

# Montebello Unified School District

## Montebello Teachers Association

### Retiree Health Insurance Town Hall

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# **A Few Things Before We Begin**

- **Today's session will be recorded**
- **Please hold all questions until the end**
- **Please don't share your personal health information!**
- **This session will address all retiree types**



# Session Overview

- District Benefits Overview
- CalPERS & Medicare
- CalPERS Plan Types: Basic vs. Medicare
- Understand Your Medicare Health Plan Options
- What is a PBM?
- CalPERS Plan Updates & Rate Information
- FAQs
- Contacts
- Resources
- Questions?

# District Benefits Overview

- **Medical Benefits**
  - Upon retirement, eligible retirees will be reimbursed once a month for a set dollar amount toward medical premium costs.
  - This reimbursement will continue until the retiree reaches age 67, when the District will discontinue retiree premium reimbursements.
  - The final reimbursement will be the month in which the retiree turns 67.
- **Other Benefits**
  - While dental, vision, life, and long-term care insurance benefits are not district-covered into retirement, retirees may purchase dental and vision coverage through the district. You can also continue life insurance and long-term care, but you will need to contact the carrier directly.
  - You can choose from 2 dental benefit options: **Dental PPO & Dental HMO**. If you decide to change plan types, you may do so each year during Open Enrollment.
    - **Dental PPO (PDP)** – allows you the freedom to see providers you want, wider plan benefit coverage, higher premium
    - **Dental HMO (Met50)** – you are restricted to providers in the plan network, narrower plan benefit coverage, lower premium

# *MUSD Retiree Medical Benefit Contribution Policy*

- To qualify as a regular retiree who is eligible for district reimbursements, you must:
  - Have at least 15 years of district service
  - Be at least 55 years of age
- The maximum amount the district will **reimburse** changes each year, and the district will communicate it to you.
- The district will **reimburse** CalPERS medical insurance premiums up to age 67.
- After age 67, the district will no longer reimburse premiums. The last reimbursement will be in the month the retiree turns 67

# *What Does The District Reimbursement Apply To?*

## **YES**

- Plan premiums for your selected CalPERS Health Plan

*Please note: Medicare Enrollment is REQUIRED to participate in the CalPERS health plans.*



