Regular Employee New Hire Guide



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Welcome to King County!

As a regular county employee, you and your eligible dependents enjoy a comprehensive package of health and insurance benefits. This guide describes those benefits, explains your election options and includes the forms you need (beginning on page 27) to enroll you and your family.

Please review the information in this guide and if you need more details, contact the resources listed in the Resource Directory section or refer to *Your King County Benefits*, the collection of plan booklets available at New Employee Orientation or www.metrokc.gov/employees/benefits, or from Benefits and Retirement Operations.

Return your enrollment forms within 30 days of your hire date to:

King County Benefits and Retirement Operations The Chinook Building, CNK-ES-0240 401 Fifth Avenue Seattle WA 98104-2333

If you don't return your forms **within 30 days of your hire date**, your eligible dependents may not be covered and default coverage may be assigned to you (see third "key point" on page 3).

This guide isn't a complete description of each benefit plan. If you have questions about specific plan details, please refer to *Your King County Benefits* or contact the resources listed in the Resource Directory. We've made every attempt to ensure the accuracy of this information. However, if there is any discrepancy between the benefit descriptions and the insurance contracts or other legal documents, the legal documents will always govern. King County intends to continue benefit plans indefinitely, but reserves the right to amend or terminate them at any time in whole or in part, for any reason, according to the amendment and termination procedures described in the legal documents. King County, as plan administrator, has the sole discretionary authority to determine eligibility for benefits and to construe the terms of the plans. This information doesn't create a contract of employment between King County and any employee.

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Eight Key Points

- 1. King County pays for medical, dental and vision coverage for you and the eligible family members you enroll, plus basic life, accidental death and dismemberment (AD&D), and long-term disability (LTD) insurance for you. When you first enroll you have a choice of medical plans and may purchase supplemental life and supplemental AD&D for yourself and family members, plus supplemental LTD for yourself. If you and your spouse/domestic partner are both county employees, you may not cover each other as a dependent under your medical, dental and vision coverage or under your enhanced life and AD&D.
- 2. If you don't elect supplemental life now, you must wait until certain qualifying events occur to add it later. If you don't elect supplemental AD&D now, you must wait until the next open enrollment to add it. If you don't elect supplemental LTD now, you lose the opportunity to add it later. For details, see the Important Facts booklet in Your King County Benefits.
- 3. If you don't return your enrollment forms to Benefits and Retirement Operations within 30 days of your hire date, your eligible family members may not be covered and you may be assigned this default coverage:
 - KingCareSM Medical
 - Dental
 - Vision

- Basic life insurance
- Basic AD&D insurance
- Basic LTD insurance
- **4.** Unless modified by your collective bargaining agreement, your benefit coverage begins the first calendar day of the month following your hire date (the first day you report to work). However, if your hire date is the first calendar day of the month, your coverage begins the same day.
- 5. It takes several weeks to process your enrollment and issue your medical card (no cards are issued for dental or vision). If you don't receive your medical card within 30 days, contact your medical plan. If you have difficulty getting services, contact Benefits and Retirement Operations.
- 6. Open enrollment every November lets you change coverage effective the following January. You may:
 - Change medical plans
 - Add or increase supplemental AD&D for yourself and family members
 - Add eligible family members not previously covered.
- 7. You may make certain changes to your benefit coverage between open enrollments. Generally, you must notify Benefits and Retirement Operations within 30 days of the event prompting the change; change forms are available at www.metrokc.gov/employees/benefits and provide more details. Between open enrollments you may:
 - Drop family members from coverage
 - Drop or reduce self-paid coverage (supplemental life, supplemental AD&D or supplemental LTD)
 - Add eligible family members for coverage if you have a qualifying event such as a:
 - Birth or placement for adoption of a child
 - Placement of a legal ward
 - Qualified Medical Child Support Order
 - Marriage or establishment of a domestic partnership
 - Significant change in your spouse/domestic partner's employer-sponsored coverage
 - Opt back in for medical coverage if you lose other coverage (see explanation on page 7)
 - Request continuation of coverage for a child past age 23 if the child is currently enrolled under your plans, incapacitated due to developmental or physical disability and chiefly dependent on you for support.
- **8.** Questions? Please contact the resources listed in the Resource Directory section of this guide or refer to *Your King County Benefits*, the collection of plan booklets available at New Employee Orientation or www.metrokc.gov/employees/benefits, or from Benefits and Retirement Operations.

Benefits That Need No Decisions

You and the eligible family members you enroll automatically receive dental and vision coverage, and you receive basic life, basic accidental death and dismemberment (AD&D) and basic long-term disability (LTD) insurance for yourself. These "automatic" benefits need no decisions and aren't listed on your enrollment forms.

For more details, refer to the plan booklets in Your King County Benefits.

► You automatically receive dental coverage

Dental coverage is provided by Washington Dental Service. You can use any dentist you wish, but the benefits are generally higher (your out-of-pocket expenses are less) and the dentist automatically files your claim if you see a WDS dentist (most dentists in Washington participate in the WDS plan).

WDS increases your payment levels through an incentive program as long as you see your dentist each year:

- For diagnostic and preventive services as well as basic services, the payment level starts at 70% and increases 10% in January of each year until you reach 100% (if you don't see the dentist during the calendar year your payment level is reduced to the next lower payment level, but never below 70%)
- For major restorative services the payment level increases from 70% to 80%, then to 85%.

If you're a new hire, coverage begins at the 70% incentive level; levels "earned" under another group plan don't apply to the county plan. However, incentive levels are adjusted based on previous participation in the county plan if you're a:

- Recalled or reinstated employee
- Rehired employee who's continued county coverage uninterrupted under COBRA between your
 previous county employment and rehire (if county coverage has been interrupted, new hire
 incentive levels apply).

Plan Feature	
Annual deductible (doesn't apply to diagnostic and preventive services, orthodontic services or accidental injuries)	\$25/person; \$75/family
Annual maximum benefit (doesn't apply to orthodontic or TMJ services)	\$2,000/person
Covered Expenses	Dental Plan Pays
 Diagnostic and preventive services Exam and cleaning, twice/calendar year Oral health assessment Periodontal cleaning and maintenance up to 4 times/calendar year (under certain oral health conditions) Complete X-rays every 3 years Supplementary bitewing X-rays, twice/calendar year 	70%–100% based on patient's incentive level (deductible doesn't apply)
Basic services Crowns (stainless steel) Extractions Fillings Periodontics Root canals	70%–100% based on patient's incentive level
Major servicesCrowns (gold, porcelain)OnlaysPeriodontics—occlusal (night) guard	70%–85% based on patient's incentive level 50% occlusal guard (incentive levels don't apply). Your medical plan may provide additional coverage.
Major services—Prosthodontics Dentures Fixed bridges Implants	70% (incentive levels don't apply)
Orthodontic services for adults and children	50% up to a \$2,500 lifetime maximum (deductible, incentive levels and annual maximums don't apply) Not more than \$1,250 will be paid during the initial stage of treatment; the remaining plan benefit is paid seven months after the initial stage if the covered participant still meets eligibility requirements.
Temporomandibular joint (TMJ) disorders	50% up to a \$500 lifetime maximum for non-surgical treatment and appliances (deductible, incentive levels and annual maximums don't apply). Your medical plan may provide additional coverage.
Accidental injury	100% for covered expenses incurred within 180 days of accident (deductible doesn't apply)

► You automatically receive vision coverage

Vision coverage is provided by Vision Service Plan. You can use any eye care provider you wish, but the benefits are generally higher (your out-of-pocket expenses are less) and the provider automatically files your claim if you see a VSP provider. (Group Health provides routine vision exams under its medical plan, but none of the other vision benefits listed below; VSP providers may not accept a Group Health prescription for lenses.)

