



BROOKS COUNTY ISD EMPLOYEE BENEFITS GUIDE

2020 - 2021 Plan Year



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Brooks County 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/brookscountyisd/>

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

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 <https://ffbenefits.ffga.com/brookscountyisd/>

NEW EMPLOYEES

You have 31 days from your actively-at-work date to make benefit elections.

EXISTING EMPLOYEES

When it's time to enroll in your benefits, your First Financial Account Representative will be onsite 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.

Online Enrollment

ENROLL ONLINE

To begin online enrollment, visit <https://ffga.benselect.com/enroll/login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fenroll>

LOGIN

- Login: Your Employee ID or Social Security Number (no dashes)
- PIN (first login only): The last four digits of your social and the last two digits of the year you were born (six digits total)
- New PIN: The first time you log in you will be required to change to a new PIN. Please note your new PIN because you will use the new PIN from that point forward.

VIEW CURRENT BENEFITS

After logging in, you will arrive at the welcome screen. Your current benefits and premium deductions will be listed on this screen.

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!		

**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.



“Ask Emma”

To access “Ask Emma” visit the [TRS-ActiveCare Enrollment Home Page](#), choose your district, click “Go to Log In Page” and then select the “First Time User” link and follow the instructions to set up your account.

Once your account has been set up you can log in again using your username and password.

HMO Plans

South Texas Blue Essentials HMO | www.bcbstx.com/trshmo | 888.378.1633

- Copays for doctor visits and prescriptions before you meet deductible
- In-Network only – no out-of-network benefits
- Employees will be required to select a preferred care provider at time of enrollment
- Employee will receive 1 ID card for medical and prescription benefits

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

https://www.trs.texas.gov/Pages/healthcare_activecare_new_rates_2021.aspx

BROOKS COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dental Highlight Sheet



Low Plan: Dental Plan Summary

Policy# 43349 Effective Date: 9/1/2021

Plan Benefit	
Type 1	80%
Type 2	50%
Type 3	25%
Deductible	\$50/Calendar Year Type 2 & 3 Waived Type 1 3 Family Maximum
Maximum (per person)	\$1,000 per calendar year
Preventive PlusSM	Included
Allowance	U&C
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 (2 per benefit period) Bitewing X-rays (1 in 12 months) Full Mouth/Panoramic X-rays (1 in 3 years) Periapical X-rays Cleaning (2 per benefit period) Fluoride for Children 18 and under (1 in 12 months) Sealants (age 13 and under) Space Maintainers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restorative Amalgams Restorative Composites Endodontics (nonsurgical) Endodontics (surgical) Periodontics (nonsurgical) Periodontics (surgical) Implants Simple Extractions Complex Extractions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Onlays Crowns (1 in 5 years per tooth) Crown Repair Denture Repair Prostodontics (fixed bridge; removable complete/partial dentures) (1 in 5 years) Anesthesia

Monthly Rates

Employee Only (EE)	\$18.20
EE + Spouse	\$36.40
EE + Children	\$39.96
EE + Spouse & Children	\$58.20

Ameritas Information

We're Here to Help

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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.

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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 not insurance: it 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. Members must present the Ameritas Eyewear Savings Card at time of purchase to receive the discount.

Preventive PlusSM

With this plan option, benefits for Type 1/Preventive procedures are not deducted from the plan member's annual maximum benefit. This saves the entire annual maximum for the Type 2/Basic and Type 3/Major procedures that are covered by your plan.

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 September 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

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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 at this time.

In addition, when members are in their Secure Member Account, they can:

- Go paperless with electronic Explanation of Benefits statements and reduce the clutter in their mailboxes
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Worldwide Support

When our members travel abroad, they'll have peace of mind knowing that should a dental or vision need arise, help is just a phone call away. 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.

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Vision Plan Benefits for Brooks County ISD

Co-Pays	Monthly Premiums	Services/Frequency
Exam \$10	Emp. only \$6.01	Exam 12 months
Materials \$25	Emp. + spouse \$11.96	Frame 24 months
	Emp. + child(ren) \$11.69	Lenses 12 months
	Emp. + family \$17.79	Contact Lenses 12 months

(Based on date of service)

Benefits through [Superior Select Southwest Network](#)

	In-Network	Out-of-Network
Exam	Covered in full	Up to \$35 retail
Frames	\$125 retail allowance	Up to \$70 retail
Lenses (standard) per pair		
Single Vision	Covered in full	Up to \$25 retail
Bifocal	Covered in full	Up to \$40 retail
Trifocal	Covered in full	Up to \$45 retail
Progressive	See description ¹	Up to \$45 retail
Contact Lenses ²	\$120 retail allowance	Up to \$65 retail
Medically Necessary Contact Lenses	Covered in full	Up to \$150 retail
Lasik Vision Correction ³	\$200 allowance	