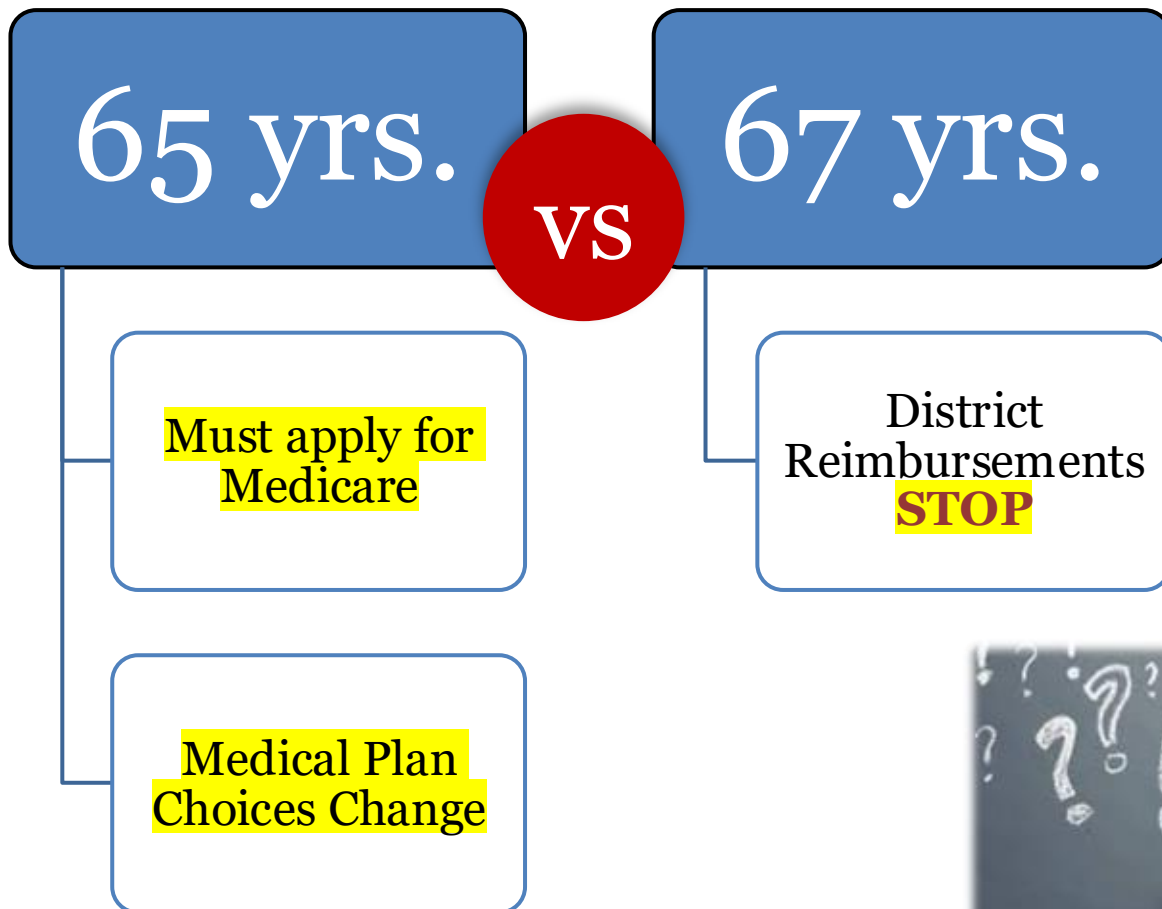
## **NO**

- Medicare premiums
  - You may be eligible for free Part A
  - Everyone pays for Part B
- IRMAA premiums
- District dental and vision premiums

# CalPERS & Medicare

- If you are newly retired, make note that CalPERS is now your health benefits officer; you will refer to them for anything related to your health plan going forward.
- When you are approaching 65 and are beginning your transition into Medicare, you will start receiving correspondence from CalPERS, the Social Security Administration, and **the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services**. Carefully review all correspondence and respond as appropriate.
- At least 3 months prior to a retiree's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday, CalPERS requires retirees to sign up for **MEDICARE A and B (not D)**. You may receive your first notice from CalPERS as soon as 4 months prior to your 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. Do NOT apply sooner than 3 months before your 65<sup>th</sup> birthday
- *Please note: To maintain your CalPERS plan, you must sign up for Medicare Part A & B.*
- To understand more about Medicare and this process, view the recording of the 2025 Medicare 101 workshop; [click here](#).
- The Fall Medicare 101 workshop will be held on November 5<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm

# *Important Age Benchmarks*



# CalPERS Plan Types: Basic vs. Medicare



## CalPERS: Basic Health Plans

- A **CalPERS Basic health plan** provides health benefits coverage to **members under age 65 or those over age 65 who are still working.**
- Members who are 65 years of age or older and not eligible for Medicare Part A may also be eligible to enroll in a Basic health plan.
- To access plan details for the CalPERS Basic Plan options, visit: <https://www.calpers.ca.gov/retirees/health-and-medicare/retiree-plans-and-rates>

| Health Plan                | Plan Type |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Anthem Blue Cross - Full   | HMO       |
| Anthem Blue Cross - Select | HMO       |
| BlueShield Access Plus     | HMO       |
| BlueShield Trio            | HMO       |
| HealthNet Salud Y Mas      | HMO       |
| Kaiser Permanente          | HMO       |
| PERS Gold                  | PPO       |
| PERS Platinum              | PPO       |

# CalPERS: Medicare Health Plan

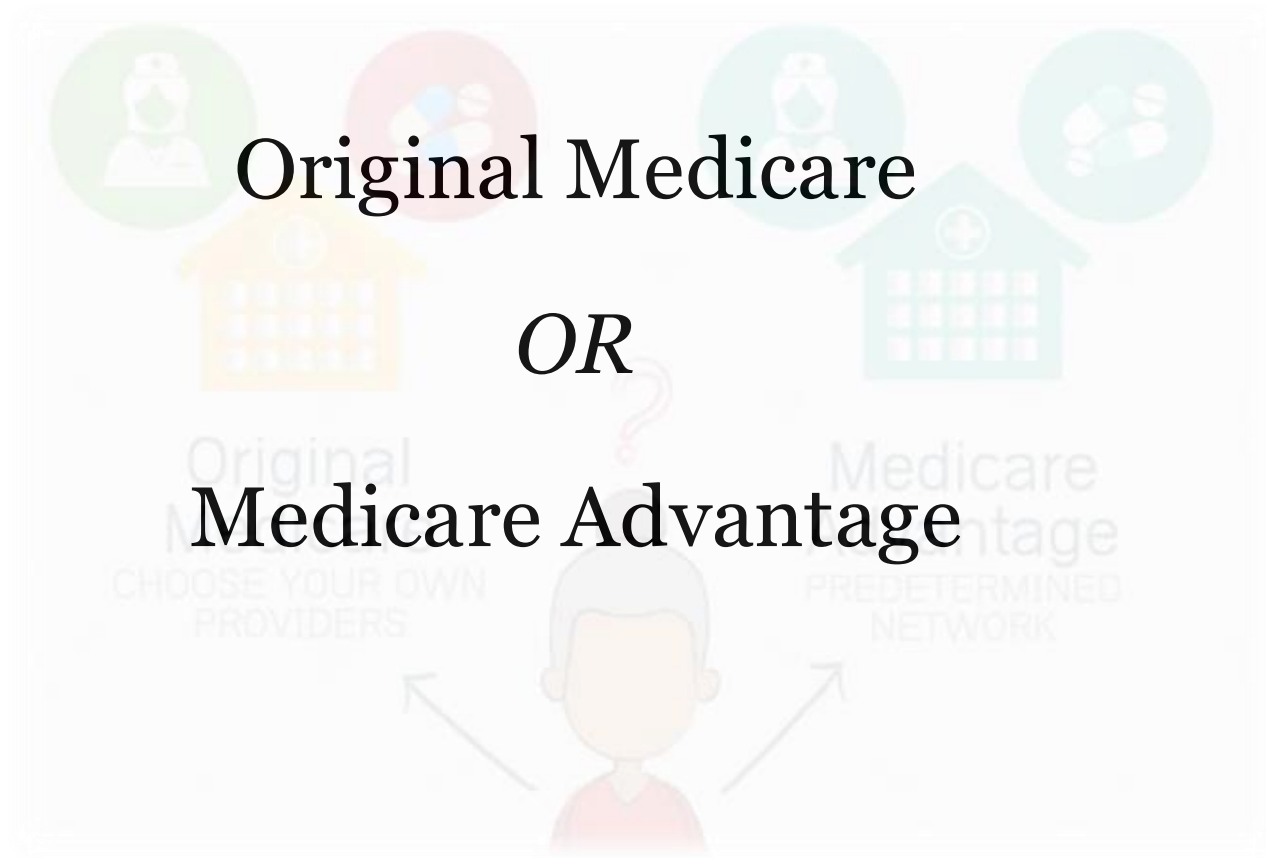
- A **CalPERS Medicare health plan** provides health benefits coverage to members who are:
  - ✓ Over age 65
  - ✓ Retired, and
  - ✓ are enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B with the Social Security Administration (SSA).
- To access plan details for the CalPERS Medicare Plan options, visit:
   