Vision Plan		
Covered Expenses	If you see a VSP provider, you pay a \$10 copay and the plan pays the amount listed below	If you see a non-VSP provider, you pay the bill in full and the plan reimburses you the amounts listed below, minus a \$10 copay
Exam (once every 12 months)	100%	Up to \$40
Eyeglass lenses (one pair every 12 months)		
Single vision	100%	Up to \$40
Lined bifocal	100%	Up to \$60
Lined trifocal	100%	Up to \$80
Progressive lenses	100%	Up to trifocal allowance of \$80
Lenticular	100%	Up to \$125
Polycarbonate lenses for children	100%	Not covered
Anti-reflective coating	100%	Not covered
Color/mirror coating	100%	Not covered
Scratch coating	100%	Not covered
Tints/photochromic lenses	100%	Up to \$5
UV lenses	100%	Not covered
Eyeglass frames (once every 24 months)	Up to \$130; if you choose a frame that costs more than the VSP allowable amount, you'll receive 20% off your out-of-pocket cost	Up to \$45
Contact lenses (once every 12 months in place of eyeglass lenses and frames)		
Elective (Providers may bill you for contact lenses separately or they may include the lenses, fittings and follow-up fees in a single bill; all contact lens fees apply to the \$105 maximum paid by the plan)	Up to \$105	Up to \$105
Medically necessary	100% (Preauthorization required)	Up to \$210 (Preauthorization required)
Low-vision benefit	75% up to \$1,000 (Preauthorization required)	75% up to \$1,000 (Preauthorization required)

► You automatically receive basic life insurance

The county pays for basic life insurance for you. If you die for any reason, your beneficiaries receive a lump sum equal to your base annual salary (rounded to the next highest \$1,000). The benefit increases as your salary increases, to a maximum of \$200,000. (You may purchase supplemental life insurance for yourself and family, as explained beginning on page 17.)

► You automatically receive basic AD&D insurance

The county pays for basic accidental death and dismemberment insurance for you. If you die in a covered accident, your beneficiaries receive a lump sum equal to your base annual salary (rounded to the next highest \$1,000). The benefit increases as your salary increases, to a maximum of \$200,000. For dismemberment, paralysis and other covered losses, you receive an amount determined by the type of loss. (You may purchase supplemental AD&D insurance for yourself and family, as explained beginning on page 18.)

Your AD&D benefit includes some additional benefits, like emergency help while traveling from Worldwide Assistance; for details, see the CIGNA AD&D booklet in *Your King County Benefits*.

► You automatically receive basic LTD insurance

The county pays for basic long-term disability insurance for you. If you become disabled, are unable to work and apply for LTD, this benefit combines with other sources of disability income to replace 60% of your predisability earnings (to a maximum benefit of \$6,000 a month) after a 180-day waiting period. (You may purchase supplemental LTD insurance for yourself, as explained on page 19.)

Benefits That Need Your Decisions

You must submit the enrollment forms (beginning on page 27) to Benefits and Retirement Operations *within 30 days of your hire date* to:

- Choose your medical plan
- Elect supplemental life and supplemental accidental death and dismemberment (AD&D) insurance for yourself and eligible family members
- Elect supplemental long-term disability (LTD) insurance for yourself
- Designate your beneficiaries for life, AD&D and LTD survivor benefit insurance
- Cover your eligible family members.

These "decision" benefits are summarized in the following sections. For more details, including exclusions, limitations or preauthorization requirements, contact the resources listed in the Resource Directory section of this guide or refer to *Your King County Benefits*, the collection of plan booklets available at New Employee Orientation or www.metrokc.gov/employees/benefits, or from Benefits and Retirement Operations.

What medical plan is best for you?

You may choose from two medical plan options or you may opt out of medical coverage and receive an additional \$65 in monthly pay, taxed as ordinary income. The option you select is also the option your family members receive.

To opt out of medical coverage, you must have coverage through another employer's medical plan and submit a copy of the other medical plan card with your enrollment form. When you opt out of medical, it doesn't affect other health coverage; you and your covered family members continue to receive county-paid dental and vision benefits. You may opt back in if you lose your other medical coverage by

submitting an Opt Back In form to Benefits and Retirement Operations within 30 days of losing coverage.

When you cover a spouse/domestic partner who also has access to medical coverage through an employer, you will pay a monthly \$35 benefit access fee for your spouse/domestic partner's coverage under your county plan. If you do not want to pay the \$35/month benefit access fee, you may elect not to add your spouse/domestic partner to your county medical coverage while still adding him/her to your county dental and vision coverage.

The following two tables summarize the features and covered expenses of the two medical plan options for 2007.

Please note that two separate companies process claims for the KingCareSM plans. If you chose the KingCareSM plan, you receive a medical card from Aetna to use for all medical claims (physician visits, hospital, lab work, etc.) and a prescription card from Express Scripts to use for all outpatient, retail pharmacy and mail-order prescription drug claims.

KingCareSM

Plan Feature	KingCare SM Gold	KingCare SM Silver	KingCare SM Bronze
Provider choice	You may choose any qualified provider, but you receive higher coverage when you use network providers.		
	(R&C) rates, and reimbursemen	ork medical services is based or nt for out-of-network prescription etwork pharmacies. You pay am	n drug services is based on the
Annual deductible	\$100/person; \$300/family	\$300/person; \$900/family	\$500/person; \$1,500/family
	Deductible amounts applied to charges incurred in the last three months of the calendar year are carried over and applied to the next year's deductible.	Deductible amounts applied to charges incurred in the last three months of the calendar year are carried over and applied to the next year's deductible.	Deductible amounts applied to charges incurred in the last three months of the calendar year are carried over and applied to the next year's deductible.
	The deductible doesn't apply to prescription drugs, preventive care or hearing aids.	The deductible doesn't apply to prescription drugs, preventive care or hearing aids.	The deductible doesn't apply to prescription drugs, preventive care or hearing aids.
Copays	Applicable only to emergency re	oom care and prescription drugs	
After the deductible/copays, the	Network: 90% (You pay 10% coinsurance)	Network: 80% (You pay 20% coinsurance)	Network: 80% (You pay 20% coinsurance)
plan pays most covered services at these levels	Out-of-network: 70% (You pay 30% coinsurance)	Out-of-network: 60% (You pay 40% coinsurance)	Out-of-network: 60% (You pay 40% coinsurance)
until you reach the annual out-of-pocket maximum	100% of network rate after applicable copays for prescription drug claims (Deductible doesn't apply)	100% of network rate after applicable copays for prescription drug claims (Deductible doesn't apply)	100% of network rate after applicable copays for prescription drug claims (Deductible doesn't apply)
Annual out-of-pocket maximum	Network: \$800/person or \$1,600/family, plus deductible Out-of-network:	Network: \$1,000/ person or \$2,000/ family, plus deductible	Network: \$1,200/ person or \$2,400/ family, plus deductible
	\$1,600/person or \$3,200/family, plus deductible Doesn't apply to prescriptions	Out-of-network: \$1,800/ person or \$3,600/ family, plus deductible Doesn't apply to prescriptions	Out-of-network: \$2,000/person or \$4,000/family, plus deductible

