

Luling ISD 2023-2024

BENEFITS GUIDE



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This guide contains a summary of the benefits offered by your employer. If there is a conflict between the terms of this outline of benefits and the actual contracts, the terms of the contracts will prevail.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CENTER

YOUR ONE-STOP-SHOP FOR BENEFIT INFORMATION

Luling ISD and First Financial are excited to provide you with a custom website filled with information about your benefits. Visit the Employee Benefits Center to see current benefit options for your employer, as well as find claims, important phone number, and enrollment information.

There's no need to register for site access. Simply type the URL below into your browser and you will be directed to your Employee Benefits Center.

<https://benefits.ffga.com/lulingisd>



ELIGIBILITY

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

NEW EMPLOYEES

You have 31 days from your actively-at-work date to make benefit elections. To enroll please contact your First Financial representative Holly Perez at 214-883-5056.

EXISTING EMPLOYEES

When it's time to enroll in your benefits, your First Financial Account Representative will be available to assist you with making your elections. 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.

<https://benefits.ffga.com/lulingisd>

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.
- Birth, adoption, placement for adoption, or death of a dependent child.

DECLINING COVERAGE

If you wish to DECLINE coverage, **you must still complete the beneficiary information.**

SECTION 125 PLANS

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 must 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!

**The figures in the sample paycheck above are for illustrative purposes only.*

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	\$36.52
EMPLOYEE + 1	\$68.36
EMPLOYEE + 2 OR MORE	\$105.12



Policy 400324 - Plan 1: Dental Plan Summary

Policy# 400324 Effective Date: 10/1/2022

Plan Benefit	
Type 1	100%
Type 2	80%
Type 3	50%
Deductible	\$50/Calendar Year Type 1,2,3 3 Family Maximum
Maximum (per person)	\$1,000 per calendar year
Allowance	U&C
Dental Rewards®	Included
Waiting Period	None

Orthodontia Summary - Child Only Coverage

Allowance	U&C
Plan Benefit	50%
Lifetime Maximum (per person)	\$1,000
Waiting Period	None

Sample Procedure Listing (Current Dental Terminology © American Dental Association.)

Type 1	Type 2	Type 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Routine Exam (1 in 6 months) Bitewing X-rays (1 in 12 months) Full Mouth/Panoramic X-rays (1 in 5 years) Periapical X-rays Cleaning (1 in 6 months) Fluoride for Children 13 and under (1 in 12 months) Sealants (age 13 and under) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Space Maintainers Restorative Amalgams Restorative Composites (anterior and posterior teeth) Denture Repair Simple Extractions Complex Extractions Anesthesia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Onlays Crowns (1 in 10 years per tooth) Crown Repair Endodontics (nonsurgical) Endodontics (surgical) Periodontics (nonsurgical) Periodontics (surgical) Prosthodontics (fixed bridge; removable complete/partial dentures) (1 in 10 years)

Monthly Rates

Employee Only (EE)	\$36.52
EE + 1 Dependent	\$68.36
EE + 2 or more Dependents	\$105.12

Ameritas Information

We're Here to Help
This plan was designed specifically for the associates of LULING ISD. At Ameritas Group, we do more than provide coverage - we make sure there's always a friendly voice to explain your benefits, listen to your concerns, and answer your questions. Our customer relations associates will be pleased to assist you 7 a.m. to midnight (Central Time) Monday through Thursday, and 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Friday. You can speak to them by calling toll-free: 800-487-5553. For plan information any time, access our automated voice response system or go online to ameritas.com.

Rx Savings

Our valued plan members and their covered dependents can save on prescription medications at over 60,000 pharmacies across the nation including CVS, Walgreens, Rite Aid and Walmart. This Rx discount is offered at no additional cost, and it is not insurance. To receive this Rx discount, Ameritas plan members just need to visit us at ameritas.com and sign into (or create) a secure member account where they can access and print an online-only Rx discount savings ID card.

Eyewear Savings

Ameritas plan members may receive up to 10% off eyewear frames and lenses purchased at any Walmart Vision Center nationwide. Members may also bring in their current vision prescription from any vision care provider and purchase eyewear at Walmart. This savings arrangement is available to members at no additional cost to their plan premium. To receive the eyewear savings identification card, Ameritas plan members can visit ameritas.com and sign-in (or create) a secure member account. The Ameritas Eyewear Savings Card must be presented at the time of purchase.

