate-of-wisconsin



Enter your location and search radius under the required information section. You can enter additional criteria in the optional section to further refine your search.



Superior Vision - Hearing Benefits

Get back into the conversation with better hearing health.

Take advantage of simple, painless hearing tests.

Ready to schedule a hearing care consultation?

Visit superiorvision.yourhearing.com

or contact us at: 1-888-494-1272



Service	Exclusive discount
Hearing Exam	FREE
Trial period	60-day money back guarantee
Follow-up care	1 year
Warranty	4- year service including one-year of loss & damage
Batteries	4-year supply included with each hearing aid purchase



Superior Vision – LASIK services



Laser technology

Blade-free IntraLase technology from QualSight enhances procedure safety and performance.



Convenience

Over 1,000 locations across QualSight's nationwide network of credentialed LASIK providers.



Potential savings

Save 20% – 35% off the national average price for traditional LASIK, with significant savings and fixed pricing on procedures, such as:

- Traditional LASIK: \$945 per eye
- Custom LASIK: \$1,295 per eye
- •Custom LASIK Bladeless: \$1,795 per eye
- Custom LASIK Bladeless with Lifetime Assurance: \$1,895 per eye



Interested in LASIK?

For more information, call 1-877-201-3602



Superior Vision – Out-of-Network

MyBenefits

Submit your out-of-network vision claim online

Use the MyBenefits Online form to submit a claim for the following:

- Services rendered by an out-of-network provider, or
- Services rendered by an in-network provider, where you took advantage of sales, coupons, or other instore specials.



Visit your Microsite and search for MyBenefits

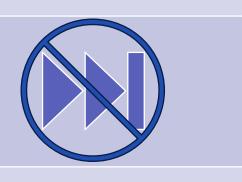
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Thank you.



Reminders - Supplemental Benefits







Dental, Vision, & Accident Plan benefits do not automatically continue into retirement.

Send <u>continuation</u> <u>forms</u> to appropriate vendor:

- Preventive, Select, or Select Plus: Delta Dental
- Vision: Metlife
- Accident Plan: Securian

Annuity Deductions

 Retirees may use to pay for vision, but not dental

Reminders

- Beneficiary designations
- ETF Update

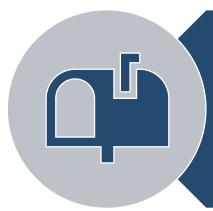


Submit Beneficiary Designation



Find the forms at etf.wi.gov

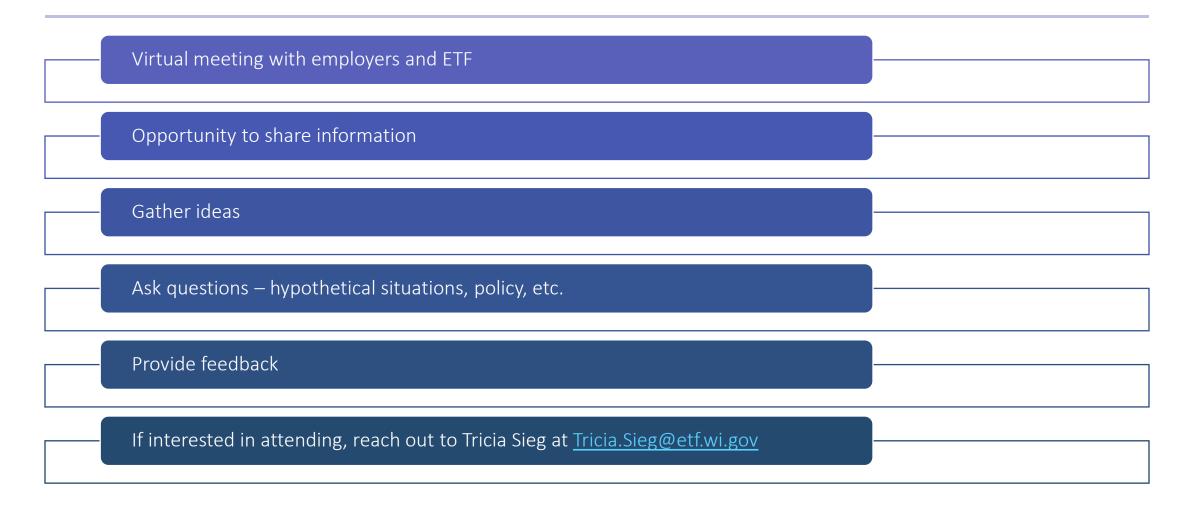
- ET-2320 Beneficiary Designation or
- <u>ET-2321</u> Beneficiary Designation Alternate