Plan Feature	KingCare sM Gold	KingCare SM Silver	KingCare sM Bronze
After you reach the out- of-pocket maximum, most benefits are paid for the rest of the calendar year at this level	Network: 100% Out-of-network: 100% of R&C	charges	
Lifetime maximum	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000

Covered Expenses	KingCare SM Gold	KingCare SM Silver	KingCare SM Bronze
Alternative care (including	Network: 90%	Network: 80%	Network: 80%
medically necessary	Out-of-network: 70%	Out-of-network: 60%	Out-of-network: 60%
acupuncture, hypnotherapy and massage therapy)	Massage services must be prescribed by a physician.	Massage services must be prescribed by a physician.	Massage services must be prescribed by a physician.
	A total of 60 covered visits/year (may include any combination of acupuncture, hypnotherapy and/or massage therapy visits)	A total of 60 covered visits/year (may include any combination of acupuncture, hypnotherapy and/or massage therapy visits)	A total of 60 covered visits/year (may include any combination of acupuncture, hypnotherapy and/or massage therapy visits)
Ambulance services	90%	80%	80%
Chemical dependency	Network: 100%	Network: 80%	Network: 80%
treatment (requires	Out-of-network: 70%	Out-of-network: 60%	Out-of-network: 60%
preauthorization)	Up to \$15,000 in 24 consecutive months for combined network and out-of-network services (maximum subject to annual adjustment)	Up to \$15,000 in 24 consecutive months for combined network and out-of-network services (maximum subject to annual adjustment)	Up to \$15,000 in 24 consecutive months for combined network and out- of-network services (maximum subject to annual adjustment)
Chiropractic care and	Network: 90%	Network: 80%	Network: 80%
manipulative therapy (like all services, must be medically	Out-of-network: 70%	Out-of-network: 60%	Out-of-network: 60%
necessary)	Up to 33 visits/year for combined network and out-of-network services	Up to 33 visits/year for combined network and out-of-network services	Up to 33 visits/year for combined network and out- of-network services
	Limited to diagnosis and treatment of musculoskeletal disorders	Limited to diagnosis and treatment of musculoskeletal disorders	Limited to diagnosis and treatment of musculoskeletal disorders
Diabetes care training	Network: 90% when prescribed by your physician Out-of-network: 70% when prescribed by your physician	Network: 80% when prescribed by your physician Out-of-network: 60% when prescribed by your physician	Network: 80% when prescribed by your physician Out-of-network: 60% when prescribed by your physician
Diabetes supplies (insulin, needles, syringes, lancets, etc.)	Covered under prescription drugs		
Durable medical equipment, prosthetics and orthopedic appliances	80% when preauthorized		
Emergency room care (Also see "Urgent Care")	Emergency care, network or out-of-network: 90% after \$100 copay/visit (waived if admitted)	Emergency care, network or out-of-network: 80% after \$100 copay/visit (waived if admitted)	Emergency care, network or out-of-network: 80% after \$100 copay/visit (waived if admitted)
	Non-emergency care, network or out-of-network: 70% after \$100 copay/visit	Non-emergency care, network or out-of-network: 60% after \$100 copay/visit	Non-emergency care, network or out-of-network: 60% after \$100 copay/visit

Covered Expenses	KingCare SM Gold	KingCare SM Silver	KingCare SM Bronze
Family planning	Network: 90%	Network: 80%	Network: 80%
	Out-of-network: 70%	Out-of-network: 60%	Out-of-network: 60%
Growth hormones	Network: 90% when preauthorized	Network: 80% when preauthorized	Network: 80% when preauthorized
	Out-of-network: 70% when preauthorized	Out-of-network: 60% when preauthorized	Out-of-network: 60% when preauthorized
	May also be covered under the prescription drug benefit	May also be covered under the prescription drug benefit	May also be covered under the prescription drug benefit
Hearing aids	100%, up to \$500 in 36 mon	ths for combined network and	out-of-network services
	Deductible doesn't apply		
Home health care	100% when preauthorized, u network services	p to 130 visits/year for combin	ed network and out-of-
Hospice care	100% when preauthorized		
	6-month lifetime maximum		
	120-hour maximum for respit	e care in any 3-month period	
Hospital care	Network: 90% when preauthorized	Network: 80% when preauthorized	Network: 80% when preauthorized
	Out-of-network: 70% when preauthorized	Out-of-network: 60% when preauthorized	Out-of-network: 60% when preauthorized
Infertility	Network: 90%	Network: 80%	Network: 80%
	Out-of-network: 70%	Out-of-network: 60%	Out-of-network: 60%
	Limited to specific services and \$25,000 lifetime maximum for combined network and out-of-network services	Limited to specific services and \$25,000 lifetime maximum for combined network and out-of-network services	Limited to specific services and \$25,000 lifetime maximum for combined network and out-of-network services
Injury to teeth	Network: 90%	Network: 80%	Network: 80%
	Out-of-network: 70%	Out-of-network: 60%	Out-of-network: 60%
	Up to \$600/accident for combined network and out-of-network services	Up to \$600/accident for combined network and out-of-network services	Up to \$600/accident for combined network and out-of-network services
Inpatient care alternatives	Network: 90% when preauthorized	Network: 80% when preauthorized	Network: 80% when preauthorized
	Out-of-network: 70% when preauthorized	Out-of-network: 60% when preauthorized	Out-of-network: 60% when preauthorized
Jaw abnormalities, or malocclusions (covered when	Network: 90% when preauthorized	Network: 80% when preauthorized	Network: 80% when preauthorized
medically necessary)	Out-of-network: 70% when preauthorized	Out-of-network: 60% when preauthorized	Out-of-network: 60% when preauthorized
Lab, X-ray and other	Network: 90%	Network: 80%	Network: 80%
diagnostic testing	Out-of-network: 70%	Out-of-network: 60%	Out-of-network: 60%
Maternity care	Network: 90%	Network: 80%	Network: 80%
	Out-of-network: 70%	Out-of-network: 60%	Out-of-network: 60%

