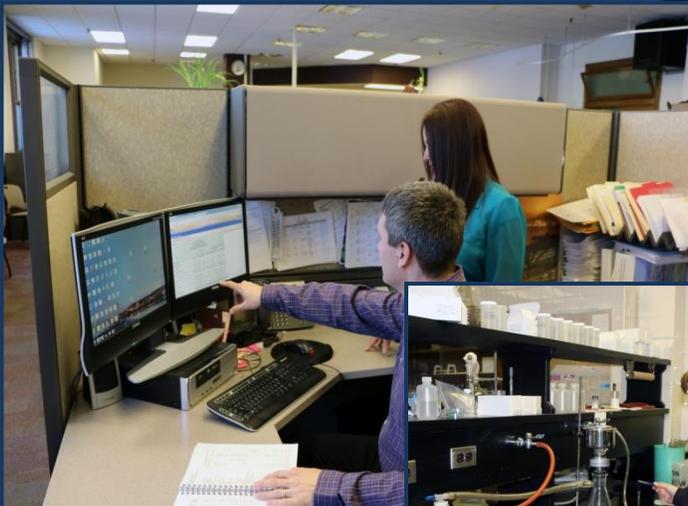




## 2015 Retirees & COBRA Benefits Guide



# Providing a Lifetime of Benefits



At the City of Duluth/Joint Powers Enterprise Trust, we are committed to a comprehensive benefits program that helps our former employees stay healthy, feel secure and maintain a positive work/life balance.

Any questions, concerns or suggestions regarding these benefits can be directed to Human Resources at **(218) 730-5210** or emailed to [hrinformation@duluthmn.gov](mailto:hrinformation@duluthmn.gov).

Line of Coverage	Administrator	Policy	Phone	Email/Website
Health/Pharmacy	HealthPartners	25077	1-800-883-2177	<a href="http://www.healthpartners.com/cityofduluth">www.healthpartners.com/cityofduluth</a>
Medicare		N/A	1-800-MEDICARE	<a href="http://www.medicare.gov/">http://www.medicare.gov/</a>
Pharmacy(active plan only)	ClearScript		1-800-546-5677	<a href="http://www.clearscript.org">www.clearscript.org</a>
Dental	Delta Dental of Minnesota	000405	1-800-553-9536	<a href="http://www.deltadentalmn.org">www.deltadentalmn.org</a>
Employee Assistance Program	Midwest EAP	N/A	1-800-383-1908	<a href="http://www.midwesteap.com">www.midwesteap.com</a>
City of Duluth Human Resources	Human Resources Front Desk Leighann Severance Keely Downs Shannon Sweeney		218-730-5210 218-730-5213 218-730-5197 218-730-5198	<a href="mailto:hrinformation@duluthmn.gov">hrinformation@duluthmn.gov</a> <a href="http://www.duluthmn.gov/employment">www.duluthmn.gov/employment</a>



## Important Reminders

- Open Enrollment begins **Monday, November 3, 2014** and closes **Monday, November 17, 2014 at 4:30 PM**. Open enrollment meetings will be held during this year's Bridge to Wellness Health Fair on **Wednesday, November 5 from 8 AM to 3 PM**. You can find more information about the health fair at <http://www.duluthmn.gov/bridge-to-wellness/>. A retirees meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. in Gooseberry Room 3.
- **The 2015 Open Enrollment is a “passive enrollment.”** Passive enrollment means that if you are satisfied with your health and dental benefit plan coverage and elections, you **do not** need to submit a benefits enrollment form. If you wish to make changes to your coverage or election tier, you must submit a benefits enrollment form by **4:30 PM on Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**.
- **If you or a dependent turn 65, you will receive a packet from HealthPartners which must be completed to maintain coverage.** In order to maintain your coverage post 65, you will need to apply for Medicare Parts A and B, and complete the HealthPartners Freedom Plan application which will be sent to you directly from HealthPartners. Failure to complete all steps will result in a lapse of coverage. If you or a dependent become Medicare eligible before age 65, please notify City of Duluth Human Resources.
- You will not be able to make any benefit changes until the next open enrollment unless you experience a qualifying life event – some examples are:
  - Marriage or divorce
  - Birth/adoption
  - Death of a spouse/child
  - Loss of coverage under another plan
- **Open Enrollment is a good time to verify your life insurance beneficiary information reflects your current status and chosen beneficiaries.**
- **Pharmacy ID Cards:** Participants covered under the medical plan with ClearScript for pharmacy will receive new ClearScript ID cards. Those cards will be effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Please continue to use your current cards until December 31<sup>st</sup> of 2014

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# Medical Insurance

Administered by HealthPartners



## Eligibility

The collective bargaining agreements determine eligibility for retiree medical and dental benefits.