Dental Rewards®

A member earns dental rewards by submitting at least one claim for dental expenses incurred during the benefit year, while staying at or under the threshold amount for benefits received for that year. Employees and their covered dependents may accumulate rewards up to the stated maximum carryover amount, and then use those rewards for any covered dental procedures subject to applicable coinsurance and plan provisions. If a plan member doesn't submit a dental claim during a benefit year, all accumulated rewards are lost – but will begin again the very next year.

Benefit Threshold	\$500	Dental benefits received for the year cannot exceed this amount
Annual Carryover Amount	\$250	Dental Rewards amount is added to the following year's maximum
Maximum Carryover	\$1,000	Maximum possible accumulation for Dental Rewards

Dental Network Information

To find a provider, visit ameritas.com and select **FIND A PROVIDER**, then **DENTAL**. Enter your criteria to search by location or for a specific dentist or practice. California Residents: When prompted to select your network, choose the Ameritas Network found on your ID Card or contact Customer Connections at 800-487-5553.

Pretreatment

While we don't require a pretreatment authorization form for any procedure, we recommend them for any dental work you consider expensive. As a smart consumer, it's best for you to know your share of the cost up front. Simply ask your dentist to submit the information for a pretreatment estimate to our customer relations department. We'll inform both you and your dentist of the exact amount your insurance will cover and the amount that you will be responsible for. That way, there won't be any surprises once the work has been completed.

Open Enrollment

If a member does not elect to participate when initially eligible, the member may elect to participate at the policyholder's next enrollment period. This enrollment period will be held each year and those who elect to participate in this policy at that time will have their insurance become effective on November 1. If you do not enroll during your company's open enrollment period, then you will be subject to the Late Entrant Provision.

Late Entrant Provision

We strongly encourage you to sign up for coverage when you are initially eligible. If you choose not to sign up during this initial enrollment period, you will become a late entrant. Late entrants will be eligible for only exams, cleanings, and fluoride applications for the first 12 months they are covered.

Section 125

This plan is provided as part of the Policyholder's Section 125 Plan. Each employee has the option under the Section 125 Plan of participating or not participating in this plan. If an employee does not elect to participate when initially eligible, he/she may elect to participate at the Policyholder's next Annual Election Period.

Dental Cost Estimator

Ever wonder what a dental procedure usually costs? The answer can be found using the Ameritas group division's Dental Cost Estimator tool located in our Secure Member Account portal. Members can search by ZIP Code for a specific dental procedure and see fee range estimates for out-of-network general dentists in that area. Of course, we always suggest that members partner with their dentists, so they know what's involved in any recommended treatment plan. The estimator tool is powered by Go2Dental and uses FAIR Health data that is updated annually. Please note, cost estimates do not reflect discounted rates available through provider networks, and the estimator does not include orthodontic estimates.

Worldwide Support

Through AXA Assistance, Ameritas offers its dental and vision plan members 24-hour access to dental or vision provider referrals when traveling outside the U.S. Immediately after a call is made to AXA, an assistance coordinator assesses the situation, provides credible provider referrals and can even assist with making the appointment. Within 48 hours following the appointment, the coordinator calls the member to find out if additional assistance is needed. If all is well, the case is closed. Then, the plan member may submit a claim to Ameritas for reimbursement consideration based on applicable plan benefits. Contact AXA Assistance USA toll free by calling 866-662-2731, or call collect from anywhere in the world by dialing 1-312-935-3727.

Language Services

We recognize the importance of communicating with our growing number of multilingual customers. That is why we offer a language assistance program that gives you access to: Spanish-speaking claims contact center representatives, telephone interpretation services in a wide range of languages, online dental network provider search in Spanish and a variety of Spanish documents such as enrollment forms, claim forms and certificates of insurance.

This document is a highlight of plan benefits provided by Ameritas Life Insurance Corp. as selected by your employer. It is not a certificate of insurance and does not include exclusions and limitations. For exclusions and limitations, or a complete list of covered procedures, contact your benefits administrator.