Covered Expenses	KingCare ^{s™} Gold	KingCare SM Silver	KingCare SM Bronze
Mental health care (when	Network: 90%	Network: 80%	Network: 80%
deemed appropriate, 2 unused	Out-of-network: 70%	Out-of-network: 60%	Out-of-network: 60%
outpatient visits may be traded for 1 inpatient day, or vice versa; requires preauthorization)	For inpatient care: Up to 30 days/year; combined network and out-of-network services	For inpatient care: Up to 30 days/year; combined network and out-of-network services	For inpatient care: Up to 30 days/year; combined network and out-of-network services
	For outpatient care: Up to 52 visits/year; combined network and out-of-network services	For outpatient care: Up to 52 visits/year; combined network and out-of-network services	For outpatient care: Up to 52 visits/year; combined network and out-of-network services
Naturopathy	Network: 90% Out-of-network: 70%	Network: 80% Out-of-network: 60%	Network: 80% Out-of-network: 60%
Neurodevelopmental therapy for dependents age 6 and under	Network: 90% when preauthorized Out-of-network: 70% when preauthorized	Network: 80% when preauthorized Out-of-network: 60% when preauthorized	Network: 80% when preauthorized Out-of-network: 60% when preauthorized
	Up to \$2,000/year for combined network and out- of-network services	Up to \$2,000/year for combined network and out-of-network services	Up to \$2,000/year for combined network and out-of-network services
Obesity surgery or other procedures, treatment or services, such as gastric	Network: 90% when preauthorized and medically necessary	Network: 80% when preauthorized and medically necessary	Network: 80% when preauthorized and medically necessary
intestinal bypass surgery	Out-of-network: 70% when preauthorized and medically necessary	Out-of-network: 60% when preauthorized and medically necessary	Out-of-network: 60% when preauthorized and medically necessary
	Successful completion of a physician-supervised weight management and exercise program required before preauthorization.	Successful completion of a physician-supervised weight management and exercise program required before preauthorization.	Successful completion of a physician-supervised weight management and exercise program required before preauthorization.
Out-of-area coverage—for example, while traveling or for your children away at school	Same coverage as when hom networks	e, through Aetna and Express	Scripts national provider
Phenylketonuria (PKU)	Network: 90%	Network: 80%	Network: 80%
formula	Out-of-network: 70%	Out-of-network: 60%	Out-of-network: 60%
Physician and other	Network: 90%	Network: 80%	Network: 80%
medical/surgical services	Out-of-network: 70%	Out-of-network: 60%	Out-of-network: 60%
Prescription drugs—Up to a 30-day supply through network pharmacies	Generic: 100% after \$10 copay Preferred brand: 100% after \$15 copay (\$20 if generic is available; but if you're unable to take it for medical reasons, the \$15 copay applies) Non-preferred brand: 100% after \$25 copay (\$30 if generic is available; but if you're unable to take it for medical reasons, the \$25 copay applies)		is available; but if you're
	Prescriptions filled at out-of-network pharmacies are reimbursed at the rate Express Scripts pays to network pharmacies, less your copay		
Prescription drugs—Up to a			
90-day supply through mail- order network only	· ·		-

Covered Expenses	KingCare SM Gold	KingCare SM Silver	KingCare SM Bronze
Preventive care (well-child check-ups, immunizations, routine health and hearing exams, etc.)	Network: 100% Out-of-network: 70% Deductible doesn't apply	Network: 100% Out-of-network: 60% Deductible doesn't apply	Network: 100% Out-of-network: 60% Deductible doesn't apply
Radiation therapy, chemotherapy and respiratory therapy	Network: 90% Out-of-network: 70%	Network: 80% Out-of-network: 60%	Network: 80% Out-of-network: 60%
Reconstructive services (includes benefits for mastectomy-related services; reconstruction and surgery to achieve symmetry between the breasts, prostheses and complications resulting from mastectomy, including lymphedema) Call plan for more information.	Network: 90% Out-of-network: 70%	Network: 80% Out-of-network: 60%	Network: 80% Out-of-network: 60%
Rehabilitative services— Inpatient and outpatient	Network: 90% Out-of-network: 70% Inpatient: Up to 60 days/year Outpatient: Up to 60 visits/all therapies combined (progress review every 20 visits for out-of-network outpatient)	Network: 80% Out-of-network: 60% Inpatient: Up to 60 days/year Outpatient: Up to 60 visits/all therapies combined (progress review every 20 visits for out-of-network outpatient)	Network: 80% Out-of-network: 60% Inpatient: Up to 60 days/year Outpatient: Up to 60 visits/all therapies combined (progress review every 20 visits for out-of-network outpatient)
Skilled nursing facility	Network: 90% when preauthorized Out-of-network: 70% when preauthorized	Network: 80% when preauthorized Out-of-network: 60% when preauthorized	Network: 80% when preauthorized Out-of-network: 60% when preauthorized
Smoking cessation	Network: 100% Out-of-network: 70% Prescription drugs to ease nicotine withdrawal, inhalers and sprays are covered by Express Scripts at 100% (no copay); non-prescription nicotine patches, lozenges and gum are covered by Aetna at 100%.	Network: 100% Out-of-network: 60% Prescription drugs to ease nicotine withdrawal, inhalers and sprays are covered by Express Scripts at 100% (no copay); non-prescription nicotine patches, lozenges and gum are covered by Aetna at 100%.	Network: 100% Out-of-network: 60% Prescription drugs to ease nicotine withdrawal, inhalers and sprays are covered by Express Scripts at 100% (no copay); non-prescription nicotine patches, lozenges and gum are covered by Aetna at 100%.
Temporomandibular joint (TMJ) disorders	Network: 90% when preauthorized Out-of-network: 70% when preauthorized Night guards are covered if prescribed by a medical doctor for a TMJ disorder. Up to \$2,000/year for combined network and out-of-network services	Network: 80% when preauthorized Out-of-network: 60% when preauthorized Night guards are covered if prescribed by a medical doctor for a TMJ disorder. Up to \$2,000/year for combined network and out-of-network services	Network: 80% when preauthorized Out-of-network: 60% when preauthorized Night guards are covered if prescribed by a medical doctor for a TMJ disorder. Up to \$2,000/year for combined network and out-of-network services

Covered Expenses	KingCare SM Gold	KingCare sM Silver	KingCare SM Bronze
Transplants (certain services only)	Network: 100% when preauthorized	Network: 100% when preauthorized	Network: 100% when preauthorized
	Out-of-network: 70% when preauthorized	Out-of-network: 60% when preauthorized	Out-of-network: 60% when preauthorized
	Medical coverage must have been continuous for more than 12 months under KingCare SM before a transplant will be covered.	Medical coverage must have been continuous for more than 12 months under KingCare SM before a transplant will be covered.	Medical coverage must have been continuous for more than 12 months under KingCare SM before a transplant will be covered.
Urgent care (ear infections, high fevers, minor burns, etc.)	Network: 90% Out-of-network: 70%	Network: 80% Out-of-network: 60%	Network: 80% Out-of-network: 60%