## Medicare Supplement Plan Offering

Medicare-eligible members will be transitioned from the current HealthPartners Plan 3A to a fully-insured HealthPartners Medicare Supplement Plan. Members responsible for payment on all or part of the premium will notice the cost is significantly lower than the current Plan 3A. Medicare Eligible participants will be covered under the HealthPartners Freedom plan. Those who are not yet Medicare eligible will continue to be covered under the HealthPartners 3A plan.

## Medicare Part A and Part B

Please be reminded that all Medicare-eligible members must sign up for Part A and/or Part B when first eligible; thereafter, you can sign up during the Medicare Open Enrollment period: January 1 through March 31 each year. Medicare Parts A and B are required for Medicare-eligible members. For further information regarding eligibility and enrollment, please contact our local Social Security Administration office at (218) 727-1193 (toll-free at 1-800-772-1213), or you can obtain information online at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov). If you have not worked enough quarters to qualify for Medicare Part A, please call the Retiree Transition Hotline at 1-877-635-9314 for further instructions.

## Network

Your plan utilizes HealthPartners' **Open Access Network**. This allows you access to a wide range of providers. Although your benefit is the same, your out-of-pocket responsibility will be less when you use an in-network provider. Go online to [www.HealthPartners.com/cityofduluth](http://www.HealthPartners.com/cityofduluth) and click on 'Find a doctor or specialist' to see if a provider is in-network.

## Medical Plan Costs

Monthly Costs	COBRA	Retiree
Under 65 / Non-Medicare Eligible <b>Single</b> Coverage	\$710.94	\$697.00
Under 65 / Non-Medicare Eligible <b>Family</b> Coverage	\$1,749.30	\$1,715.00
	COBRA	Retiree
Medicare Eligible <b>Single</b> Coverage	\$261.20	\$256.00
Medicare Eligible <b>Retiree + Spouse over 65</b> Coverage	\$522.24	\$512.00
Medicare Eligible <b>1 over 65 / 1 under 65</b> Coverage	\$972.09	\$953.00
Medicare Eligible <b>Family (at least 1 over 65)</b> Coverage	\$1,308.66	\$1,283.00

**Note to Retirees:** The percentage level of your share of the health care premium cost is not changing. For example, if you are responsible for 50% of your health care premium for 2014, the percentage will be the same for 2015. If your health care premium is fully subsidized, you will not be required to pay any part of the premium in 2015.

**Medical Plan Benefits- Plan 3A-** For Freedom Plan Benefits, please consult your plan documents.

Covered Services		In and Out of Network
Annual Deductible	Single	\$250
	Family	\$500
Coinsurance		Plan pays 80%
Out-of-Pocket Maximum	Single	\$1,250
	Family	\$2,500
<b>Office Visits</b>		
Primary Care Office Visit Specialist Visit Chiropractor Visit Urgent Care		You pay 20% after deductible
Virtuwell Online Care		You pay 20%, no deductible
Convenience Care		You pay 20%, no deductible
Preventive Care		No charge
Prenatal and Postnatal care		No charge
<b>Prescription Drugs</b>		
Retail Pharmacy 34 day supply or 100 units	Generic	No charge
	Formulary Brand	\$15 copay
	Non-Formulary Brand	You pay 30% \$30 min / \$100 max
Specialty Drugs		You pay 30% \$30 min / \$100 max
<b>Hospital Services</b>		
Emergency Room		You pay 20% after deductible
Ambulance		You pay 20% after deductible
Inpatient Hospital Services		You pay 20% after deductible
Facility/Physician Services		You pay 20% after deductible
Outpatient Services		You pay 20% after deductible
<b>Other Services</b>		
Home Health Care		You pay 20% after deductible
Behavioral Health / Substance Abuse		You pay 20% after deductible
Durable Medical Equipment		You pay 20% after deductible

The above is a listing of the main services of your plan. For a detailed and complete listing, please refer to your plan documents.