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
- Eyeglasses
- Contact lenses
- Eye surgeries
- Vision correction

VISION MONTHLY PREMIUMS		
	Standard	Gold
EMPLOYEE ONLY	\$10.00	\$20.00
EMPLOYEE + ONE	\$17.00	\$37.00
EMPLOYEE + FAMILY	\$24.00	\$52.00



Eyetopia Benefits		
Eyetopia provides two vision benefits each eligibility period. You may have the opportunity to maximize your Eyetopia benefits by coordinating benefits with your Health Insurance coverage.		
BENEFIT ONE ² (choose either one of the following 2 options every 12 months):	Allowance	Co-pay¹
1. Refractive Exam. One routine Vision Exam.	N/A	\$10.00
2. Coverage towards a medical eye exam copay or other services or materials. ²	\$45.00	None
BENEFIT TWO (choose only 1 of the following Vision Correction Options): Eyetopia provides you with 3 options for correcting your vision every 12 months. ³		
1. Prescription Lenses ⁴	Allowance	Co-pay¹
CR-39 plastic single vision, bifocal, trifocal lenses.	N/A	\$20.00
• CR-39 plastic Progressive (no-line multi-focal) lenses that retail for up to \$199.	N/A	\$20.00
• CR-39 plastic Progressive (no-line multi-focal) lenses that retail for more than \$199.	\$200.00	\$20.00
• Polycarbonate material upgrade	N/A	\$25.00
• Polycarbonate material upgrade for child dependents (under age 26)	Covered	None
• Basic Coating (Ultraviolet Protection & Scratch Resistant Coating)	Covered	None
• Mid-Level Anti-Reflective Coatings that retail up to \$99.	Covered	None
• Premium Anti-Reflective Coatings that retail for \$100 or more copay not to exceed:	N/A	\$130.00
• Premium blue light blocking lenses or premium blue light blocking anti-reflective coating.	N/A	\$105.00
• Tint (Solid or Gradient)	N/A	\$12.00
• Photochromatic or Polarized Lenses	N/A	\$90.00
♦ Medically necessary spectacles for Aniseikonia or Amblyopia. ⁵	\$400.00	None
♦ Anti-Fatigue lenses.	Covered	\$20.00
♦ Frame: The member may select any frame on display and is responsible for any amount exceeding the allowance.	\$120	None
2. Contact Lens Option: In lieu of spectacles. Allowance to be applied toward prescription contact lenses.	\$145.00	\$20.00
♦ This allowance can be applied toward the contact lens fitting fee and all other charges including follow-up visits and contact lenses. ⁶	\$145.00	\$20.00
♦ Medically necessary contact lenses - \$145.00 evaluation allowance and \$400.00 contact lens allowance. ⁷	\$545.00	None
3. Refractive Surgery Option. ⁸ In lieu of spectacles or contact lenses. A \$350.00 per eye allowance with contracted surgeons or a \$75.00 per eye allowance with non-contracted surgeons toward the fees for refractive surgery care for the following procedures: LASIK, PRK, ICL or RLE. The member pays any amount exceeding the per eye allowance.	\$350/eye \$75/eye	None

¹ The co-pay must be paid to the Participating Provider at the time of service.

² When Health Insurance Carriers offer a comprehensive medical eye exam it creates an overlap in benefits for Eyetopia Members. If this occurs, the Member may choose another option under Benefit One as described, no co-pay is required to exercise these other options.

³ If your prescription has changed at least ½ diopter or your eye doctor recommends a change of lenses, you may select one of three vision correction options every 12 months.

⁴ Special Lens Materials and Non-covered Items: Ultra-light, premium PALs, rush service, service agreements, other special lens materials, oversize, other extras and any items not specifically mentioned above may be substituted provided the Member pays any amount exceeding the price of the covered benefit and the Participating Provider's usual and customary fees for the upgrade at the time of service.

⁵ The Shaw Lens coverage includes a premium anti-reflective coating and an upgraded lens material.

⁶ If the contact lens evaluation, fitting or dispensing service is performed and the Member decides to use their benefit toward an alternative vision correction option, the Member must pay the cost of the contact lens evaluation, fitting or dispensing service before another vision correction benefit option can be used.

⁷ Total maximum benefit allowance is \$545.00. The Participating Provider must pre-authorize medical necessity.

⁸ Non-covered Items and Exclusions – Facility fees, surgical procedures, medications and enhancements or treatments related to medical procedures.

Exclusions & Limitations

Included Services and/or Eye Wear. Only those professional vision care services and/or vision correction options specifically referenced herein are included in the Eyetopia.