Group Health

Plan Feature	Group Health Gold	Group Health Silver	Group Health Bronze	
Provider choice	You choose a Group Health primary care physician (PCP), who provides and coordinates most of your care through the Group Health network; you may also self-refer to Group Health staff specialists. There's no coverage for out-of-network care unless indicated and approved/referred.			
Annual deductible	None			
Copay, unless otherwise indicated	You pay \$20 You pay \$35 You pay \$50			
After copays, the plan pays most covered services at these levels until you reach the annual out-of-pocket maximum	Network: 100% Out-of-network: Limited emergency/out-of-area care			
Annual out-of-pocket maximum	Network: \$1,000/ person or \$2,000/ family	Network: \$2,000/ person or \$4,000/ family	Network: \$3,000/ person or \$6,000/ family	
	Out-of-network: Limited emergency/out-of-area care	Out-of-network: Limited emergency/out-of-area care	Out-of-network: Limited emergency/out-of-area care	
After you reach the annual out-of-pocket maximum, most benefits are paid for the rest of the calendar year at this level	Network only: 100%			
Lifetime maximum	No limit			

Covered Expenses	Group Health Gold	Group Health Silver	Group Health Bronze
Alternative care (including medically necessary	Self-referrals to a network provider: \$20 copay/visit	Self-referrals to a network provider: \$35 copay/visit	Self-referrals to a network provider: \$50 copay/visit
acupuncture, massage therapy and naturopathy)	Up to 8 visits/medical diagnosis/calendar year for acupuncture	Up to 8 visits/medical diagnosis/calendar year for acupuncture	Up to 8 visits/medical diagnosis/calendar year for acupuncture
	Up to 3 visits/medical diagnosis/calendar year for naturopathy; except for chiropractic services	Up to 3 visits/medical diagnosis/calendar year for naturopathy; except for chiropractic services	Up to 3 visits/medical diagnosis/calendar year for naturopathy; except for chiropractic services
	All other alternative care may require PCP referral.	All other alternative care may require PCP referral.	All other alternative care may require PCP referral.
Ambulance services	80% (except hospital-to-hospit by Group Health)	tal ground transfers, which are	covered at 100% when initiated
Chemical dependency treatment (requires	For inpatient care: 100% after \$200 copay/admission	For inpatient care: 100% after \$400 copay/admission	For inpatient care: 100% after \$600 copay/admission
preauthorization)	For outpatient care: 100% after \$20 copay/visit	For outpatient care: 100% after \$35 copay/visit	For outpatient care: 100% after \$50 copay/visit
	Up to \$13,500 in 24 consecutive months (maximum subject to annual adjustment)	Up to \$13,500 in 24 consecutive months (maximum subject to annual adjustment)	Up to \$13,500 in 24 consecutive months (maximum subject to annual adjustment)
Chiropractic care and manipulative therapy (like all services, must be medically necessary)	100% after \$20 copay/visit	100% after \$35 copay/visit	100% after \$50 copay/visit
Diabetes care training	100% after \$20 copay/visit	100% after \$35 copay/visit	100% after \$50 copay/visit
Diabetes supplies (insulin, needles, syringes, lancets, etc.)	Covered under prescription drugs	Covered under prescription drugs	Covered under prescription drugs
Durable medical equipment, prosthetics and orthopedic appliances	80% when preauthorized	50% when preauthorized	50% when preauthorized
Emergency room care	Network: 100% after \$100 copay/visit (\$100 copay is waived, but \$200 copay/admission for hospital care applies if admitted)	Network: 100% after \$100 copay/visit (\$100 copay is waived, but \$400 copay/admission for hospital care applies if admitted)	Network: 100% after \$100 copay/visit (\$100 copay is waived, but \$600 copay/admission for hospital care applies if admitted)
	Out-of-network: 100% of reasonable and customary expenses after \$150 copay/visit (\$150 copay is waived but \$200 copay/admission for hospital care applies if admitted)	Out-of-network: 100% of reasonable and customary expenses after \$150 copay/visit (\$150 copay is waived, but \$400 copay/ admission for hospital care applies if admitted)	Out-of-network: 100% of reasonable and customary expenses after \$150 copay/visit (\$150 copay is waived, but \$600 copay/ admission for hospital care applies if admitted)
	Non-emergency care is not covered.	Non-emergency care is not covered.	Non-emergency care is not covered.
Family planning	100% after \$20 copay/visit	100% after \$35 copay/visit	100% after \$50 copay/visit
	Infertility treatment is not covered.	Infertility treatment is not covered.	Infertility treatment is not covered.
Growth hormones	Covered under prescription drumonths under this plan whether		en continuous for more than 12 kisted before plan coverage
Hearing aids	100%, up to \$300/ear in 36 m	onths	

Covered Expenses	Group Health Gold	Group Health Silver	Group Health Bronze			
Home health care	100%					
Hospice care	100% when preauthorized Certain limits apply; call plan	for details.				
Hospital care	100% after \$200 copay/admission	100% after \$400 copay/admission	100% after \$600 copay/admission			
Inpatient care alternatives	100% when preauthorized	100% when preauthorized				
Lab, X-ray and other diagnostic testing	100%					
Maternity care	For delivery and related hospital care: 100% after \$200 copay/admission For prenatal and postpartum care: 100% after \$20 copay/visit	For delivery and related hospital care: 100% after \$400 copay/admission For prenatal and postpartum care: 100% after \$35 copay/visit	For delivery and related hospital care: 100% after \$800 copay/admission For prenatal and postpartum care: 100% after \$50 copay/visit			
Mental health care (when deemed appropriate, 2 unused outpatient visits may be traded for 1 inpatient day, or vice versa; requires preauthorization)	For inpatient care: 100% after \$200 copay per admission, up to 12 days/year For outpatient care: 100% after \$20 copay/individual, family, couple or group session, up to 20 visits/year	For inpatient care: 100% after \$400 copay per admission, up to 12 days/year For outpatient care: 100% after \$35 copay/individual, family, couple or group session, up to 20 visits/year	For inpatient care: 100% after \$600 copay per visit, up to 12 days/year For outpatient care: 100% after \$50 copay/individual, family, couple or group session, up to 20 visits/year			
Neurodevelopmental therapy for dependents age 6 and under	For inpatient care: 100% after \$200 copay/admission, up to 60 days/year (combined with rehabilitative services) For outpatient care: 100% after \$20 copay/visit, up to 60 visits/year (combined with rehabilitative services)	For inpatient care: 100% after \$400 copay/admission, up to 60 days/year (combined with rehabilitative services) For outpatient care: 100% after \$35 copay/visit, up to 60 visits/year (combined with rehabilitative services)	For inpatient care: 100% after \$600 copay/admission, up to 60 days/year (combined with rehabilitative services) For outpatient care: 100% after \$50 copay/visit, up to 60 visits/year (combined with rehabilitative services)			
Out-of-area coverage—for example, while traveling or for your children away at school		able through Kaiser Permanente a covered out of area.	and affiliated HMOs; otherwise,			
Phenylketonuria (PKU) formula	100%					
Physician and other medical/surgical services	For inpatient care: 100% For outpatient care: 100% after \$20 copay/office visit	For inpatient care: 100% For outpatient care: 100% after \$35 copay/office visit	For inpatient care: 100% For outpatient care: 100% after \$50 copay/office visit			
Prescription drugs—Up to a 30-day supply through network pharmacies	Generic: 100% after \$10 copay Preferred brand: 100% after \$20 copay Non-preferred brand: 100% after \$30 copay Growth hormones: 100% There's no reimbursement for prescriptions filled at out-of-network or out-of-area pharmacies.					
Prescription drug—Up to a 90-day supply through mail-order network only	Generic: 100% after \$20 cop Preferred brand: 100% after Non-preferred brand: 100%	\$40 copay				

