

# CENTER POINT ISD EMPLOYEE BENEFITS GUIDE

2022 - 2023 Plan Year



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Center Point ISD offers eligible employees a competitive benefits package that includes both district-paid and voluntary products. We have worked closely with First Financial (FFGA) to provide you with a variety of benefits and resources to help you reach your healthcare and retirement needs. Details of all available benefits can be found on the Employee Benefits Center website, https://ffbenefits.ffga.com/centerpointisd/.

Be sure to read the product descriptions carefully so you are well prepared before enrollment begins. If you have questions, feel free to reach out to your First Financial Account Manager or your Benefits department.

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## **ELIGIBILITY & ENROLLMENT**

Center Point ISD Benefits Office 218 China St, Center Point TX 78010 | 830-634-2098

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Eligible employees must be actively at work on the plan effective date for new benefits to be effective.

#### BENEFITS ENROLLMENT

#### **EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CENTER**

The Employee Benefits Center (EBC) is a one-stop-shop for you to find all things benefits related. On the website, you'll find open enrollment and plan year dates, benefit descriptions, carrier contact information, product brochures, claim forms and enrollment details. Visit <a href="https://ffbenefits.ffga.com/centerpointisd/">https://ffbenefits.ffga.com/centerpointisd/</a> today!

NEW EMPLOYEES

You have 31 days from your actively-at-work date to make benefit elections. Your New Hire Enrollment elections will be made with your First Financial account representative Marissa Wenning 210-380-0832.

#### **EXISTING EMPLOYEES**

When it's time to enroll in your benefits, your First Financial Account Representative will be available by phone to assist you with making your elections. Your elections can be made anytime during annual enrollment online from your work or home computer. Before enrollment, take time to educate yourself on the available benefits and what options would work best for you and your family by visiting the Employee Benefits Center.

#### VIEW/ADD DEPENDENTS

Click next to view your dependents. It is very important to make sure the social security numbers and birth dates listed are correct. If you plan to add dependents, you will need to enter their social security numbers and birth dates.

#### **BEGIN ELECTIONS**

Click next again to begin making your benefit elections. Remember, no changes to your elections can be made during the plan year unless you have either a qualified mid-year change under Section 125 or a special enrollment event.

#### MID-YEAR BENEFIT CHANGES

You may add or cancel coverage during the plan year if you have a change in family status. You must notify the benefits department within 31 days of the change.

#### QUALIFYING LIFE EVENTS INCLUDE:

- Changes in household, including marriage, divorce, legal separation, annulment, death of a spouse, birth, adoption, placement for adoption, or death of a dependent child
- Loss of health coverage, attributable to your spouse's employment, losing existing health coverage including job-based, individual & student plans, losing eligibility for Medicare, Medicaid, or CHIP, turning 26 and losing coverage through a parent's plan

#### **DECLINING COVERAGE**

If you are eligible for benefits, but wish to DECLINE coverage, please complete the online enrollment either on your work or home computer. Under each option, you will need to select "waive." You must still complete the beneficiary information.

#### **SECTION 125 PLAN INFORMATION AND RULES**

A Section 125 Plan provides a tax-saving way to pay for eligible medical or dependent care expenses. The funds are automatically deducted from your paycheck on a pre-tax basis.

#### Here's How It Works

A Section 125 Plan reduces your taxes and increases your spendable income by allowing you to deduct the cost of eligible benefits from your earnings before tax. Plus, the plan is available to you at no cost, and you're already eligible – all you have to do is enroll.

#### Is It Right for Me?

The savings you may experience with a Section 125 Plan are outlined in the example below. For instance, you could potentially take home about \$70 more each month if you participated in your employer's Section 125 Plan – that's a savings of \$840 a year!

You cannot change your benefit elections for the plan year unless the benefits office receives notification in writing within 31 days of the status change. If the benefits office is not notified within 31 days of the status change, no benefit change can be made until the next annual open enrollment.

