



This **Benefit Summary - Quick Guide** is a high-level overview of the benefits package offered to UW System employees. Additional resources/links are referenced throughout that provide more detailed information.

Use **ALEX!** An interactive decision-support tool that acts as a personalized benefits counselor. ALEX helps compare plan designs in plain English. ALEX may be accessed anywhere you have an internet connection.

Paid Leave (*all paid leave benefits are prorated for employees working less than 100%, if eligible*)

- **Vacation:** 12-month employees earn 22 days/year. Allocated on a fiscal-year basis (July 1-June 30). Accrued monthly. If not used within the fiscal year earned, it carries over until the end of the following fiscal year.
- **Observed Legal Holidays:** Nine legal holidays are observed (if working). Academic year employees are paid for the legal holidays that fall within the academic year.
- **Personal/Floating Holidays:** 12-month employees are granted 36 hours on a fiscal-year basis (July 1-June 30). Must be used by the end of the fiscal year (June 30) in which the hours are earned. Unused hours are lost.
- **Sick Leave:** New, full-time employees with an appointment of at least 9-months are granted an initial entitlement of 22 days which may be used during the first 18-months of employment. Thereafter, 96 hours earned per fiscal year (1 day per month for 12-month employees; 6 days per semester for academic year/9-month employees).

Health Insurance (includes **pharmacy benefits**; **Uniform Dental is optional**)

Employees eligible for the WRS benefits package are eligible for Health Insurance with or without Uniform Dental. Employees are eligible for the employer contribution to the premium if employment remains at or above 50%. Employees who work less than 50%, pay 50% of the total premium. The High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) includes a Health Savings Account (HSA) with an employer contribution (up to \$750 single or \$1,500 family). The Access Plans provide out-of-network coverage for most services.

Monthly Pre-tax Employee Premiums (without Uniform Dental)	Health Plan		High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP)	
	Employee Only	Family	Employee Only	Family
Health Plan / HDHP	\$92	\$229	\$32	\$80
Access Health Plan / Access HDHP	\$251	\$623	\$191	\$474

Employees declining State Group Health may be eligible for up to a \$2,000 annual **Opt-Out Incentive** (pro-rated for new hires).

Well-being Resources

- **Employee Assistance Program (EAP):** Provides confidential resources at no cost to employees and members of their household. The EAP may help with personal/work-related concerns, legal/financial situations and work-life balance.
- **Mental Health Resource:** SilverCloud is an online, anonymous, self-guided, interactive resource that provides confidential assistance with mental health well-being (e.g. managing stress and anxiety).
- **Well Wisconsin Program:** Employees and spouses enrolled in State Group Health Insurance are eligible to participate. Employees and spouses may earn a \$150 incentive by completing a health assessment, health check and one Well-Being activity. Other resources are also available to help employees achieve their well-being goals.

Dental Insurance

The Uniform and Preventive Dental plans cover diagnostic, preventive, basic and orthodontia (under age 19) services. The Select and Select Plus plans cover major and restorative services (and exclude coverage for preventive services). The main differences between the Select and Select Plus plans are the provider networks, premiums, annual maximums and whether orthodontia is covered (Select Plus plan only; including adult orthodontia). Monthly pre-tax employee premiums:

Monthly Pre-tax Employee Premiums	Employee Only	Employee + Spouse	Employee + Child(ren)	Family
Uniform Dental (with State Group Health)	\$4.00	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$9.00
Preventive Dental (without State Group Health)	\$30.20	\$75.50	\$75.50	\$75.50
PPO - Select	\$9.28	\$18.56	\$12.52	\$22.28
PPO plus Premier – Select Plus	\$16.82	\$33.64	\$31.12	\$51.30

Vision Insurance

Vision insurance provides coverage for vision exam(s) and materials. Monthly pre-tax employee premiums:

Monthly Pre-tax Employee Premiums	Employee Only	Employee + Spouse	Employee + Child(ren)	Family
Vision Insurance	\$5.72	\$11.42	\$12.88	\$20.58

Spending and Savings Accounts

- **Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs)** allow employees to set aside pre-tax income to help pay eligible health, dental, vision and/or dependent day care expenses. FSA's are "use it or lose it" accounts. Healthcare FSAs include a carryover provision.
- **Parking & Transit Accounts** allow employees to set aside pre-tax income for work-related parking and transit expenses.
- **Health Savings Accounts (HSAs)** are a required component of the High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP). They allow employees to set aside pre-tax income to help pay eligible health, dental and/or vision expenses. HSAs provide a triple tax advantage (contributions, distributions, investment earnings). The money in an HSA rolls over from year to year. Crafts workers are not eligible for the employer contribution to their HSA.

Life and Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D) Insurance (may enroll in more than one life insurance plan, if eligible)

- **State Group Life Insurance:** Employee coverage up to 5x annual income (partially paid for by the UW System). Spouse and dependent coverage also available.
- **Individual & Family Life Insurance*:** Up to \$300,000 employee coverage available.
- **UW Employees, Inc. Life Insurance:** Decreasing term life insurance (\$7,000 - \$33,000) available for employee only.
- **University Insurance Association Life Insurance:** Decreasing term life insurance (\$3,400 - \$101,000) available for employee only. Enrollment required for Faculty, Academic Staff and Limited Appointees who meet the salary threshold.
- **Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D) Insurance*:** Up to \$500,000 employee coverage available.
*Spouse, domestic partner and dependent coverage available.

Accident Insurance

May provide a cash payment to help cover out-of-pocket expenses in the event of an accident. Includes an Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D) component. Employees may enroll in both plans (AD&D Insurance and Accident Insurance).

Monthly After-tax Employee Premiums	Employee Only	Employee + Spouse	Employee + Child(ren)	Family
Accident Insurance	\$4.38	\$6.26	\$8.44	\$12.32

Income Continuation Insurance

Replaces up to 75% of eligible earnings if an employee is unable to work due to illness or injury. Premiums are based on eligible earnings and elimination period elected. After 12 months of state WRS service, the UW System contributes to the premium.

Retirement Savings Programs

- **Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS):** Provides retirement benefits to UW System employees and most State of Wisconsin public employees. In 2021, eligible employees contribute 6.75% of eligible earnings up to IRS limits. The UW System also contributes 6.75% for most employees. The WRS also provides separation, disability and survivor benefits.
- **Tax-Sheltered Annuity (TSA) 403(b) Program*:** Save for retirement pre-tax or after-tax (Roth).
- **Wisconsin Deferred Compensation (WDC) 457 Program*:** Save for retirement pre-tax or after-tax (Roth).
- **Sick Leave Credit Conversion Program:** Unused sick leave may be converted to credits to pay for State Group Health Insurance at layoff, termination with 20 years of service, retirement or death.
*These programs have no employer contribution. IRS annual contribution limits apply. Special catch-up contributions may be available.

Other Resources: Use [ALEX](#), the [UW System Employee Benefits Website](#) or contact your institution's [human resources office](#).

Most enrollments are due **within 30 days** from date of hire. Effective dates vary by plan. Annual Benefits Enrollment is held each fall for certain plans with coverage effective the following January 1st. Some plans allow mid-year enrollment with evidence of insurability. Every effort has been made to ensure this information is current and correct. Information in this guide does not guarantee eligibility, enrollment and/or benefits.

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