Co-pays apply to in-network benefits; co-pays for out-of-network visits are deducted from reimbursements

¹ Covered to provider's in-office standard retail lined trifocal amount; member pays difference between progressive and standard retail lined trifocal, plus applicable co-pay

² Contact lenses and related professional services (fitting, evaluation and follow-up) are covered in lieu of eyeglass lenses and frames benefit

³ Lasik Vision Correction is in lieu of eyewear benefit, subject to routine regulatory filings and certain exclusions and limitations

Discount Features

Non-Covered Eyewear Discount: Members may also receive a discount of 20% from a participating provider's usual and customary fees for eyewear purchases which exceed the benefit coverage (except disposable contact lenses, for which no discount applies). This includes eyeglass frames which exceed the selected benefit coverage, specialty lenses (i.e. progressives) and lens "extras" such as tints and coatings. Eyewear purchased from a Walmart Vision Center does not qualify for this additional discount because of Walmart's "Always Low Prices" policy.

The National LASIK Network of laser vision correction providers, featuring LasikPlus, offers members special program pricing on services. The program pricing should be verified prior to service.

SuperiorVision.com
Customer Service
800.507.3800

The Plan discount features are not insurance.

All allowances are retail; the member is responsible for paying the provider directly for all non-covered items and/or any amount over the allowances, minus available discounts. These are not covered by the plan.

Discounts are subject to change without notice.

Disclaimer: All final determinations of benefits, administrative duties, and definitions are governed by the Certificate of Insurance for your vision plan. Please check with your Human Resources department if you have any questions

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 reimburse yourself for out-of-pocket medical expenses not covered under your medical plan. Your employer has chosen the \$500 roll-over option for your Health FSA plan. This option allows you the opportunity to roll over up to \$500 of unclaimed Health FSA funds into the following plan year. Keep in mind that balances more than \$500 will be forfeited under the use-it-or-lose-it rule.

Your maximum contribution amount for 2021 is \$2,750.

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 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.

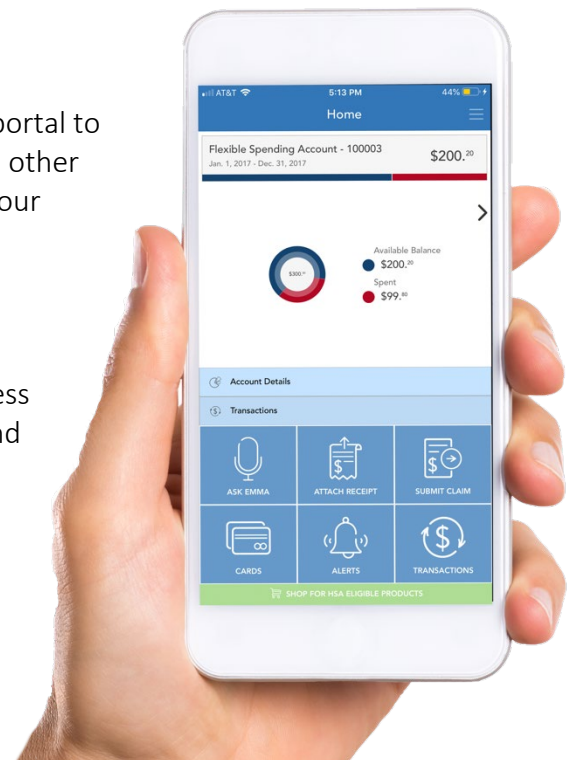
ONLINE FSA PORTAL

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.

Limited Purpose FSA



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A Limited Purpose Flexible Spending Account (LPFSA) works together with a Health Savings Account (HSA) for you to further optimize your tax savings. By establishing an LPFSA, you can save money on taxes by using the account for eligible dental and vision expenses while preserving your HSA funds for other purposes, including simply saving those funds for the future.

Your maximum contribution amount for 2020 is \$2,750.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Only certain dental and vision expense are eligible such as eye exams, contact lenses and eyeglasses.
- Funds can be accessed by submitting a claim or paying for expenses upfront with a benefits debit card.
- Purchases may need to be verified during the claims process, so be sure to save your receipts.
- Balances may be rolled over the following plan year if your employer allows it.