In-Network coverage is available through Participating Providers. Out of network services are not covered.

Additional Professional Services and/or Vision Corrections. The member may select professional services and/or vision correction items not specifically referenced as included in Eyetopia. However, these services and/or items are the member's responsibility at the Participating Provider's (U&C) charge, payable at the time of service or of ordering.

Emp - \$10
E+1 - \$17
Fam - \$24



Find us on [Facebook.com/eyetopiaivision](https://www.facebook.com/eyetopiaivision)

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BENEFIT ONE ² (choose either one of the following 2 options every 12 months):		Allowance
1. Refractive Exam. One routine vision exam.		N/A
2. Coverage toward medical eye exam co-pay or other services or materials. ²		\$65.00
BENEFIT TWO (choose only 1 of the following Vision Correction Options) Eyetopia provides you with 3 options for correcting your vision every 12 months. ³		
1. Prescription Lenses ^{3,4}	Allowance	Co-pay ¹
Single Vision, Bi-focal or Tri-focal lenses	Covered	None
• Progressive (no line multifocal) lenses that retail for up to \$219.	Covered	None
• Progressive (no line multifocal) lenses that retail for more than \$219.	\$219.00	None
• Lens Materials: polycarbonate, Trivex®, 1.60 or 1.67 index plastic.	Covered	None
• Basic Coating (ultraviolet protection and scratch resistant coating)	Covered	None
• Mid-Level Anti-Reflective Coatings that retail up to \$99.	Covered	None
• Premium Anti-Reflective Coatings that retail for \$100 or more.	\$60.00	None
• Premium blue light blocking lenses or premium blue light blocking anti-reflective coating.	N/A	\$50.00
• Tint (Solid and Gradient)	N/A	\$12.00
• Photochromic or polarized lens upgrade	N/A	\$90.00
◆ Medically necessary spectacles for Aniseikonia or Amblyopia. ⁵	\$400.00	None
◆ Anti-Fatigue lenses.	Covered	None
◆ Frame: The member may select any frame on display and is responsible for any amount exceeding the allowance.	\$180.00	None
2. Contact Lens Option in lieu of spectacles. Allowance to be applied toward prescription contact lenses.		
◆ This allowance can be applied toward the contact lens fitting fee and all other charges including follow-up visits and contact lenses. ⁶	\$300.00	None
◆ Medically necessary contact lenses - \$300.00 evaluation allowance and \$400.00 contact lens allowance. ⁷	\$700.00	None
3. Refractive Surgery Option ⁸ in lieu of spectacles or contact lenses. A \$500.00 per eye allowance with contracted surgeons or a \$150.00 per eye allowance with non-contracted surgeons toward the fees for refractive surgery care for the following procedures: LASIK, PRK, ICL or RLE. The member pays any amount exceeding the per eye allowance.	\$500/eye \$150/eye	None
4. Hearing Aid Option. ⁹ If you do not use any of the other Materials options you can elect to apply your benefit toward hearing aids. Current year is a maximum benefit of \$750.00 toward one or both hearing aids. If not used in year 1, the benefit increases to \$1,600.00 in year 2. If not used in Year 2 or Year 1, the benefit increases to \$2,550.00 for Year 3.	See full summary	None

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⁶ If the contact lens evaluation, fitting or dispensing service is performed and the Member decides to use their benefit toward an alternative vision correction option, the Member must pay the cost of the contact lens evaluation, fitting or dispensing service before another vision correction benefit option can be used.

⁷ Total maximum benefit allowance is \$700.00. The Participating Provider must pre-authorize medical necessity.

⁸ Non-covered Items and Exclusions – Facility fees, surgical procedures, medications and enhancements or treatments related to medical procedures.

⁹ To access your hearing aid benefit, you must call Your Hearing Network at 888-284-8133 for an initial consult. You have access to five levels of hearing aid technology: Standard, Value, Mid-Level, Advanced and Premium. Your out-of-pocket costs will vary based on your choice of hearing aid and your total available allowance.

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Emp - \$20
E+1 - \$37
Fam - \$52

**For more information, please contact customer service at (830) 964-6444 or toll free 800-662-8264
Support@Eyetopia.org or www.Eyetopia.org**

Welcome to Eartopia®, a comprehensive hearing aid benefit that can be used when you have no need to use your Eyetopia® Benefit 2 for vision correction. See Option 4 of the Eyetopia® Gold 180/300H Plan.