<https://www.calpers.ca.gov/retirees/health-and-medicare/retiree-plans-and-rates>

| Health Plan                                            | Plan Type          |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Anthem Blue Cross Medicare Preferred <b>(PPO)</b>      | Medicare Advantage |
| Blue Shield of California Medicare <b>(PPO)</b>        | Medicare Advantage |
| UnitedHealthcare Medicare <b>(PPO)</b>                 | Medicare Advantage |
| Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage <b>(HMO)</b>        | Medicare Advantage |
| Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage SUMMIT <b>(HMO)</b> | Medicare Advantage |
| Sharp Direct Advantage <b>(HMO)</b>                    | Medicare Advantage |
| PERS PLATINUM Supplement to Medicare                   | Supplement         |
| PERS GOLD Supplement to Medicare                       | Supplement         |

# Understanding Your Medicare Health Plan Options

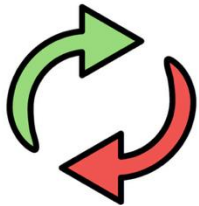


# How would you like to get your Medicare Coverage?



# Medicare Advantage vs. PERS Supplement

- The primary differences between Medicare Advantage plans and Supplemental plans are how payment for services is coordinated with Medicare:



- **Medicare Advantage Plans** are managed care plans that *replace* Original Medicare with a managed provider network.



- **Supplemental Plans** provide a *supplement* for costs you would normally pay with Original Medicare, and you choose your own providers.

# Medicare Plan Options By Plan Type

| Medicare Advantage:<br>HMO                                          | Medicare Advantage: PPO              | PPO Supplement to<br>Medicare |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage                                  | Anthem Blue Cross Medicare Preferred | PERS Platinum                 |
| Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage SUMMIT                           | BlueShield Medicare Preferred        | PERS Gold                     |
| Sharp Advantage <i>(Only available in certain regions)</i>          | UnitedHealthcare Medicare            |                               |
| Western Health Advantage <i>(Only available in certain regions)</i> |                                      |                               |

To access plan details for the CalPERS Medicare Plan options visit: <https://www.calpers.ca.gov/retirees/health-and-medicare/retiree-plans-and-rates>



*Need a little help deciding which plan to choose? Review the Health Benefits Summary and then use the CalPERS How to choose a plan guidance document to help you make a choice.*

- How to choose a plan: <https://www.calpers.ca.gov/documents/choose-a-health-plan/download?inline=>
- CalPERS Health Benefits Summary: <https://www.calpers.ca.gov/documents/2026-health-benefit-summary/download?inline=>