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

HSA RESOURCES

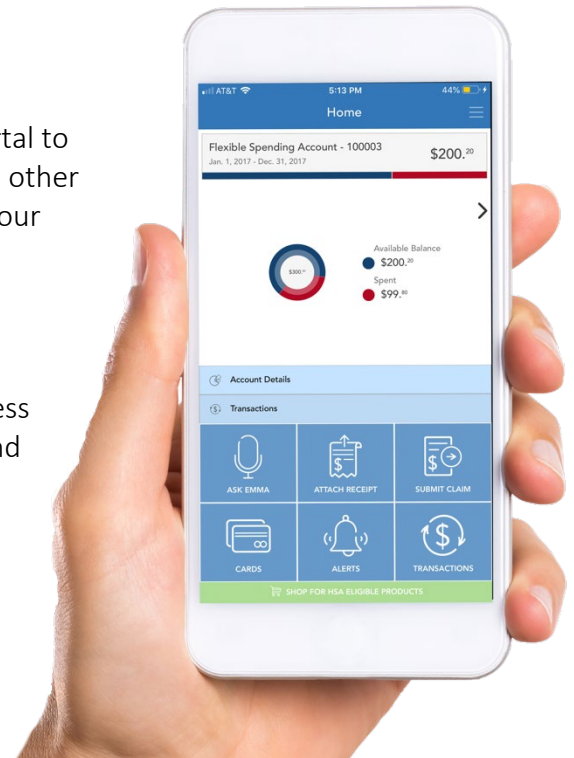
ONLINE HSA PORTAL

Health Savings Account participants can log in to their online HSA 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.

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



HSA STORE

First Financial has partnered with the HSA Store to bring you an easy to use online store to better understand and manage your HSA. An online marketplace that connects consumers to HSA-eligible products, seasonal deals, and account support resources such as a national database of providers as well as an HSA Learning Center.

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

- Shop for eligible items from bandages to wheel chairs 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.

Life Insurance



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

EMPLOYER-PAID GROUP 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.

Life Insurance



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



Guardian | www.guardiananytime.com | 1.800.627.4200

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.

Critical Illness Insurance



Metlife | www.metlife.com | 1.800.438.6388

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 times, 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



Guardian | www.guardiananytime.com | 1.800.627.4200

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

GAP Insurance



American Fidelity | www.americanfidelity.com | 1.800.654.8489

You may think major medical insurance is enough to cover your needs, but the reality is that many plans may only cover a portion of your overall expenses. It's important to protect yourself in the event of a sudden hospitalization.

A Hospital Gap Insurance plan pays benefits directly to you and is designed to help cover the gap between what your traditional medical plan will cover and the out-of-pocket expenses you will pay. The plan may include benefits you can use to help pay for inpatient hospital stays and surgeries, doctor's office treatments and diagnostic testing costs.

With Hospital Gap Insurance, you can have peace of mind knowing that unexpected medical expenses will less of a financial burden for you and your family members.

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 employer.

Legal Plan



LegalShield | www.legalshield.com | 1.800.654.7757

Have you ever found yourself in need of legal advice, but aren't sure where to go? A voluntary group legal plan helps fill that need. It provides you with access to professional lawyers at a low monthly rate. For just a few dollars a month, you can consult with a lawyer about having your will prepared, reviewing documents, contesting a traffic ticket, lawsuits, divorce and so much more. Expert legal advice is available at your fingertips.

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.

paycheck into the account automatically. Plus, your employer may even match your contributions based on how much you put into the plan. Now is the time to take full advantage of this opportunity to maximize your retirement savings!

Telehealth



WellVia | www.wellvia.com | 1.855.935.5842

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 are able to 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!

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!

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!
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Vision	Superior	www.superiorvision.com	800.507.3800
Disability Insurance	American Fidelity	www.americanfidelity.com	800.654.8489
Cancer Insurance	Guardian	www.guardiananytime.com	800.627.4200
Accident Insurance	Guardian	www.guardiananytime.com	800.627.4200
Critical Illness Insurance	Metlife	www.metlife.com	800.438.6388
Hospital Gap Insurance	American Fidelity	www.americanfidelity.com	800.654.8489
Hospital Indemnity Insurance	AFLAC	www.AFLAC.com	888.937.4783
Group Life Insurance	Blue Cross Blue Shield	www.bcbstx.com/ancillary	877.442.4207
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Identity Theft	iLOCK360	www.iLOCK360.com	855.287.8888
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Flexible Spending Accounts	First Financial Administrators, Inc.	www.ffga.com	866.853.3539

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