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# Dental Insurance

Administered by Delta Dental of Minnesota



## Eligibility

The collective bargaining agreements determine eligibility for retiree medical and dental benefits. You may select either Low or High Option dental benefits. The dental option may be changed each year only during Open Enrollment. Dependent coverage may be changed during the year within 31 days of a qualifying “Family Status Change”. **Please remember, if you are not currently enrolled or if you cancel dental coverage, you will not be given the opportunity to re-enroll in the dental plan at a later date.**

## Network

Your plan utilizes the Delta Dental PPO and Premier Networks, two of the widest dental networks in the state. You can review the list of participating dentists online; click to [www.deltadentalmn.org](http://www.deltadentalmn.org) and click on ‘Find a Dentist.’

## Benefits

You have a choice of two different plan options:

Covered Services	Low Option	High Option
Annual Deductible	None	None
Annual Plan Maximum	\$1,000	\$2,000
Diagnostic / Preventive Care	100%, no charge	100%, no charge
Basic Services		
Fillings	You pay 20%	You pay 20%
Restorations	You pay 20%	You pay 20%
Endodontic Therapy	You pay 20%	You pay 20%
Periodontics	You pay 20%	You pay 20%
Oral Surgery	You pay 20%	You pay 20%
Major Services		
Major Restorative Care	You pay 20%	You pay 20%
Prosthetic Repair/Adjustment	You pay 20%	You pay 20%
Prosthetics	You pay 50%	You pay 50%

## Dental Plan Costs

Plan	Low Option (\$1,000 Annual Benefit)		High Option (\$2,000 Annual Benefit)	
	COBRA	Retiree	COBRA	Retiree
Single	\$31.62	\$31.00	\$64.26	\$63.00
Single + 1	\$63.24	\$62.00	\$121.37	\$119.00
Family	\$104.04	\$102.00	\$215.22	\$211.00

# Annual Notices



## General Notice of COBRA Continuation Coverage Rights

The right to COBRA continuation coverage was created by a federal law, the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA). COBRA continuation coverage can become available to you and other members of your family when group health coverage would otherwise end. For more information about your rights and obligations under the Plan and under federal law, you should review the Plan's Summary Plan Description or contact the Plan Administrator.

**You may have other options available to you when you lose group health coverage.** For example, you may be eligible to buy an individual plan through the Health Insurance Marketplace. By enrolling in coverage through the Marketplace, you may qualify for lower costs on your monthly premiums and lower out-of-pocket costs. Additionally, you may qualify for a 30-day special enrollment period for another group health plan for which you are eligible (such as a spouse's plan), even if that plan generally doesn't accept late enrollees.

**What is COBRA continuation coverage?** COBRA continuation coverage is a continuation of Plan coverage when it would otherwise end because of a life event. This is also called a "qualifying event." Specific qualifying events are listed later in this notice. After a qualifying event, COBRA continuation coverage must be offered to each person who is a "qualified beneficiary." You, your spouse, and your dependent children could become qualified beneficiaries if coverage under the Plan is lost because of the qualifying event. Under the Plan, qualified beneficiaries who elect COBRA continuation coverage must for COBRA continuation coverage.

If you're an employee, you'll become a qualified beneficiary if you lose your coverage under the Plan because of the following qualifying events:

- Your hours of employment are reduced, or
- Your employment ends for any reason other than your gross misconduct.

If you're the spouse of an employee, you'll become a qualified beneficiary if you lose your coverage under the Plan because of the following qualifying events:

- Your spouse dies;
- Your spouse's hours of employment are reduced;
- Your spouse's employment ends for any reason other than his or her gross misconduct;
- Your spouse becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both); or
- You become divorced or legally separated from your spouse.

Your dependent children will become qualified beneficiaries if they lose coverage under the Plan because of the following qualifying events:

- The parent-employee dies;
- The parent-employee's hours of employment are reduced;
- The parent-employee's employment ends for any reason other than his or her gross misconduct;
- The parent-employee becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (Part A, Part B, or both);
- The parents become divorced or legally separated; or
- The child stops being eligible for coverage under the Plan as a "dependent child."