# Combination Plans

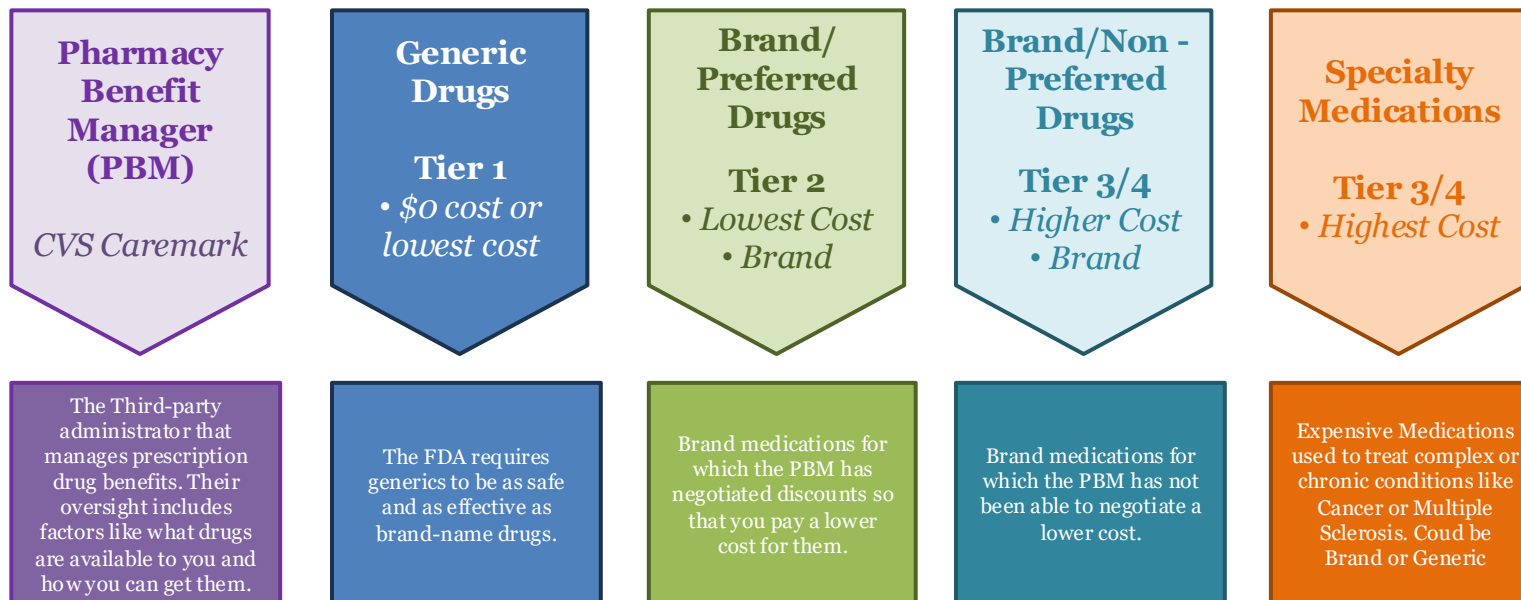
## Combination Plans (Basic + Medicare)

- A combination plan is a hybrid plan where at least one family member is enrolled in a Medicare plan and at least one family member is enrolled in a Basic plan through the same health carrier.
- CalPERS requires all family members to have the same health carrier.
- If you need to enroll in a combination plan and your current CalPERS Basic plan does not offer a CalPERS-sponsored Medicare plan, you will need to select a health plan that does.
- Consider your family's needs when choosing the right Medicare plan.
- If you or your family member becomes eligible for Medicare and enrolls in a CalPERS Medicare plan, all members of your family will be impacted by the Medicare member's change in health plans.

# What is a PBM?



# Pharmacy Benefits 101:



**Formulary** – a list developed by your PBM that includes all medications for which the PBM will provide some level of cost share.

**Things to Note About Formulary:**

1. If a medication is not on your plan formulary, then there will be NO cost share provided on the part of the plan
2. Formularies can change at any time during the year.

# CalPERS Plan Updates & Rate Information



# 2027 Health Plan Changes - *UNDER 65*

- **Effective January 1, 2027, UnitedHealthcare will no longer be offered through CalPERS for retirees under 65 years old**
  - If you don't choose a new plan during Open Enrollment, CalPERS will administratively transfer you and any dependent(s) to the BlueShield Access+ or BlueShield Trio plan, depending on what UnitedHealthcare plan you were previously on.
  - If you have a surgery, procedure, or treatment already scheduled with a UnitedHealthcare provider in 2027, you may be eligible for continuity of care, which will allow you to keep your appointments with your current provider. Please note that limitations apply to which conditions qualify. Visit the California Department of Managed Health Care to view these conditions at:  
<https://www.dmhca.ca.gov/HealthCareinCalifornia/YourHealthCareRights/ContinuityofCare.aspx>



## **2027 Health Plan Changes - *UNDER 65***

- **Effective July 1, 2027, all Basic health plans will offer coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of infertility as required by Senate Bill 729 for CalPERS Basic HMO plans.**
  - The CalPERS Board also approved these benefits for Basic PPO plans effective July 1, 2027.

## 2027 Health Plan Changes – **65YRS. & OLDER**

- **Effective January 1, 2027, for retirees over 65 years old, the UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage plan will remain but will move from a plan that combined medical and pharmacy drug coverage to two separate plans**
  - This product change separates medical and pharmacy plans, which will result in higher reimbursements from CMS.
  - This change will not affect members' coverage, copays, or formularies.
  - You will receive two ID cards: one for medical coverage and one for pharmacy coverage.
  - You will receive communication from [United Healthcare](#); contact them with any questions.