IRS specified changes in family status include:

- Change in legal married status
- Change in number of dependents
- Termination or commencement of employment
- Dependent satisfies or ceases to satisfy dependent eligibility requirements
- Change in residence or worksite that affects eligibility for coverage

SECTION 125 PLAN SAMPLE PAYCHECK					
	WITHOUT S125	WITH S125			
Monthly Salary	\$2,000	\$2,000			
Less Medical Deductions	-N/A	-\$250			
Taxable Gross Income	\$2,000	\$1,750			
Less Taxes (Fed/State at 20%)	-\$400	-\$350			
Less Estimated FICA (7.65%)	-\$153	-\$133			
Less Medical Deductions	-\$250	-N/A			
Take Home Pay	\$1,197	\$1,267			
YOU COULD SAVE \$70 PER MONTH IN TAXES BY PAYING FOR YOUR BENEFITS ON A PRE-TAX BASIS!					

<sup>\*</sup>The figures in the sample paycheck above are for illustrative purposes only.

## **Medical**



#### TRS-ACTIVECARE

The district's medical plans are offered through TRS. From in- and out-of-network options to comprehensive prescription drug coverage and special health and wellness programs, TRS-ActiveCare has been designed to flexibly meet the needs of nearly half a million public education employees.

### Administered by BCBSTX

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas | https://www.bcbstx.com/trsactivecare/ | 1.866.355.5999

#### TRS-ActiveCare Primary

- Copays for doctor visits and generic prescriptions before you meet deductible
- Statewide Network
- Participants must select a primary care provider who will make referrals to specialists
- No out-of-network coverage
- Employee will receive 2 ID cards (BCBS & Caremark)

#### TRS-ActiveCare HD

- Must meet deductible before plan pays for non-preventive care
- In-network and out-of-network benefits separate out-of-network deductible/out-of-pocket maximum
- Nationwide network
- Deductible applies to medical and pharmacy
- No requirement for PCP or referrals
- Compatible with health savings account (HSA)
- Employee will receive 2 ID cards (BCBS & Caremark)

#### TRS-ActiveCare Primary+

- Copays for many services and drugs
- Statewide Network
- Participants must select a primary care provider who will make referrals to specialists
- No out-of-network coverage
- Employee will receive 2 ID cards (BCBS & Caremark)

#### TRS-ActiveCare 2 – CLOSED TO NEW ENROLLEES

- Copays for many drugs and services
- Nationwide network with out-of-network coverage
- Employee will receive 2 ID cards (BCBS & Caremark)

#### TRS-ActiveCare Plan Prescription Benefits

CVS Caremark | https://info.caremark.com/trsactivecare | 1.866.355.5999

When you enroll in a BCBSTX Plan, you automatically receive prescription drug coverage through CVS Caremark which gives you access to a large, national network of retail pharmacies.

For more information please refer to the TRS-ActiveCare website.

https://www.trs.texas.gov/Pages/healthcare-trsactivecare-2022-23-plans.aspx

## **Dental Insurance**



#### Ameritas | www.ameritas.com | 1.800.487.5553

Taking care of your oral health is not a luxury, it is a necessity to long-term optimal health. Dental insurance can greatly reduce your costs when it comes to preventative, restorative, and emergency procedures. Review the plan benefits to see which option is best for you and your family's dental needs. A range of procedures may be covered, such as:

- Comprehensive Exams
- Cleanings
- X-Rays

- Fillings
- Tooth Extractions
- General Anesthesia

- Crowns
- Root Canals

DENTAL MONTHLY PREMIUMS				
EMPLOYEE ONLY	\$38.32			
EMPLOYEE + SPOUSE	\$80.96			
EMPLOYEE + CHILD(REN)	\$77.48			
EMPLOYEE + FAMILY	\$110.36			

# **Vision Insurance**



#### Eyetopia | www.eyetopiaplans.com | 1.800.662.8264

Proper vision care is essential to your overall wellbeing. Regular eye exams at any age will help prevent eye disease and keep your vision strong for years to come.