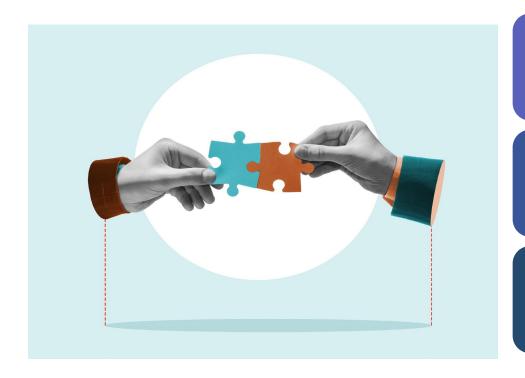
How to submit:

- Fax: 608-267-4549
- Mail: P.O. Box 7931, Madison, WI 53707
- Do NOT send to employer

What is ETF Update?



ETF Ombudsperson Services



Acts as a neutral party for benefit concerns

Goal is to offer a fair resolution for all parties

Required to adhere to program policies, contracts, and the law

ET-8935 Ombudsperson Program Brochure at etf.wi.gov

An ETF Ombudsperson CAN Help:

Denied claims or prior authorization for medical or pharmacy benefits

Unauthorized services, access to care, coordination of benefits and quality of care/quality of assurance

Enrollment, eligibility, disabled dependents, COBRA

Education about Grievance, Independent Review, and ETF Administrative Review process

An ETF Ombudsperson CANNOT:

Guarantee a favorable outcome

Change any plan's policy

Authorize claims payment

Make medical determinations

Make ETF policy or management decisions

How to Reach Ombudsperson Services

Contact Information

- Phone: 608-261-7947
- Email: ombudsperson@etf.wi.us
- Emails related to health benefits should be sent to Ombudsperson
- We will coordinate between appropriate staff in the Department

The email should include:

- Member's full name spelled out
- Member ID or Date of Birth
- Details of the issue
- Phone number or email for contact

 2-3 business days for a return call unless it is an urgent matter

Open Enrollment Materials

- 2026 Decision Guide Overview
- Insurance Benefits Webpage Enhancements



Resources

- Videos
- Insurance Benefits Forums



ETF Videos

Choosing a Plan
Design

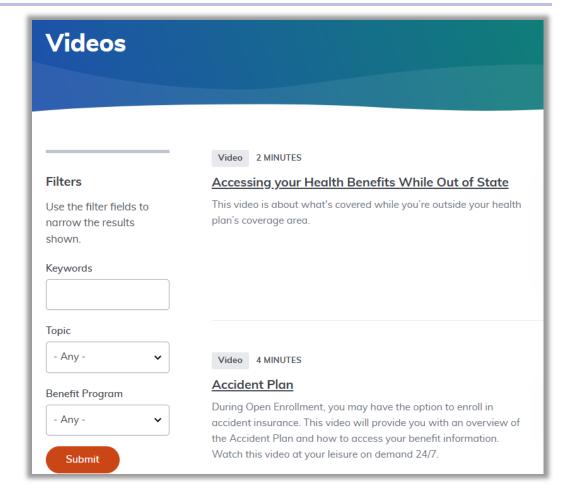
Dental Insurance

Vision Insurance

Health Insurance & Pharmacy

Accessing Your
Health Benefits
While Out of State

Pre Tax Savings
Accounts



2026 Insurance Benefits Forum



Vendor Forum Notes

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays Pre-registration is necessary to attend Reminder: No PII/PHI permitted

UWs-Only IAS & Open Enrollment



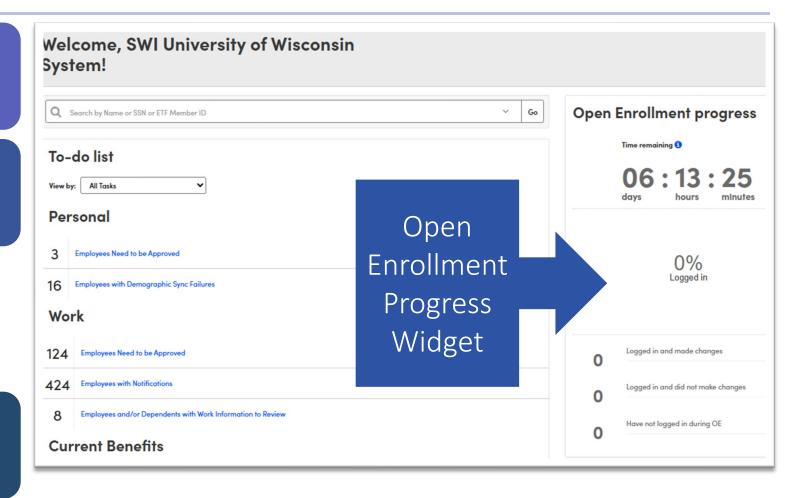
HR Admin During Open Enrollment

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OE Widget Data

- Time left in OE
- Logged in with changes
- Logged in without changes
- Not logged in during OE