Covered Expenses	Group Health Gold	Group Health Silver	Group Health Bronze	
Preventive care (well-child check-ups, immunizations, routine health and hearing exams. etc.)	100% after \$20 copay/visit (according to well-child/adult preventive schedule)	100% after \$35 copay/visit (according to well-child/adult preventive schedule)	100% after \$50 copay/visit (according to well-child/adult preventive schedule)	
Radiation therapy, chemotherapy and respiratory therapy	100% after \$20 copay/visit	100% after \$35 copay/visit	100% after \$50 copay/visit	
Reconstructive services (includes benefits for mastectomy-related services; reconstruction and surgery to achieve symmetry between the breasts, prostheses and complications resulting from mastectomy, including lymphedema) Call plan for more information.	100% depending on services provided; copays may apply (including \$200 copay/admission if hospital care is required)	100% depending on services provided; copays may apply (including \$400 copay/admission if hospital care required)	100% depending on services provided; copays may apply (including \$600 copay/admission if hospital care required)	
Rehabilitative services— Inpatient and outpatient	For inpatient care: 100% after \$200 copay/admission, up to 60 days/calendar year (combined with neurodevelopmental therapy) For outpatient care: 100% after \$20 copay/visit for outpatient services, up to 60 visits/calendar year (combined with neurodevelopmental therapy)	For inpatient care: 100% after \$400 copay/admission, up to 60 days/calendar year (combined with neurodevelopmental therapy) For outpatient care: 100% after \$35 copay/visit, up to 60 visits/calendar year (combined with neurodevelopmental therapy)	For inpatient care: 100% after \$600 copay/admission, up to 60 days/calendar year (combined with neurodevelopmental therapy) For outpatient care: 100% after \$50 copay/visit, up to 60 visits/calendar year (combined with neurodevelopmental therapy)	
Skilled nursing facility	100% up to 60 days/calenda	r year at a Group Health-approve	ed nursing facility	
Smoking cessation	100% for one Group Health network provider program/calendar year One course of nicotine replacement/calendar year (prescription benefit copay applies) wher prescribed by Group Health PCP if the member is actively participating in the Free and Clear Program No lifetime limit			
Temporomandibular joint (TMJ) disorders	For inpatient care: 100% after \$200 copay/admission For outpatient care: 100% after \$20 copay/visit Up to \$1,000/calendar year and a \$5,000 lifetime maximum	For inpatient care: 100% after \$400 copay/admission For outpatient care: 100% after \$35 copay/visit Up to \$1,000/calendar year and a \$5,000 lifetime maximum	For inpatient care: 100% after \$600 copay/admission For outpatient care: 100% after \$50 copay/visit Up to \$1,000/calendar year and a \$5,000 lifetime maximum	
Transplants (certain services only)	100% after applicable copays Medical coverage must have been continuous for more than 12 months under this plan before a transplant will be covered.			
Urgent care (ear infections, high fevers, minor burns)	100% after \$20 copay/visit	100% after \$35 copay/visit	100% after \$50 copay/visit	

Covered Expenses	Group Health Gold	Group Health Silver	Group Health Bronze
Vision exams	100% after \$20 copay/visit,	100% after \$35 copay/visit,	100% after \$50 copay/visit,
	up to 1 exam/person in 12	up to 1 exam/person in 12	up to 1 exam/person in 12
	consecutive months (Group	consecutive months (Group	consecutive months (Group
	Health covers exams only;	Health covers exams only;	Health covers exams only;
	your separate Vision	your separate Vision Service	your separate Vision Service
	Service Plan covers eye	Plan covers eye exams,	Plan covers eye exams,
	exams, prescription lenses	prescription lenses and	prescription lenses and
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▶ Do you want supplemental life insurance for yourself?

You automatically receive county-paid basic life insurance equal to 1 times your base annual salary (page 7), but may purchase supplemental life for yourself equal to 1, 2, 3 or 4 times your base annual salary (rounded to the next higher \$1,000). No evidence of insurability (EOI) is required. If you die, your beneficiaries receive the amount you elect in addition to your county-paid basic life benefit.

Your basic and supplemental life automatically increase as your salary increases. Basic life increases to a maximum of \$200,000; supplemental life to a maximum of \$400,000.

Life insurance is provided through Aetna and is portable. When you end employment with the county for reasons other than disability, you may continue to pay Aetna directly for the basic and supplemental coverage you had on your last day of employment up to \$500,000 until you reach age 99. The age-specific rates you pay for the continued coverage may be different from the rates paid by active employees.

If you decline supplemental life for yourself now, or drop or reduce it later (you may drop or reduce it anytime), you may add or increase it again only when certain qualifying events occur – for example, you marry/establish a new domestic partnership or a new dependent child becomes eligible. To do so, you must submit a Life/AD&D Change form to Benefits and Retirement Operations within 30 days of the qualifying event (see the Important Facts booklet in *Your King County Benefits* for more details).

▶ Do you want supplemental life insurance for your family?

If you elect supplemental life insurance for yourself, you may purchase supplemental life for your eligible family members. You are the beneficiary if the family member dies. You may cover your:

- Spouse/domestic partner at 50% of your supplemental amount up to \$200,000
- Child(ren) at \$10,000 each for ages 6 months to 23 years and \$500 for ages 14 days to six months.

However, if you and your spouse/domestic partner both work for King County, you may not cover each other, and only one of you may cover your eligible children under this plan.

No EOI is required for family members except for spouse/domestic partner coverage exceeding \$100,000. When spouse/domestic partner coverage exceeds \$100,000 it is capped at that amount until EOI is approved. If EOI isn't approved, coverage remains at \$100,000.

If you terminate employment with the county and continue your own coverage under the portability option described in the previous section, you may continue to pay for a spouse/domestic partner (coverage up to \$25,000) until he/she is 65 and a child (coverage up to \$5,000) until he/she is 19 (23 if solely dependent on you for support).

If you decline supplemental life insurance for your eligible family members now, or drop them later (you may drop them anytime), you may add them again only when certain qualifying events occur – for example, you marry/establish a new domestic partnership or a new child becomes eligible. To do so,

you must submit a Life/ AD&D Change form to Benefits and Retirement Operations within 30 days of the qualifying event (see the Important Facts booklet in *Your King County Benefits* for more details).