Your employer provides you with a vision plan to take care of you and your family's needs. You must enroll in the vision plan each plan year and premiums are typically paid through payroll deduction. Here are just a few of the areas where you will save money with your plan:

Eye exams

Contact lenses

Vision correction

Eyeglasses

Eye surgeries

VISION MON		
	STANDARD PLAN	GOLD PLAN
EMPLOYEE ONLY	\$10.00	\$20.00
EMPLOYEE + ONE	\$17.00	\$37.00
EMPLOYEE + FAMILY	\$24.00	\$52.00

# Flexible Spending Accounts



First Financial Administrators, Inc. | www.ffga.com | 1.866.853.3539 P.O. Box 161968 | Altamonte Springs, FL 32716

#### **HEALTHCARE FSA**

A Health Flexible Spending Account (Health FSA) is an IRS-approved program to help you save taxes and pay for out-of-pocket medical expenses not covered under your medical plan. If your plan includes a grace period option, you have additional time to incur and claim against unused funds in the new plan year. Keep in mind that remaining balances after the grace period is exhausted will be forfeited under the use-it-or-lose-it rule.

Your maximum contribution amount for 2022 is \$2,850.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Contributions are automatically deducted from your paycheck on a pre-tax basis, which helps reduce your taxable income and increase your spendable income.
- Your full election will be available to you at the beginning of the plan year.
- Be conservative any money left in your account at the end of the plan year with be forfeited.
- Use your benefits card to pay for qualified expenses upfront so you don't have to spend money out of pocket.
- Keep all receipts in case you need to substantiate a claim for tax purposes.

**NOTE:** The IRS requires proof that all expenses are eligible. Keep all receipts in case you need to substantiate a claim for tax purposes. Your receipt must include: Date of purchase or service, amount you were required to pay after insurance, description of the product or service, merchant or provider name, and the patient name.

#### **DEPENDENT CARE FSA**

With a Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account, you can set aside part of your pay on a pre-tax basis to pay for eligible dependent care expenses like child care, babysitters and adult day care.

You may allocate up to \$5,000 per tax year for reimbursement of dependent care services. If you are married and file a separate tax return, the limit is \$2,500.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Eligible dependents must be claimed as an exemption on your tax return.
- Eligible dependents must be children under age 13 or an adult dependent incapable of self-care.
- Contributions are not loaded upfront. Funds become available as contributions are made to your account.
- Keep all receipts in case you need to substantiate a claim for tax purposes.
- Balances will be forfeited at the end of the runoff or grace period.

#### **FSA RESOURCES**

#### **BENEFITS CARD**

The First Financial Benefits Card is available to all employees that participate in Medical FSA and/or a Dependent Care FSA. The Benefits Card gives you immediate access to your money at the point of purchase. Cards are available for participating employees, their spouse, and eligible dependents that are at least 18 years old.

• The IRS requires validation of most transactions for FSAs. You must submit receipts for validation of expenses when requested. If you fail to substantiate by providing a receipt to First Financial within 90 days of the purchase or date of service your card will be suspended until the necessary, receipt or explanation of benefits from your insurance provider is received.

• **Dependent Care FSA Contributions are not loaded upfront.** Funds become available as contributions are made to your account.

#### ONLINE FSA PORTAL

Flexible Spending Account participants can log in to their online FSA portal to access account balances, check on claims, upload receipts and access other account details. Visit https://ffga.com/individuals to login or set up your account.

#### FF FLEX MOBILE APP

Managing your benefit accounts on the go is made easy with *FF Flex Mobile App*. This powerful, intuitive mobile application gives you access to view your account balances, update your profile, submit a claim and much more – right from your Android or Apple device.

