2021 Benefits Open Enrollment: A Wrap-Up

Thank you to everyone who enrolled online during 2021 Benefits Open Enrollment. Taking an active role in choosing your benefits coverage is essential to ensuring you have the right coverage for you—and your family, if applicable.

Here’s a brief enrollment summary:

- 4,101 System-wide employees completed Benefits Open Enrollment—that’s almost 97% of benefits-eligible employees.
- 1,948 System-wide employees completed the MyPath2Wellness requirement and earned an annual $150 medical premium credit for 2021.

Get a Jump Start on 2021

We’re nearing the end of the year. To make the most of your benefits in 2021, check these items off your to-do list.

- Confirm your doctors are still in-network.
- Make preventive care appointments with your primary care providers (medical, dental, and vision).
- Submit 2020 Flexible Spending Account and Health Savings Account claims. Don’t forget you might need a receipt to confirm your claim is eligible for reimbursement.
- Complete and return your 2020 Fitness Reimbursement Program form.
- Check for changes to your premium, annual deductibles, annual out-of-pocket maximums, and copays/coinsurance—use 2021 benefit information to create a budget.
- Decide if you can contribute more to your retirement plan. A little increase in your contribution each year will set you up for long-term success.

EAP: Your Holiday Resource

The holiday season can take a toll on your wallet, waistband, and mental health. This year, there’s the added stress of the COVID-19 pandemic to consider.

EAP counselors are your go-to for help with family conflict, stress management, depression, financial concerns, and more. Visit eaphelplink.com (company code: USNH) or call 800-424-1749 for helpful resources. EAP counselors are ready to help 24/7. You pay nothing for an unlimited number of telephone sessions, or for up to six in-person sessions per issue, with a licensed and credentialed master’s-level or Ph.D.-level counselor.

Looking for some holiday-related help? Search “holiday” at eaphelplink.com (company code: USNH) for helpful articles about holiday stress, mental health, shopping, and celebrating.

Contribute to your 403(b) Retirement Plan in 2021

For 2021, you can contribute up to the IRS limit of $19,500 (same as 2020) to your tax-advantaged savings account. This includes the pre-tax and after-tax contributions you make to your 403(b) Retirement Plan account. If you will be age 50 or older in 2021, you can make additional catch-up contributions of up to $6,500. Once you hit the limit, all employee and employer contributions cease.
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List of Common Reward Procedures

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- CAT scan: $75
- X-ray: $25
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- MRI: $50
- Breast biopsy: $150
- Screening mammogram: $25
- Sleep study: $100
- Upper GI endoscopy: $125
- Ear tube placement: $300
- Spinal fusion: $1,500
- Total knee replacement: $750
- Total hip replacement: $1,000
- Hysterectomy: $500
- Cataract surgery: $100
- Cholecystectomy: $500

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