You can use this Option each year or roll it over for up to two more years.

- Year 1 \$750 Maximum Benefit Full amount can be rolled over into Year 2 if Eyetopia® Benefit 2 is not used.
- Year 2 \$1,600 Maximum Benefit Full amount can be rolled over into Year 3 if Eyetopia® Benefit 2 is not used.
- Year 3 \$2,550 Maximum Benefit Must be used before Year 3 Eyetopia® eligibility period expires.

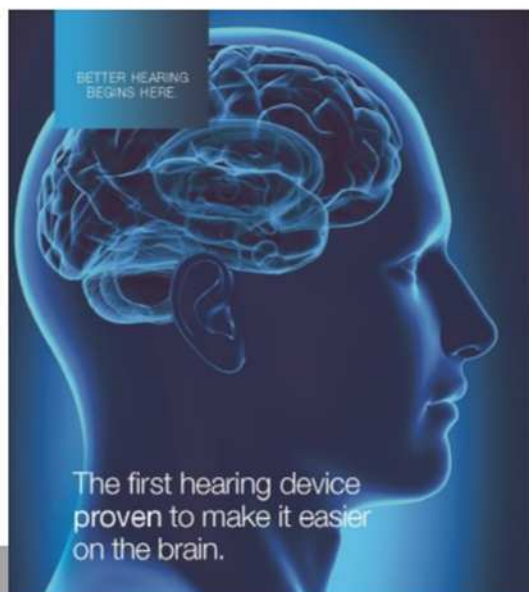
All Hearing Aids must be supplied through a Your Hearing Network Participating Provider. We have negotiated exceptional price reductions to provide Eartopia® Members access to a wide array of hearing aids. Eartopia® offers five classifications of hearing aids from basic aids to premium aids. The following chart shows your expected out-of-pocket costs after the Eartopia® benefit is applied at each classification.

Type:	Standard		Value		Mid Level		Advanced		Premium	
	1 Aid	2 Aids	1 Aid	2 Aids	1 Aid	2 Aids	1 Aid	2 Aids	1 Aid	2 Aids
MSRP	\$1,100	\$2,200	\$1,475	\$2,950	\$1,800	\$3,600	\$2,800	\$5,600	\$4,200	\$8,400
Allowance*	The Following Table shows the out of pocket amount after applying the Allowance									
\$750.00	Covered	\$750.00	\$245.00	\$1,240.00	\$850.00	\$2,450.00	\$1,245.00	\$3,240.00	\$1,800.00	\$4,350.00
\$1,600.00	Covered	Covered	Covered	\$390.00	Covered	\$1,600.00	\$395.00	\$2,390.00	\$950.00	\$3,500.00
\$2,550.00	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered	Covered	\$650.00	Covered	\$1,440.00	Covered	\$2,550.00

* The allowance is applied at the time of service against a contracted discounted price. All remaining out of pocket costs are due at the time of service. Incremental spending of the allowance is not available.

There are no Out-of-Network benefits, therefore you must call (877) 381-9813 to schedule an appointment with Your Hearing Network’s Participating Providers to exercise your benefit.

Treating Hearing Loss - Hearing aids can help.



- Abundance of research confirms that hearing aids can reverse the consequences of untreated hearing loss
- Better overall health, lessened feelings of depression and isolation, improved cognition
- Increased attentiveness resulting in a decreased risk of personal injury
- Less likely to suffer from depression and anxiety
- Decrease in the risk of onset dementia
- An increase in job performance



FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS

First Financial Administrators, Inc. | www.ffga.com | 1.866.853.3539

P.O. Box 161968 | Altamonte Springs, FL 32716

MEDICAL FSA

A Medical Flexible Spending Account (Medical FSA) is an IRS-approved program to help you save taxes and reimburse yourself for out-of-pocket medical expenses not covered under your medical plan. Your employer has chosen the \$610 carryover option for your Medical FSA plan. This option allows you the opportunity to carry over up to \$610 of unclaimed Medical FSA funds into the following plan year. Keep in mind that balances more than \$610 will be forfeited under the use-it-or-lose-it rule.

Your maximum contribution amount for 2023 is \$3,050.