- Access account Information
- View card details and profile information
- Submit FSA claims using an electronic claim form
- View pending claims
- Upload receipts and documentation
- Receive alerts
- Update direct deposit information

#### **FSA STORE**

First Financial has partnered with the FSA Store to bring you an easy to use online store to better understand and manage your FSA. An online marketplace that connects consumers to FSA-eligible products, seasonal deals, and account support resources such as open enrollment guides and educational videos.

#### Visit http://www.ffga.com/fsaextras for more details & special deals!

- Shop for eligible items from bandages to wheelchairs and thousands of products in between
- Browse or search for eligible products and services using the Eligibility List
- Visit the Learning Center to help find answers to questions you may have about your account.



# **Health Savings Accounts**



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#### **HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS**

A Health Savings Account (HSA) is a great way to help you control your healthcare costs. It works in conjunction with a qualified High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) to combine tax-free savings earmarked for qualified medical expenses. An HSA allows you to set aside money to pay for higher deductibles associated with a lower monthly premium HDHP. The money you save in monthly insurance premiums is reserved for eligible medical expenses you incur in the future. Eligible expenses include things like co-pays and deductibles, prescriptions, vision expenses, dental care, therapy and medical supplies.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Balances roll over from year to year and earn interest along the way.
- Portable you keep it even after you leave employment.
- Tax advantages invest money in mutual funds to grow your tax savings for either future healthcare costs or retirement.
- Pay for expenses with a benefits debit card that gives you immediate access to your money at the time of purchase.
- Expenses also can be reimbursed through our online portal, online bill pay directly to your provider or submitting a distribution request form.

#### **HSA RESOURCES**

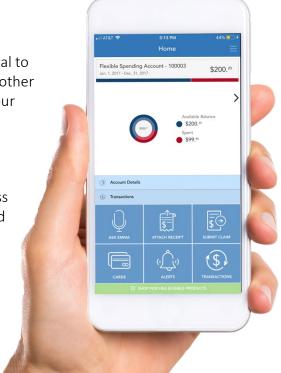
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- Request distributions
- Invest in HSA funds
- Make additional contributions
- Pay a provider or pay yourself
- Download tax forms



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## Life & AD&D Insurance



Blue Cross Blue Shield | www.bcbstx.com/ancillary | 1.877.442.4207

#### EMPLOYER-PAID TERM LIFE & AD&D INSURANCE

Life insurance protects your loved ones. It pays a benefit so they can afford to pay for funeral expenses, pay off debt and maintain their current standard of living. It is one of the best ways to show you care. Your employer provides all eligible employees a \$10,000. The cost of this policy is paid for 100% by your employer. This is a term life policy that is in effect while you are employed.

## **Texas Life - Permanent Life**



Texas Life | www.texaslife.com | 1.800.283.9233

## TEXAS LIFE INSURANCE - PERMANENT, PORTABLE LIFE INSURANCE

The peace of mind voluntary, permanent life insurance provides is unmatched. It is a solid companion to your group life insurance plan. Texas Life provides life insurance that you can keep for a lifetime. The plan is easy to purchase, pay for, and keep through the convenience of payroll deduction. Coverage is affordable and dependable. Plus, Texas Life has over a century of experience protecting families and giving the peace of mind only permanent life insurance can provide.

#### **HIGHLIGHT**

- You own the policy, even if you change jobs or retire.
- The policy remains in force until you die or up to age 121, as long as you pay the necessary premium on time.
- It is a permanent, universal life policy which means you can rest easy knowing your loved ones will be well taken care of when you're gone.

# **Disability Insurance**



#### American Fidelity | www.americanfidelity.com | 1.800.654.8489

Have you ever wondered what would happen to your income if you had an accidental injury, sickness, or pregnancy? That is why you need disability coverage. It replaces a portion of income for the period of time you are unable to work due to those reasons. You are able to choose the benefit amount, which is the amount of your income to replace, and the waiting period that you begin receiving payments.

How do you decide if you need disability insurance? Consider these questions when making your decision:

- How much employer leave do you have?
- Do you have savings?
- Do you have other income you can rely on, such as from your spouse or from child support?
- How close are you to retirement?
- Could you go on Social Security Disability or take a Disability Retirement?
- What are your other sources of income?