► Monthly cost of supplemental life insurance

You must calculate your base annual salary before you can calculate your monthly cost for supplemental life insurance. To do so, multiply your hourly rate by the number of hours you work each week, then multiply the answer by 52. For example, if you earn \$20.10 per hour and work 40 hours per week, your base annual salary is $$20.10 \times 40 \times 52 = $41,808$.

When you've calculated your base annual salary, use it and the age-specific rates and following worksheet to calculate your total monthly cost for supplemental life insurance. Cost for you and your spouse/domestic partner is based on your age; cost for children is \$.82 regardless of the number of children covered.

Your Age	Cost of Supplemental Life/\$1,000
Under 25	\$.034
25-29	\$.041
30-34	\$.055
35-39	\$.055
40-44	\$.070
45-49	\$.111
50-54	\$.166
55-59	\$.296
60-64	\$.455
65-69	\$.781
70+	\$1.267

To calculate your total monthly cost for supplemental life				
Enter your base annual salary (BAS) here	1. \$			
Enter your BAS "multiplier" (1, 2, 3 or 4) here	2.			
Multiply line 1 by line 2 and enter the answer here	3. \$			
Round line 3 to the next higher \$1,000 and enter the amount here	4. \$			
Drop the last 3 zeros from the amount on line 4 and enter the new amount here	5. \$			
Enter the cost of supplemental life/\$1,000 rate for your age here	6. \$			
Multiply line 5 by line 6 and enter the cost of supplemental life for you here	7. \$			
If you elect supplemental life for your spouse/DP, enter .5 here; if not, enter 0	8. \$			
Multiply line 7 by line 8 and enter the cost of supplemental life for your spouse/DP here	9. \$			
If you elect supplemental life for children enter \$.82 here; if not, enter 0	10. \$			
Add lines 7, 9 and 10 for your total monthly cost here	▶ \$			

▶ Do you want supplemental AD&D insurance for yourself?

You automatically receive county-paid basic accidental death and dismemberment insurance (page 7), but may purchase supplemental AD&D insurance for yourself from \$50,000 to \$500,000 in \$50,000 increments. No EOI is required. If you die in a covered accident, your beneficiaries receive the amount you elect in addition to your county-paid basic AD&D benefit. For dismemberment, paralysis and other covered losses, you receive an amount determined by the type of loss (in addition to the amount paid under your county-paid basic AD&D benefit).

AD&D insurance is provided through CIGNA.

If you decline supplemental AD&D for yourself now, or drop or reduce it later (you may drop or reduce it anytime), you may add or increase it again only during open enrollment.

▶ Do you want supplemental AD&D insurance for your family?

If you elect supplemental AD&D insurance for yourself, you may purchase supplemental AD&D for your eligible family members. No EOI is required. You are the beneficiary if the family member dies, is dismembered or paralyzed, or suffers other specified losses in a covered accident. You may cover your:

- Spouse/domestic partner at 50% or 100% of your supplemental amount
- Child(ren) at 10% of your supplemental amount.

However, if you and your spouse/domestic partner both work for King County, you may not cover each other, and only one of you may cover your eligible children under this plan.

If you decline supplemental AD&D insurance for your eligible family members now, or drop them later (you may drop them anytime), you may add them again only during open enrollment or when certain qualifying events occur – for example, you marry/establish a new domestic partnership or a new child becomes eligible. To do so, you must submit a Life/AD&D Change form to Benefits and Retirement Operations within 30 days of the qualifying event (see the Important Facts booklet in *Your King County Benefits* for more details).

► Monthly cost of supplemental AD&D insurance

In the following table, add across each row for those you cover to determine your total monthly cost.

If you elect this supplemental amount	Cost for You	Cost to Cover Your Spouse/DP at 50% of Your Amount	Cost to Cover Your Spouse/DP at 100% of Your Amount	Cost to Cover All Your Children at 10% of Your Amount
\$ 50,000	\$.85	\$.43	\$.85	\$.25
\$ 100,000	\$ 1.70	\$.85	\$ 1.70	\$.50
\$ 150,000	\$ 2.55	\$ 1.28	\$ 2.55	\$.75
\$ 200,000	\$ 3.40	\$ 1.70	\$ 3.40	\$ 1.00
\$ 250,000	\$ 4.25	\$ 2.13	\$ 4.25	\$ 1.25
\$ 300,000	\$ 5.10	\$ 2.55	\$ 5.10	\$ 1.50
\$ 350,000	\$ 5.95	\$ 2.98	\$ 5.95	\$ 1.75
\$ 400,000	\$ 6.80	\$ 3.40	\$ 6.80	\$ 2.00
\$ 450,000	\$ 7.65	\$ 3.83	\$ 7.65	\$ 2.25
\$ 500,000	\$ 8.50	\$ 4.25	\$ 8.50	\$ 2.50

▶ Do you want supplemental long-term disability insurance for yourself?

If you become disabled, you automatically receive county-paid basic long-term disability (LTD) insurance that combines with other sources of disability income to replace 60% of your predisability earnings (to a maximum benefit of \$6,000 a month) after a 180-day waiting period (page 7). You may elect supplemental LTD to increase the maximum benefit to \$7,200 a month and reduce the waiting period to 90 days.

If you decline supplemental LTD for yourself now or drop coverage later (you may drop coverage anytime), you may not add it again; your only opportunity to elect it is when you are first eligible.

► Monthly cost of supplemental long-term disability insurance

The cost of supplemental LTD is variable, depending on your base annual salary. Annually, you pay \$.19 per \$100 of salary.

You must calculate your base annual salary before you can calculate your monthly cost for supplemental LTD. To do so, multiply your hourly rate by the number of hours you work each week, then multiply the answer by 52. When you've calculated your base annual salary, divide it by 100 and multiply the answer by \$.19. This is your annual cost for supplemental LTD. To figure your monthly cost, divide the annual cost by 12.

For example, if you earn \$20.10 per hour and work 40 hours per week, your base annual salary is $$20.10 \times 40 \times 52 = $41,808$. The annual cost of supplemental coverage is $($41,808 \div 100) = $418.08 \times $19 = 79.44 . That's $$79.44 \div 12 = 6.62 a month.

▶ Who are your life, AD&D and LTD insurance beneficiaries?

Whether you elect supplemental coverage or not, you receive county-paid basic life, AD&D and LTD insurance (LTD insurance includes a survivor benefit if you die while disabled; see the LTD booklet in *Your King County Benefits*). Therefore, you need to designate beneficiaries – the people you want to receive these benefits in the event of your death. To do so, complete the Aetna Life Insurance Company Designation of Beneficiary form (page 33) and the CIGNA Group Insurance Beneficiary Designation Form (page 35) and mail the forms directly to the address found on each form. Be sure to keep copies for your records.

Provide complete information so your beneficiaries can be located if you die. You may list only the last four digits of beneficiaries' Social Security numbers if you choose, but complete Social Security numbers facilitate benefit payment.