Sometimes, filing a proceeding in bankruptcy under title 11 of the United States Code can be a qualifying event. If a proceeding in bankruptcy is filed with respect to the City of Duluth, and that bankruptcy results in the loss of coverage of any retired employee covered under the Plan, the retired employee will become a qualified beneficiary. The retired employee's spouse, surviving spouse, and dependent children will also become qualified beneficiaries if bankruptcy results in the loss of their coverage under the Plan.

### **When is COBRA continuation coverage available?**

The Plan will offer COBRA continuation coverage to qualified beneficiaries only after the Plan Administrator has been notified that a qualifying event has occurred. The employer must notify the Plan Administrator of the following qualifying events:

- The end of employment or reduction of hours of employment;
- Death of the employee;
- Commencement of a proceeding in bankruptcy with respect to the employer; or
- The employee's becoming entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both).

**For all other qualifying events (divorce or legal separation of the employee and spouse or a dependent child's losing eligibility for coverage as a dependent child), you must notify the Plan Administrator within 60 days after the qualifying event occurs. You must provide this notice to Human Resources.**

### **How is COBRA continuation coverage provided?**

Once the Plan Administrator receives notice that a qualifying event has occurred, COBRA continuation coverage will be offered to each of the qualified beneficiaries. Each qualified beneficiary will have an independent right to elect COBRA continuation coverage. Covered employees may elect COBRA continuation coverage on behalf of their spouses, and parents may elect COBRA continuation coverage on behalf of their children.

COBRA continuation coverage is a temporary continuation of coverage that generally lasts for 18 months due to employment termination or reduction of hours of work. 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. There are also ways in which this 18-month period of COBRA continuation coverage can be extended:

#### **Disability extension of 18-month period of COBRA continuation coverage**

If you or anyone in your family covered under the Plan is determined by Social Security to be disabled and you notify the Plan Administrator in a timely fashion, you and your entire family may be entitled to get up to an additional 11 months of COBRA continuation coverage, for a maximum of 29 months. The disability would have to have started at some time before the 60th day of COBRA continuation coverage and must last at least until the end of the 18-month period of COBRA continuation coverage.

#### **Second qualifying event extension of 18-month period of continuation coverage**

If your family experiences another qualifying event during the 18 months of COBRA continuation coverage, the spouse and dependent children in your family can get up to 18 additional months of COBRA continuation coverage, for a maximum of 36 months, if the Plan is properly notified about the second qualifying event. This extension may be available to the spouse and any dependent children getting COBRA continuation coverage if the employee or former employee dies; becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both); gets divorced or legally separated; or if the dependent child stops being eligible under the Plan as a dependent child. This extension is only available if the second qualifying event would have caused the spouse or dependent child to lose coverage under the Plan had the first qualifying event not occurred.

## **Are there other coverage options besides COBRA Continuation Coverage?**

Yes. Instead of enrolling in COBRA continuation coverage, there may be other coverage options for you and your family through the Health Insurance Marketplace, Medicaid, or other group health plan coverage options (such as a spouse's plan) through what is called a "special enrollment period." Some of these options may cost less than COBRA continuation coverage. You can learn more about many of these options at [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov).

## **If you have questions**

Questions concerning your Plan or your COBRA continuation coverage rights should be addressed to the contact or contacts identified below. For more information about your rights under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), including COBRA, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and other laws affecting group health plans, contact the nearest Regional or District Office of the U.S. Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) in your area or visit [www.dol.gov/ebsa](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa). (Addresses and phone numbers of Regional and District EBSA Offices are available through EBSA's website.) For more information about the Marketplace, visit [www.HealthCare.gov](http://www.HealthCare.gov).

## **Keep your Plan informed of address changes**

To protect your family's rights, let the Plan Administrator know about any changes in the addresses of family members. You should also keep a copy, for your records, of any notices you send to the Plan Administrator.

## **Notice of Special Enrollment Rights**

If you are declining enrollment for yourself or your dependents (including your spouse) because of other health insurance or group health plan coverage, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents in this plan if you or your dependents lose eligibility for that other coverage (or if the employer stops contributing towards your or your dependents' other coverage). However, you must request enrollment within 30 days after your or your dependents' other coverage ends (or after the employer stops contributing toward the other coverage).

In addition, if you have a new dependent as a result of marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents. However, you must request enrollment within 30 days after the marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption.