## **Cancer Insurance**



#### American Fidelity | www.americanfidelity.com | 1.800.654.8489

Thousands of Americans are diagnosed with cancer each day. No doubt, the news is devastating, both personally and financially. It's impossible to anticipate a cancer diagnosis, but it is possible to prepare for it with a cancer insurance plan.

It is likely that your major medical coverage will not cover all of the costs associated with a cancer diagnosis. Supplementing your major medical with cancer insurance may help you pay for related expenses, such as copays and deductibles, specialists, experimental treatment, specialty hospitals, travel expenses, in-home care and more.

Premiums are paid through convenient payroll deduction to ensure your policy remains in force if you should need it. Benefits are paid directly to you, so you can choose how to spend the money. Visit the Employee Benefits Center and view policy for more details.

## **Accident Insurance**



#### American Fidelity | www.americanfidelity.com | 1.800.654.8489

The costs associated with an injury can add up. Between hospital visits, exams and treatment, out-of-pocket costs could put you in a financial hardship. An accident plan pays benefits directly to you so you can determine where to spend the money. It's comforting to know that an accident insurance policy can be there through all stages of your care, from initial treatment to follow-up care. Accident coverage is available to you through payroll deduction and may provide a benefit for costs associated with:

- Concussions
- Lacerations
- Broken teeth

- Emergency room visits
- Ambulance, ground or air
- Intensive care unit

## 403(b) Retirement Plans



First Financial Administrators, Inc. | www.ffga.com | 1.800.523.8422, option 2 | retirement@ffga.com

The 403(b) can be an excellent way to save money for retirement. It can serve as a supplement to a traditional pension plan or other retirement plan(s), or as a stand-alone plan. The 403(b) is a tax deferred retirement plan available to employees of educational institutions and certain non-profit organizations as determined by section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions and investment earnings in a 403(b) grow tax deferred until withdrawal (assumed to be retirement), at which time they are taxed as ordinary income. The 403(b) is named after the section of the IRS code governing it.

#### HOW A 403(b) WORKS

Employees enroll and participate through their employer. Contributions to a 403(b) are made on a pre-tax basis through a Salary Reduction Agreement. This is an arrangement where the participating employee agrees to take a reduction in salary. The amount by which the salary is reduced is directed to investments offered through the employer and selected by the employee. These contributions are called elective deferrals and are excluded from the employee's taxable income. Contributions grow tax-deferred until the time of retirement, when withdrawals are taxed as ordinary income.

#### **BENEFITS**

- Tax deferred growth: no annual taxation on earnings
- Investment options: fixed annuities, variable annuities, or mutual funds
- Competitive interest rates
- Flexibility: start, stop, and adjust your contributions as allowed by your employer's plan.
- Receive periodic account statements

#### **CONTRIBUTION LIMITS**

Participants may contribute up to \$19,500 for year 2021. Participants age 50 and older at any time during the calendar year are permitted to contribute an additional \$6,500 in 2021, for a total of \$26,000.

## **Clever RX**



#### Clever RX | https://partner.cleverrx.com/ffga | 1.800.873.1195

Clever RX helps you save money by using a prescription drug savings card. They partner with the healthcare community to bring state-of-the-art, money-savings tools to participants. It helps you save up to 80% off prescriptions drugs and often beats the average copay. Plus, it's completely free. Thanks to Clever RX, you will never overpay for prescriptions again!

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- 100% FREE to use.
- Unlock discounts on thousands of medications.
- Save up to 80% on prescription medication Often beats your copay!
- Download the Clever RX app by using the information on your card below to unlock exclusive savings at over 60,000 pharmacies nationwide.
- Available to use now!

Use Clever RX every time you pay for a medication for instant savings! Download the app or visit the site to price a drug: https://partner.cleverrx.com/ffga.





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