# 2027 Retiree Reimbursements

| Retiree Phase                       | Reimbursement Method                                                            |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Regular Retiree up to age 67</b> | Medical insurance reimbursed by District up to <b>\$1,799.36</b> in <b>2027</b> |
| <b>Retiree age 67+</b>              | Medical insurance deducted from STRS. No reimbursements                         |

*Retiree reimbursement information can be found in the retiree letter located on the MUSD Benefits page. To review visit:*

*[https://www.montebello.k12.ca.us/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=2209018&type=d&pREC\\_ID=2194666](https://www.montebello.k12.ca.us/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=2209018&type=d&pREC_ID=2194666)*



# CalPERS Retiree Premiums by Location

- CalPERS retiree premiums are set by where the retiree lives.
- Reimbursements are set at L.A. County rates. If you live in another area, your premiums may differ based on which region you fall into.
  - Los Angeles County
  - Other Southern California Counties
  - Northern California Counties
  - Out-of-State



# District Minimum Contribution

- Per PEMCHA regulations, the District must pay a minimum contribution to CalPERS for those who retired before September 13, 2009.
- **In 2027, the contribution will be \$150.30.**  
This amount is charged directly to the district and is not deducted from the retiree's STRS warrant.
- Consequently, the amount is also not reimbursed to the retiree's chosen bank account.

# CalPERS Rate Sheet Review

## CalPERS 2027 Regional Health Premiums (Actives and Annuitants)

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

### Region 3\*

Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino

### Basic Monthly Premiums (B)

| Plan                                      | Subscriber | Plan Code | Party Code | Party Rate | Subscriber & 1 Dependent | Plan Code | Party Code | Party Rate | Subscriber & 2+ Dependents | Plan Code | Party Code | Party Rate |
|-------------------------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|--------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|----------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Anthem Blue Cross Select HMO              | \$1,059.06 | 508       | 1          | 1          | \$2,118.12               | 508       | 2          | 2          | \$2,753.56                 | 508       | 3          | 3          |
| Anthem Blue Cross Traditional HMO         | \$1,259.06 | 511       | 1          | 1          | \$2,478.06               | 511       | 2          | 2          | \$3,221.49                 | 511       | 3          | 3          |
| Blue Shield Access+ HMO                   | \$975.19   | 527       | 1          | 1          | \$1,950.38               | 527       | 2          | 2          | \$2,535.49                 | 527       | 3          | 3          |
| Blue Shield EPO                           | \$975.19   | 669       | 1          | 1          | \$1,950.38               | 669       | 2          | 2          | \$2,535.49                 | 669       | 3          | 3          |
| Blue Shield Trio HMO                      | \$908.01   | 452       | 1          | 1          | \$1,816.02               | 452       | 2          | 2          | \$2,360.83                 | 452       | 3          | 3          |
| Health Net Salud y Más                    | \$801.75   | 532       | 1          | 1          | \$1,603.50               | 532       | 2          | 2          | \$2,084.55                 | 532       | 3          | 3          |
| Kaiser Permanente                         | \$1,011.28 | 535       | 1          | 1          | \$2,022.56               | 535       | 2          | 2          | \$2,629.33                 | 535       | 3          | 3          |
| Peace Officers Research Association of CA | \$1,020.00 | 594       | 1          | 1          | \$2,040.00               | 594       | 2          | 2          | \$2,650.00                 | 594       | 3          | 3          |
| PERS Gold                                 | \$1,014.50 | 650       | 1          | 1          | \$2,029.00               | 650       | 2          | 2          | \$2,637.70                 | 650       | 3          | 3          |
| PERS Platinum                             | \$1,293.00 | 659       | 1          | 1          | \$2,586.00               | 659       | 2          | 2          | \$3,427.40                 | 659       | 3          | 3          |