Widget numbers for all employees across UWs

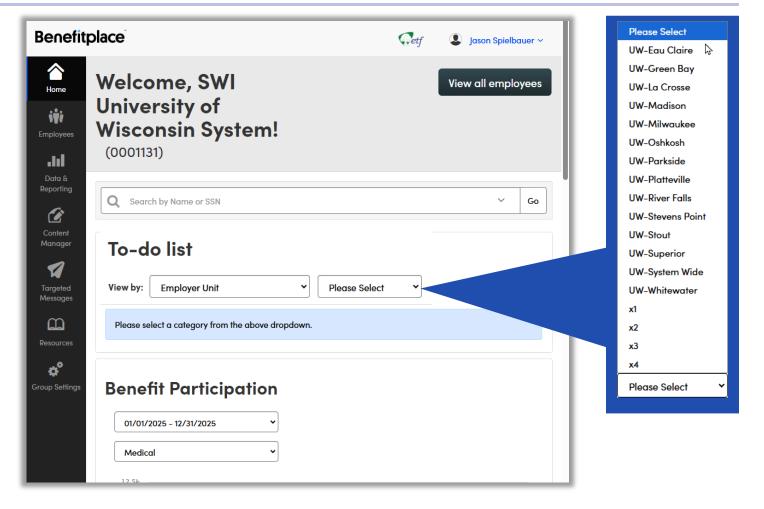


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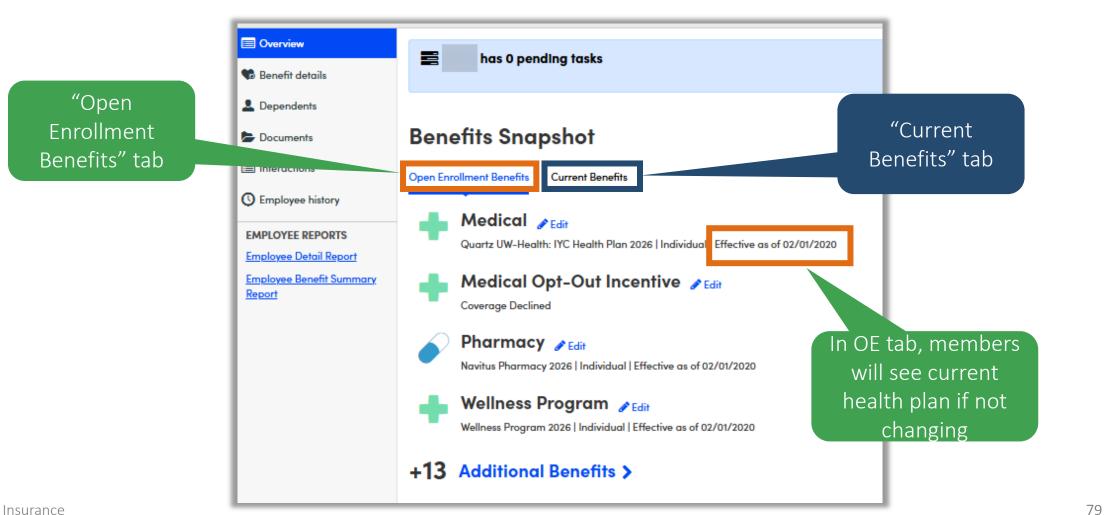
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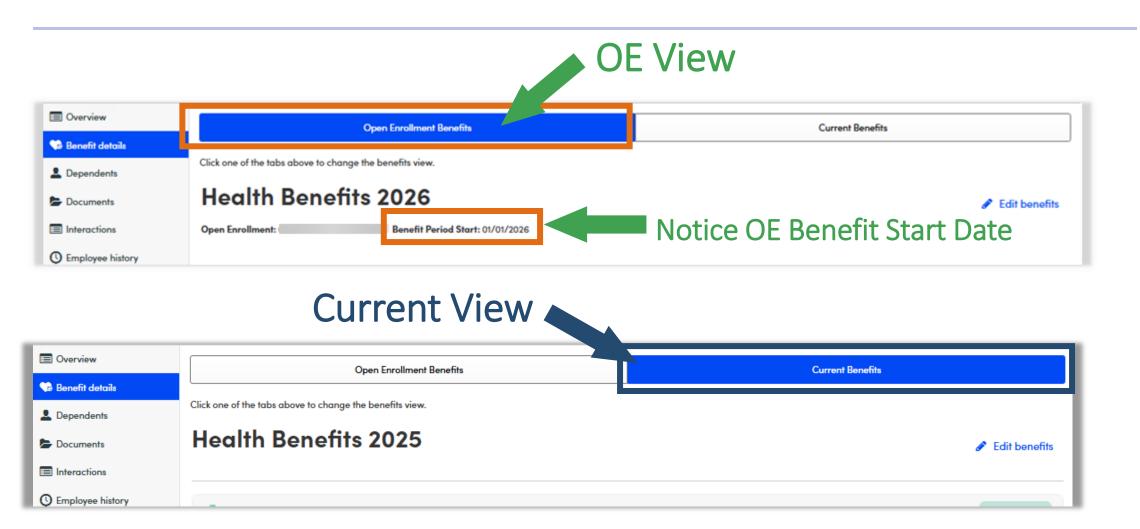
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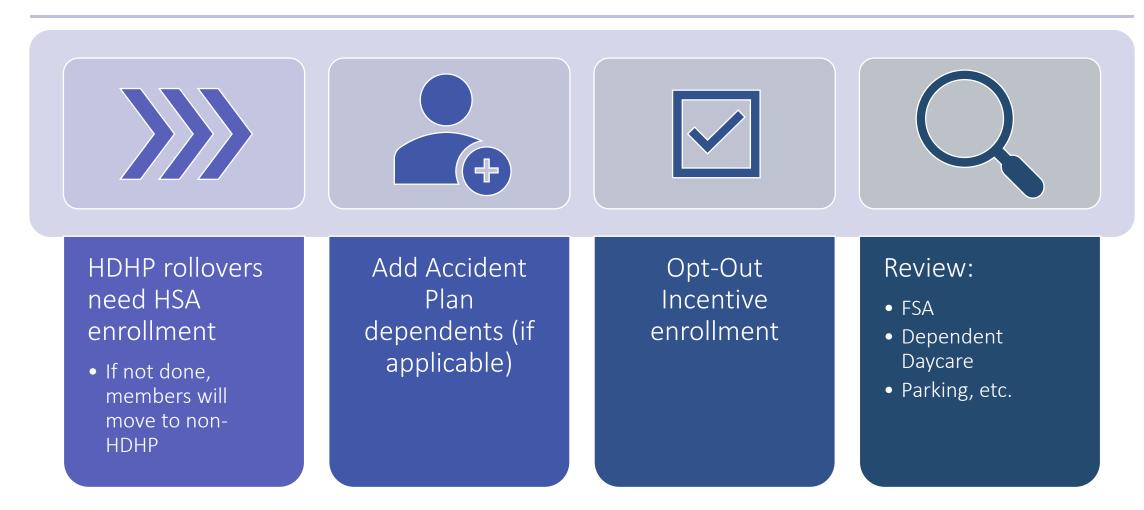
HR Admin View Inside Benefit Details Tab



UWs Employees: What Automatically Continues Next Year

Health plan (e.g. Quartz, Dean, etc.) Most supplemental elections (dental, vision, etc.) Coverage level (e.g. family or single) & dependents Life & ICI (not OE-eligible)

UWs Employee: Action Needed



New Hires During OE

Make new hire benefit elections *first*

- Use "Current Benefits" in My Insurance Benefits
- Follow protocol for dependent verification
- Will receive message confirming enrollment