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 will be forfeited.
- Use your benefits card to pay for qualified expenses upfront without spending 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 the 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's 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 childcare, 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.
- 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.

HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

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

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.

	2023	2024
HSA Contribution Limit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Self Only: \$3,850Family: \$7,750	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Self Only: \$4,150Family: \$8,300
HDHP Minimum Deductibles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Self Only: \$1,500Family: \$7,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Self Only: \$1,600Family: \$8,050
<i>\$1,000 catch-up contributions (age 55 or older)</i>		

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.
- Receipts are not required for reimbursement but be sure to save them for tax purposes.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN AN HSA?

- You must be enrolled in a qualified High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP).
- You cannot be enrolled in Tricare or Medicare or covered under your spouse's traditional (non-HDHP) health care plan.
- You cannot participate in a general purpose Flexible Spending Account (FSA) or Health Reimbursement Arrangement.
- Limited Purpose Flexible Spending Accounts are permitted (dental and vision expenses only).
- You cannot participate if your spouse has a general purpose FSA or HRA at their place of employment.
- You cannot participate if you are being claimed as a dependent on another person's tax return.

FSA & HSA RESOURCES

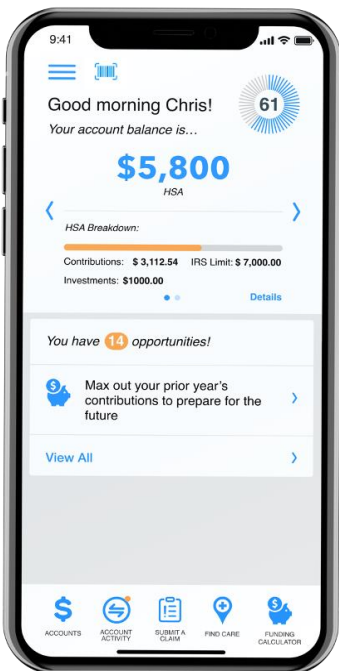
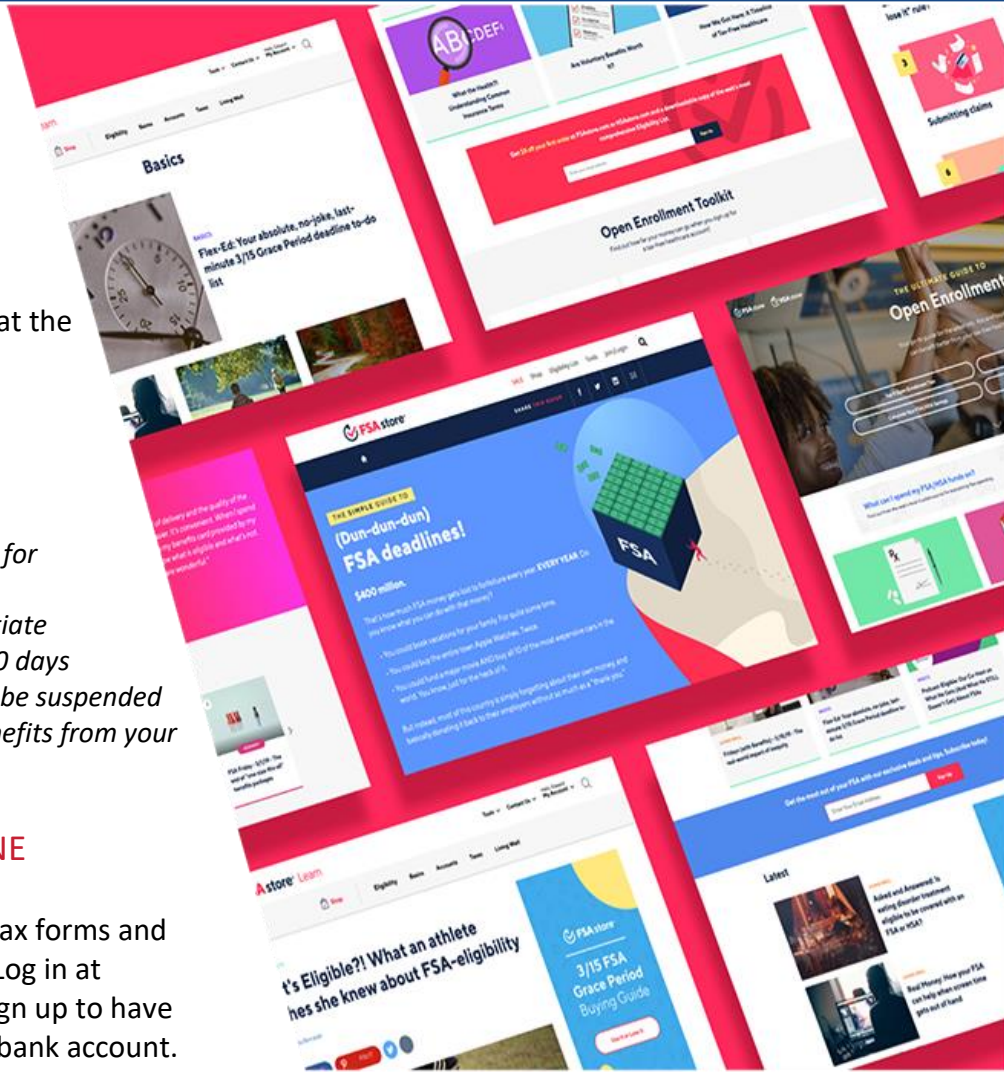
BENEFITS CARD