### Medicare (M) Advantage Monthly Premiums

| Plan                                                                          | Subscriber | Plan Code | Party Code | Party Rate | Subscriber & 1 Dependent | Plan Code | Party Code | Party Rate | Subscriber & 2+ Dependents | Plan Code | Party Code | Party Rate |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|--------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|----------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Anthem Medicare Preferred PPO                                                 | \$619.25   | 514       | 1          | 4          | \$1,238.50               | 514       | 2          | 5          | \$1,857.75                 | 514       | 3          | 6          |
| Anthem Medicare Preferred PPO with Dental/Vision <sup>1</sup>                 | \$619.25   | 039       | 1          | 4          | \$1,238.50               | 039       | 2          | 5          | \$1,857.75                 | 039       | 3          | 6          |
| Anthem Medicare Preferred PPO with Dental/Vision <sup>1</sup>                 | \$619.25   | 075       | 1          | 4          | \$1,238.50               | 075       | 2          | 5          | \$1,857.75                 | 075       | 3          | 6          |
| Blue Shield Group Medicare Advantage PPO                                      | \$619.36   | 014       | 1          | 4          | \$1,238.72               | 014       | 2          | 5          | \$1,858.08                 | 014       | 3          | 6          |
| Blue Shield Group Medicare Advantage PPO with Dental/Vision <sup>2</sup>      | \$619.36   | 047       | 1          | 4          | \$1,238.72               | 047       | 2          | 5          | \$1,858.08                 | 047       | 3          | 6          |
| Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage                                            | \$333.93   | 538       | 1          | 4          | \$667.86                 | 538       | 2          | 5          | \$1,001.79                 | 538       | 3          | 6          |
| Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage with Dental <sup>3</sup>                   | \$333.93   | 544       | 1          | 4          | \$667.86                 | 544       | 2          | 5          | \$1,001.79                 | 544       | 3          | 6          |
| Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage Summit                                     | \$391.74   | 632       | 1          | 4          | \$783.48                 | 632       | 2          | 5          | \$1,175.22                 | 632       | 3          | 6          |
| Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage Summit with Dental <sup>3</sup>            | \$391.74   | 638       | 1          | 4          | \$783.48                 | 638       | 2          | 5          | \$1,175.22                 | 638       | 3          | 6          |
| UnitedHealthcare Group Medicare Advantage PPO                                 | \$534.00   | 581       | 1          | 4          | \$1,068.00               | 581       | 2          | 5          | \$1,602.00                 | 581       | 3          | 6          |
| UnitedHealthcare Group Medicare Advantage PPO with Dental/Vision <sup>4</sup> | \$534.00   | 587       | 1          | 4          | \$1,068.00               | 587       | 2          | 5          | \$1,602.00                 | 587       | 3          | 6          |

### Medicare (M) Supplement Monthly Premiums

| Plan                                                          | Subscriber | Plan Code | Party Code | Party Rate | Subscriber & 1 Dependent | Plan Code | Party Code | Party Rate | Subscriber & 2+ Dependents | Plan Code | Party Code | Party Rate |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|--------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|----------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Peace Officers Research Association of CA Medicare Supplement | \$640.00   | 597       | 1          | 4          | \$1,410.00               | 597       | 2          | 5          | \$1,925.00                 | 597       | 3          | 6          |
| PERS Gold Medicare Supplement                                 | \$597.57   | 653       | 1          | 4          | \$1,195.14               | 653       | 2          | 5          | \$1,792.71                 | 653       | 3          | 6          |
| PERS Platinum Medicare Supplement                             | \$665.50   | 663       | 1          | 4          | \$1,331.00               | 663       | 2          | 5          | \$1,996.50                 | 663       | 3          | 6          |

\*For health plan availability by county, please refer to the 2027 Health Benefit Summary or myCalPERS.

<sup>1</sup>Dental and Vision coverage is an additional \$38.00 per member per month premium. You will be billed directly for this amount.

<sup>2</sup>Dental and Vision coverage is an additional \$40.31 per member per month premium. You will be billed directly for this amount.

<sup>3</sup>Dental benefit is an additional \$15.97 per member per month premium. You will be billed directly for this amount.

<sup>4</sup>Dental and Vision coverage is an additional \$32.44 per member per month premium. You will be billed directly for this amount.