Make open enrollment elections *second*

- Can make all normal OE elections
- OE elections take effect January 1, 2026

UWs Employee OE Experience



If changing from Single to Family coverage

• Add dependents first

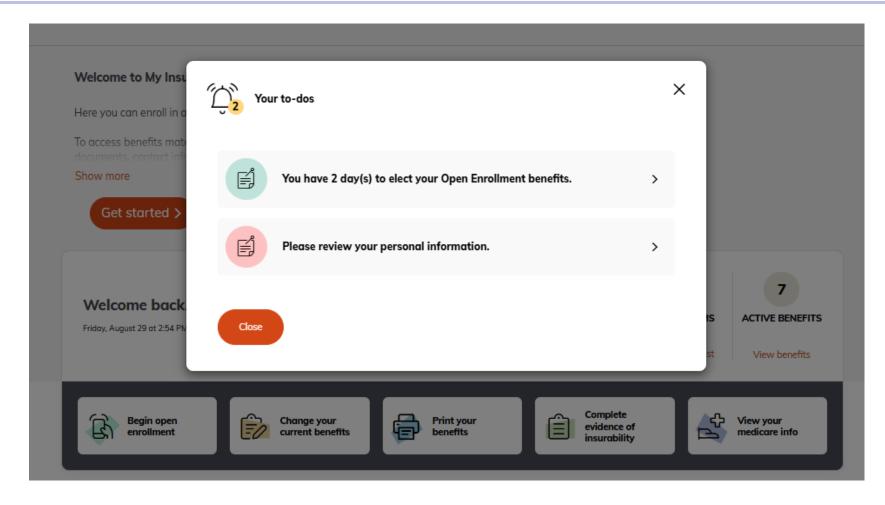


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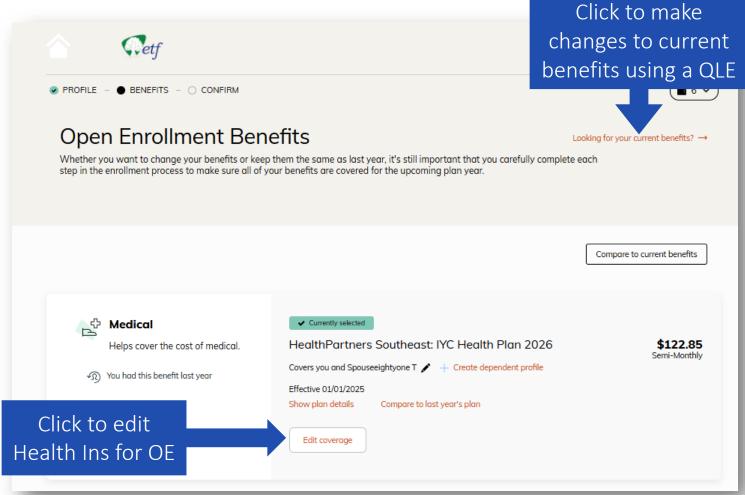


If changing coverage due to a QLE and OE – complete QLE changes first

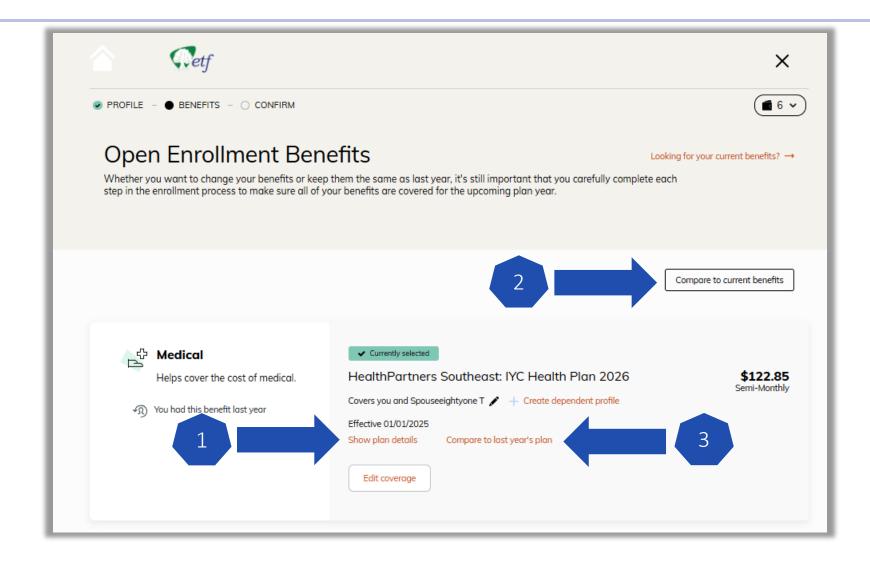
Member Experience:



Member Experience



Member Experience – Links on enrollment page



Survey

UWs-Only

Tue. September 23, 2025
Time: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Survey Link:
UWsWed092409am

State 1

Thu. September 25, 2025
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Survey Link:
State1Thu092509am

State 2

Tue. September 30, 2025
Time: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Survey Link:
State2Tue093001pm

Local 1

• Thu. September 25, 2025 Time: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Survey Link: Local1Thu092501pm

Local 2

Tue. September 30, 2025
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Survey Link:
Local2Tue093009am



Q&A Session

Enter questions into chat





Thank you





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