The First Financial Benefits Card is available to all employees that participate in a Flexible Spending Account or a Health Savings Account. The Benefits Card gives you immediate access to your money at the point of purchase. Cards are available for participating employees, their spouse and any eligible dependents who 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 60 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.

VIEW YOUR ACCOUNT DETAILS ONLINE

Sign up to view your account balance, find tax forms and check claims status on our secure website. Log in at www.ffga.com. After you log in, you may sign up to have reimbursements directly deposited to your bank account. View the [Portal Log-in Guide](#) now!



FF MOBILE ACCOUNT APP

With the FF Mobile Account App, you can submit claims, view account balance and history, check claims status, view alerts, upload receipts and documentation and more! The FF Mobile Account App is available for Apple® and Android™ devices on either the App StoreSM or Google Play StoreTM. View the FF Mobile Account App [User Guide](#) and [Quick Reference Guide](#).

FSA & HSA STORE

First Financial has partnered with the FSA & HSA Store to bring you an easy-to-use online store to better understand and manager your account. You can shop for eligible medical items like bandages and contact solution, browse for products and services using the Eligibility List and visit the Learning Center to find answers to commonly asked questions. Visit the store at <http://www.ffga.com/individuals/#stores> for more details and special deals.



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.

American Fidelity | www.americanfidelity.com | 1.800.654.8489

VOLUNTARY TERM LIFE INSURANCE

Voluntary life insurance is term life coverage you can purchase in addition to the basic life plan provided by your employer. It will cover you for a specific period of time while you are employed. Plan amounts are offered in tiers so you can choose the amount of coverage that works best for you and your family. Because it's a group plan, premiums are typically lower, so it's more affordable to gain the peace of mind that life insurance provides. Limitations apply, please see policy for details. Visit the Employee Benefits Center for more details.

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 if 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 you are unable to work due to those reasons. You can 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 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.

CRITICAL ILLNESS INSURANCE

AFLAC | www.AFLAC.com | 1.800.992.3522

If you've heard of heart attacks, strokes, organ transplants or paralysis, then you're familiar with critical illness. It's likely you or someone you know has experienced one of these life-altering events. Often, a critical illness has a powerful impact on people's lives, affecting their livelihood and finances.

A critical illness plan can help with the treatment costs of covered illnesses. Benefits are paid directly to you, unless otherwise assigned, giving you the choice of how to spend the money. Plus, there are plans available to provide coverage for you, your spouse and dependent children.

Prepare now for the unexpected with a critical illness insurance plan. The plan helps you focus on getting well rather than worrying about finances. 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

HOSPITAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE

AFLAC | www.AFLAC.com | 1.800.992.3522

Hospital stays are costly. If you or a family member find yourself in the hospital due to a sudden accident or illness, you may struggle financially, even if you have a good medical plan. With a hospital indemnity plan, you can rest assured those extra expenses won't be a financial burden.

Unlike medical plans, there are no deductibles to meet with a hospital indemnity plan. As soon as you incur a qualified event, you can file a claim and start receiving benefits.