Beginning April 1, 2009, two additional special enrollment events are available to you and your eligible dependents. They are:

1. **Becoming ineligible for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).** If you or your dependents become ineligible for Medicaid or CHIP, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents in the City of Duluth plan. You must request enrollment within 60 days
2. **Becoming eligible for Premium Assistance through Medicaid or CHIP.** If you or your dependents become eligible for premium assistance from Medicaid or CHIP, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents in the City of Duluth plan. You must request enrollment within 60 days.

For more details about these special enrollment opportunities, please consult your summary plan description. To request special enrollment, contact Human Resources.

## Premium Assistance Under Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

If you or your children are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP and you’re eligible for health coverage from your employer, your state may have a premium assistance program that can help pay for coverage, using funds from their Medicaid or CHIP programs. If you or your children aren’t eligible for Medicaid or CHIP, you won’t be eligible for these premium assistance programs but you may be able to buy individual insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace. For more information, visit [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov).

If you or your dependents are already enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP and you live in a State listed below, contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office to find out if premium assistance is available.

If you or your dependents are NOT currently enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, and you think you or any of your dependents might be eligible for either of these programs, contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office or dial **1-877-KIDS NOW** or [www.insurekidsnow.gov](http://www.insurekidsnow.gov) to find out how to apply. If you qualify, ask your state if it has a program that might help you pay the premiums for an employer-sponsored plan.

If you or your dependents are eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP, as well as eligible under your employer plan, your employer must allow you to enroll in your employer plan if you aren’t already enrolled. This is called a “special enrollment” opportunity, and **you must request coverage within 60 days of being determined eligible for premium assistance**. If you have questions about enrolling in your employer plan, contact the Department of Labor at [www.askebsa.dol.gov](http://www.askebsa.dol.gov) or call 1-866-444-EBSA (3272).

**If you live in one of the following states, you may be eligible for assistance paying your employer health plan premiums. The following list of states is current as of July 31, 2014. Contact your State for more information on eligibility.**

MINNESOTA – Medicaid	WISCONSIN – Medicaid
Website: <a href="http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/">http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/</a>  Click on Health Care, then Medical Assistance  Phone: 1-800-657-3629	Website: <a href="http://www.badgercareplus.org/pubs/p-10095.htm">http://www.badgercareplus.org/pubs/p-10095.htm</a>  Phone: 1-800-362-3002

### Statement of Rights Under the Newborns’ and Mothers’ Health Protection Act

Under Federal law, health insurance issuers generally may not restrict benefits for any hospital length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or newborn child to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery, or less than 96 hours following a delivery by cesarean section. However, the issuer may pay for a shorter stay if the attending provider (e.g., your physician, nurse midwife, or physician assistant) after consultation with the mother, discharges the mother or newborn earlier.

Also, under Federal law, issuers may not set the level of benefits or out-of-pocket costs so that any later portion of the 48-hour (or 96-hour) stay is treated in a manner less favorable to the mother or newborn than any earlier portion of the stay.

In addition, an issuer may not, under Federal law, require that a physician or other health care provider obtain authorization for prescribing a length of stay of up to 48 hours (or 96 hours). However, to use certain providers or facilities, or to reduce your out-of-pocket costs, you may be required to obtain precertification. For information on precertification, contact your issuer.

## **Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act (WHCRA)**

The Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (WHCRA) requires group health plans to make certain benefits available to participants who have undergone a mastectomy. In particular, a plan must offer mastectomy patients benefits for:

- All stages of reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance
- Prostheses
- Treatment of physical complications of the mastectomy, including lymphedema

Our plan complies with these requirements. Benefits for these items generally are comparable for those provided under our plan for similar types of medical services and supplies. Of course, the extent to which any of these items is appropriate following mastectomy is a matter to be determined by the patient and her physician.

Our plan neither imposes penalties (for example, reducing or limiting reimbursements) nor provides incentives to induce attending providers to provide care inconsistent with these requirements. If you would like more information about WHCRA required coverage, contact Human Resources

### **Notice of Privacy Reminder**

The City of Duluth is subject to HIPAA privacy rules. In compliance with these rules, it maintains a notice of privacy practices. You have the right to request a copy of the notice of privacy practices by contacting Human Resources.

### **Summary of Benefits and Coverage**

As required by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC) for the City of Duluth medical plan are available upon request. You have the right to request a copy of this document by contacting Human Resources