## CalPERS 2027 Regional Health Premiums (Actives and Annuitants)

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

### Region 3\*

Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino

### Combination (Basic & Medicare Advantage) Monthly Premiums

| Plan                                                                                     | Subscriber in M, & 1 Dependent in B | Plan Code | Party Code | Party Rate | Subscriber in M, & 2+ Dependents in B | Plan Code | Party Code | Party Rate | Subscriber in M, & 1 Dependent in M, & 1+ Dependent in B | Plan Code | Party Code | Party Rate |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Anthem Blue Cross Select HMO and Medicare Preferred                                      | \$1,678.31                          | 041       | 4          | 7          | \$2,313.75                            | 041       | 5          | 8          | \$1,873.94                                               | 041       | 6          | 9          |
| Anthem Blue Cross Select HMO and Medicare Preferred with Dental/Vision <sup>1</sup>      | \$1,678.31                          | 077       | 4          | 7          | \$2,313.75                            | 077       | 5          | 8          | \$1,873.94                                               | 077       | 6          | 9          |
| Anthem Blue Cross Traditional HMO and Medicare Preferred                                 | \$1,858.27                          | 520       | 4          | 7          | \$2,601.68                            | 520       | 5          | 8          | \$1,981.91                                               | 520       | 6          | 9          |
| Anthem Blue Cross Traditional HMO and Medicare Preferred with Dental/Vision <sup>1</sup> | \$1,858.27                          | 523       | 4          | 7          | \$2,601.68                            | 523       | 5          | 8          | \$1,981.91                                               | 523       | 6          | 9          |
| Blue Shield Access+ HMO and Group Medicare Advantage PPO                                 | \$1,594.55                          | 051       | 4          | 7          | \$2,179.66                            | 051       | 5          | 8          | \$1,823.83                                               | 051       | 6          | 9          |
| Blue Shield Access+ HMO and Group Medicare Advantage PPO with Dental/Vision <sup>2</sup> | \$1,594.55                          | 091       | 4          | 7          | \$2,179.66                            | 091       | 5          | 8          | \$1,823.83                                               | 091       | 6          | 9          |
| Blue Shield EPO and Group Medicare Advantage PPO                                         | \$1,594.55                          | 670       | 4          | 7          | \$2,179.66                            | 670       | 5          | 8          | \$1,823.83                                               | 670       | 6          | 9          |
| Blue Shield EPO and Group Medicare Advantage PPO with Dental/Vision <sup>2</sup>         | \$1,594.55                          | 677       | 4          | 7          | \$2,179.66                            | 677       | 5          | 8          | \$1,823.83                                               | 677       | 6          | 9          |
| Blue Shield Trio HMO and Group Medicare Advantage PPO                                    | \$1,527.37                          | 096       | 4          | 7          | \$2,072.18                            | 096       | 5          | 8          | \$1,783.53                                               | 096       | 6          | 9          |
| Blue Shield Trio HMO and Group Medicare Advantage PPO with Dental/Vision <sup>2</sup>    | \$1,527.37                          | 099       | 4          | 7          | \$2,072.18                            | 099       | 5          | 8          | \$1,783.53                                               | 099       | 6          | 9          |
| Kaiser Permanente and Senior Advantage                                                   | \$1,345.21                          | 541       | 4          | 7          | \$1,951.98                            | 541       | 5          | 8          | \$1,274.63                                               | 541       | 6          | 9          |
| Kaiser Permanente and Senior Advantage with Dental <sup>3</sup>                          | \$1,345.21                          | 547       | 4          | 7          | \$1,951.98                            | 547       | 5          | 8          | \$1,274.63                                               | 547       | 6          | 9          |
| Kaiser Permanente and Senior Advantage Summit                                            | \$1,403.02                          | 635       | 4          | 7          | \$2,009.79                            | 635       | 5          | 8          | \$1,390.25                                               | 635       | 6          | 9          |
| Kaiser Permanente and Senior Advantage Summit with Dental <sup>3</sup>                   | \$1,403.02                          | 641       | 4          | 7          | \$2,009.79                            | 641       | 5          | 8          | \$1,390.25                                               | 641       | 6          | 9          |

### Combination (Basic & Medicare Advantage) Monthly Premiums - Continued

|  | Subscriber in B, & 1 Dependent in M, & | Plan Code | Party Code | Party Rate | Subscriber in B, & 2+ Dependents in M, & | Plan Code | Party Code | Party Rate | Subscriber in B, & 1 Dependent in M, & 1+ Dependent in M, & | Plan Code | Party Code | Party Rate |
|--|----------------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
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View this rate sheet on the CalPERS website at:

<https://www.calpers.ca.gov/documents/health-rates-region-3-2027/download?inline>



# Vision Benefits & Rates

- VSP ([www.vsp.com](http://www.vsp.com))
- Paid through Coast Benefits
- Cost (per month) – ***No Changes!***
  - \$14.00 for single
  - \$27.00 for 2-party
  - \$37.50 for family



## Dental Benefits & Rates (PPO Plan Option)

- MetLife
- Paid monthly through Coast Benefits
- Cost (per month) – **DECREASE!**
  - \$72.00 for single
  - \$144.00 for 2-party
  - \$170.00 for family

## Dental Benefits & Rates DHMO (HMO Plan Option)

- The DHMO, or Dental HMO plan, works like a Medical HMO plan, where you will have to select a primary dental provider who will direct all your dental specialty needs

| MET50                                        |                |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Managed Dental Plan (per Employee Per Month) |                |
| Employee Only                                | <b>\$24.30</b> |
| Employee + 1<br>Dependent                    | <b>\$46.17</b> |
| Employee + Family                            | <b>\$64.40</b> |

***No changes!***



## *A Special Note on Dental & Vision Payments*

- Payments for dental and vision premiums must be deducted from an account through the Banking institution of your choice
- If your bank account information changes, ***you*** must notify the Benefits department immediately.
- Failure to do so can result in a lapse in payment and possible termination from your dental plan.