The plan pays a lump sum benefit in a previously specified amount. The money can be used for medical costs, insurance deductibles, groceries, transportation, childcare – the choice is up to you!

IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION

iLOCK360 | www.iLOCK360.com | 1.855.287.8888

Millions of Americans report having their identity stolen each year. People are online and mobile more than any time in history, so it's no surprise that identity theft is on the rise. And it goes far beyond simply having your credit card number stolen. While credit card fraud is one of the highest reported types of identity theft, it also includes bank, loan, phone and tax-related fraud.

Identity theft insurance won't prevent your identity from being stolen. But it will be there to alert you if any suspicious activity is noticed under your name. The plan includes credit bureau monitoring, social security number usage and lost wallet protection. Accounts are monitored daily so you can rest easy knowing your identity is being protected even while you sleep. The sooner you can take action to close your accounts, the quicker you can recover your identity.

It takes years to establish a good reputation with credit lenders and employers. Make sure it remains yours by taking advantage of the identity theft insurance offered through your employe.

MEDICAL TRANSPORT

MASA | www.masamts.com | 1.800.643.9023

Americans today suffer from a false sense of security that their medical coverage will pay for all costs associated with emergency or critical care transport. The reality is that a majority of Americans are only partially covered for these high costs.

Most medical plans will only pay a portion of costs leaving you with the remainder of the bill. There is also the possibility of your medical provider denying your claim altogether, which means you would be responsible for paying the entire bill.

With medical transport protection, you will have zero out-of-pocket expenses for any emergent air or ground transport from anywhere in the United States, regardless of who transports you. You will receive medical emergency transportation solutions to help cover your out-of-pocket medical transport costs when your insurance falls short.

TELEHEALTH

Recuro | www.recurohealth.com | 1.855.673.2876

Studies show that more than 50 percent of doctor's office visits can be handled over the phone. With the Telehealth program, you can get a diagnosis quicker and spend less time in the waiting room.

Board Certified physicians will diagnose your illness, recommend treatment, and prescribe medication via telephone or video. You can contact them from anywhere – home, work, school, even while on vacation. They can treat common health issues like acid reflux, allergies, asthma, cold and flu, sinus infections, rashes, sore throat and more.

It's like having a doctor on call whenever you need medical advice. Access is only a call or click away!

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 \$20,500 for year 2022. Participants aged 50 and older at any time during the calendar year are permitted to contribute an additional \$6,500 in 2022, for a total of \$27,000.

457 Retirement Plan

TCG Administrators | www.tcgservices.com | 1.800.943.9179

A 457(b) plan is a Tax Deferred Retirement Plan available to employees of state and local governmental agencies, including public school employees. They are similar to 401(k) plans because they allow you to place a percentage of your salary into an employer-sponsored plan that helps you save for retirement. You will not have to pay taxes on what you contribute, or your earnings made until you withdraw the money.

BENEFITS

- Investment options: including Mutual Funds, Bonds and Money Market funds
- Flexibility: start, stop, and adjust your contributions as allowed by your employer's plan
- Receive quarterly account statements
- No 10% federal penalty on interest or earnings for early withdrawal
- No current federal income taxes on the money you put into the plan until it is time to take withdrawals

CONTRIBUTION LIMITS

Participants may contribute up to \$22,500 for year 2022. Participants aged 50 and older at any time during the calendar year are permitted to contribute an additional \$7,500 in 2022, for a total of \$30,000.

COBRA

First Financial Administrators, Inc. | www.ffga.com | 1.800.523.8422, option 4

Life is full of unexpected events that may impact your health insurance coverage. Under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act, better known as COBRA, you have the right to continue your group health coverage such as medical, dental, vision insurance and flexible spending accounts for a limited period of time.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Temporary continuation of coverage that generally lasts for 18 months due to employment termination or reduction of hours of work, divorce, death or a child no longer qualifying as a dependent. Certain qualifying events, or a second qualifying event during the initial period of coverage, may permit a beneficiary to receive a maximum of 36 months of coverage.
- Either you or your family member are responsible for notifying your employer of a divorce, legal separation or child losing dependent status within 60 days of the event. In the case of termination, death or reduction in hours, your employer will be responsible for letting the provider know that you have the right to continue coverage under COBRA.
- Benefits will remain identical to what you had while employed. However, you will be responsible for paying the full premium, plus any applicable fees.

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>.