# FAQ: Coast Benefits

- When are dental and vision deductions typically withdrawn each month? **Deductions should occur within the first half of each month.**
- If my dental and/or vision deduction amount is incorrect, who should I contact to get it corrected? **First, contact the Benefits department to confirm your tier and the amount that you should have been billed, and then contact Coast Benefits to correct the billing amount.**

# FAQ: MUSD Benefits Department

- Who should I contact if I need to change my bank account information, and what do I need to provide? **You will need to fill out an authorization form and send it to the Benefits Department with a note requesting that your account information be updated.**
- How do I find out how much my dental and vision premiums are? **Each fall, the Benefits Department posts a letter on its website with dental rates for the following year. The dental and vision rates are also typically posted on the MTA retiree webpage. Finally, your benefits specialist, Vivian Lomeli, can provide that information.**
- Who do I need to contact for enrollment changes? **For changes in medical plan enrollment, contact CalPERS. For changes in dental and vision plan enrollment, contact the Benefits Department.**
- When will I get information on medical, dental and vision rates? **Each fall, the Benefits Department posts a letter on its website with dental, vision, and medical reimbursement amounts for the following year.**

# A Quick Review of Your Dental & Vision Contacts

## MUSD Benefits

- Can provide premium info for dental and vision.
- Rate information for the various plan tiers can be found on the MUSD Benefits page and on MTA retiree page
- Handles changes in enrollment for **dental and vision**
- Has access to your **dental and vision benefit info**

## Coast Benefits

- Can provide info on what premium amount is on file to be deducted from your account
- Will deduct dental and vision premiums
- DOES NOT have access to your **dental and vision benefit information**

# Important Health Enrollment Reminders

- **2027 CalPERS Open Enrollment is from September 14<sup>th</sup> through October 9<sup>th</sup>.**
- You may use your current health plan only through December 31, 2026. If you don't make any plan changes, your current plan will reset beginning January 1, 2027.
- If you switch health plans, your new health plan will take effect January 1, 2027.
- If you change your health plan, you'll receive new ID cards from your new health plan.
- A medical group ending its contract with a health plan doesn't create a qualifying event to change plans outside of Open Enrollment.
- Each health plan issues ID cards, not CalPERS. Contact your health plan directly if you need additional cards.
- Carefully review your pay warrant to ensure the health plan premium deduction was made when you change health plans, enroll for the first time, or add/delete dependents.
- If your January warrant doesn't show the new premium deduction, you should see the premium payment adjustment in a subsequent pay period.
- If you don't see the correct deduction applied in your February warrant, contact CalPERS.

# Contacts

- **CalPERS**

- **Phone:** 1(888) CAL-PERS or  
1 (888) 225-7377
- **Retirees Page:**  
<https://www.calpers.ca.gov/page/retirees>

- **Montebello Teachers Association**

- 918 W. Whittier Blvd.  
Montebello, CA 90640
- **Phone:** 323 722 5005  
**Email:** [mta@montebelloteachers.org](mailto:mta@montebelloteachers.org)
- **Website:**  
<https://www.montebelloteachers.org/Retirees.html#gsc.tab=0>

- **Coast Benefits Contact Information:**

- **Contact:** Courtney Boules
- [cb@coastbenefits.com](mailto:cb@coastbenefits.com)

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- **Contact:** Vivian Lomeli  
**Email:** [lomeli\\_vivian@montebello.k12.ca.us](mailto:lomeli_vivian@montebello.k12.ca.us)
- **Contact:** Laura Simmons  
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- **Website:**  
[https://www.montebello.k12.ca.us/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=2209018&type=d&pREC\\_ID=2194666](https://www.montebello.k12.ca.us/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=2209018&type=d&pREC_ID=2194666)

- **Long Term Care (UNUM)**

- **Contact:** Harris Kivitz
- **Email:** [kivitz1@verizon.net](mailto:kivitz1@verizon.net)
- **Phone:** 310-844-3918

- **Life Insurance (SISC)**

- **Email:** [SISCLife@siscschools.org](mailto:SISCLife@siscschools.org)
- **Phone:** (661) 636-4410

# Resources

## *District Retiree Resources*

- **MUSD Retiree Benefits Guide**
  - *See District Benefits Webpage:*  
[https://www.montebello.k12.ca.us/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=2209018&type=d&pREC\\_ID=2194666](https://www.montebello.k12.ca.us/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=2209018&type=d&pREC_ID=2194666)

## *CalPERS Retiree Resources*

- **CalPERS Forms and Publications**
  - <https://www.calpers.ca.gov/retirees/health-and-medicare/eligibility-and-enrollment>
- **CalPERS Resource Documents**
  - **How to Choose a Health Plan** - <https://www.calpers.ca.gov/documents/choose-a-health-plan/download?inline=>
  - **Health Program Guide** - <https://www.calpers.ca.gov/documents/health-program-guide/download?inline=>
  - **Health Benefit Summary** - <https://www.calpers.ca.gov/documents/2026-health-benefit-summary/download?inline=>
- **Social Security Administration**
  - <https://www.ssa.gov/>
- **Medicare**
  - **Medicare & You** - <https://www.medicare.gov/publications/10050-medicare-and-you.pdf>
  - **Medicare website** - <https://www.medicare.gov/>
  - **Medicare Enrollment Guide** - <https://www.calpers.ca.gov/documents/medicare-enrollment-guide/download?inline=>
  - **Understanding Medicare Part B & IRMAA Reimbursements**
    - <https://www.calpers.ca.gov/documents/medicare-part-b-irmaa-reimbursements/download?inline=>



Thank you!

**Questions?**