The forms allow you to designate primary and contingent beneficiaries. If your primary beneficiaries aren't alive at the time of your death, contingent beneficiaries receive your benefit. If you name multiple beneficiaries (primary or contingent), assign the share each beneficiary receives. Shares for all primary beneficiaries need to total 100% and shares for all contingent beneficiaries need to total 100%.

For example, you might name your spouse as primary and your two children as contingents. You'd assign your spouse 100% of your insurance benefit and could assign each child 50% of the benefit or one child 60% and the other 40% – whatever combination of shares totals 100%. If your spouse isn't alive to receive the benefit in the event of your death, your contingent children receive it according to the shares you assign. (If you're married and don't list your spouse as primary with at least 50% of your benefit, your spouse should sign the spouse waiver section of the form.)

If you don't designate beneficiaries and die, the State of Washington determines beneficiaries for you:

- For life and AD&D insurance, benefits are paid to your spouse, your children, your parents or your siblings, in that order. If none of them survives you, benefits are paid to your estate.
- For long-term disability (there's a death benefit if you die while on long-term disability), the survivor benefit is paid to your spouse or eligible children, in that order. If none of them survives you, benefits are paid to your estate.

▶ Who are the eligible family members you want to cover?

List the dependents you want to cover under your benefit plans on the Dependent Enrollment Form (page 29). Parents and other relatives who aren't members of your immediate family aren't eligible for coverage, but the following dependents are (if you enroll them):

 Your spouse/domestic partner (attach a copy of your marriage certificate or complete and return the Affidavit of Marriage/Domestic Partnership, page 31)

- Your unmarried children or the unmarried children of your spouse/domestic partner if they are under age 23 and chiefly dependent on you for support and maintenance (generally, that means you may claim them on your federal tax return); they may be your:
 - Biological children
 - Adopted children (or children legally placed with you for adoption or for whom you assume total or partial legal obligation for support in anticipation of adoption)
 - Stepchildren
 - Legally designated wards (legally placed foster children, children placed with you as legal guardian or children named in a Qualified Medical Child Support Order; attach appropriate documentation).

If you don't add eligible dependents now, you must wait until the next open enrollment to add them, except for certain qualifying life events such as:

- · Birth or placement for adoption of a child
- · Placement of a legal ward
- Marriage/establishment of a domestic partnership
- A Qualified Medical Child Support Order
- A significant change in your spouse/domestic partner's employer-sponsored coverage.

In general, when a qualifying life event occurs, you must submit Add Dependent and Life/AD&D Change forms to Benefits and Retirement Operations within 30 days of the event (see "What Happens If . . ." in *Your King County Benefits*).

► Tax implications for domestic partner health coverage

There is no cost to cover family members, but when you cover a domestic partner (DP) and his/her children for health benefits (medical, dental, vision) the IRS taxes you on the value of the coverage. This value is added to the salary shown on your paycheck (and W-2 at the end of the year), federal income and Social Security (FICA) taxes are withheld on the higher salary amount, then the value is subtracted from your salary.

If you want to add a domestic partner and his/her children for only supplemental life/AD&D insurance (and not health benefits), check the "Add this family member for supplemental life/AD&D only" box on your Family Member Enrollment Form.

Taxable values for the different combinations of health plans are shown below.

Monthly Taxable Value of Health Plans	DP	DP Only		DP's Children		DP + DP's Children	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	
KingCare SM Gold + Dental + Vision	\$ 577.37	\$ 551.06	\$ 341.29	\$ 440.84	\$ 918.66	\$ 991.90	
KingCare SM Silver + Dental + Vision	\$ 529.39	\$ 517.17	\$ 316.07	\$413.73	\$ 845.46	\$ 930.90	
KingCare sM Bronze + Dental + Vision	\$494.05	\$ 502.65	\$ 297.50	\$ 402.11	\$ 791.55	\$ 904.76	
Group Health Gold + Dental + Vision*	\$454.82	\$ 427.28	\$ 383.37	\$ 341.81	\$838.19	\$ 769.09	
Group Health Silver + Dental + Vision	\$431.32	\$ 405.47	\$ 364.58	\$ 324.37	\$ 795.90	\$ 729.84	
Group Health Bronze + Dental + Vision	\$410.43	\$ 386.08	\$ 347.86	\$ 308.85	\$ 758.29	\$ 694.93	
Dental + Vision Only (Opted Out of Medical)	\$ 66.67	\$ 66.98	\$ 72.86	\$ 53.58	\$ 139.53	\$ 120.56	

^{*}The monthly taxable value of Group Health, dental and vision coverage for Technical Employees Association employees is \$455.88 for domestic partner, \$384.23 for domestic partner children and \$840.11 for domestic partner and domestic partner children.

▶ Do you want to participate in a Flexible Spending Account?

Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs) allow you to set aside pretax dollars from your paycheck to pay for expenses not covered through your other benefits. When you put money into an FSA you don't pay federal or Social Security (FICA) taxes on it. As a result, your taxable income is reduced and your taxes are lower.

- Health Care FSAs allow you to set aside pretax dollars to pay for certain expenses not covered by your medical, dental and vision plans (for example, copays for office visits and the cost of orthodontia not fully paid by your dental plan).
- Dependent Care FSAs allow you to set aside pretax dollars to pay for eligible dependent care expenses for your child, disabled spouse or dependent parent while you and your spouse work.

Please refer to the Flexible Spending Accounts booklet in *Your King County Benefits* for more details. If you decide to participate in the FSA program, get an FSA Enrollment Form at www.metrokc.gov/finance/benefits/ everyone/FSA.htm or from Benefits and Retirement Operations and submit it *within 30 days of when your other benefits begin*. Otherwise, you must wait for a qualifying event or the next open enrollment.

If You Leave Employment

If you leave employment, you may self-pay to continue county-paid coverage; details are provided in *Your King County Benefits* and the Exit Guide available at www.metrokc.gov/employees/benefits. Your monthly self-pay rates for health coverage are based on what the county pays to provide the same coverage to you as an active employee. Here, for reference, are the monthly self-pay rates for 2008 and 2007.

Medical Plan	You	Spouse/Domestic Partner	Dependent Child(ren)
KingCare SM Gold	2008 ▶ \$569.94	2008 ▶ \$520.91	2008 ▶ \$273.80
	2007 ▶ \$493.76	2007 ▶ \$493.76	2007 ▶ \$395.01
KingCare SM Silver	2008 ▶ \$521.00	2008 ▶ \$471.97	2008 ▶ \$248.07
	2007 ▶ \$459.19	2007 ▶ \$459.19	2007 ▶ \$367.35
KingCare SM Bronze	2008 ▶ \$484.95	2008 ▶ \$435.93	2008 ▶ \$229.13
	2007 ▶ \$ 444.38	2007 ▶ \$444.38	2007 ▶ \$355.50
Group Health Gold*	2008 ▶ \$395.91	2008 ▶ \$395.91	2008 ▶ \$316.72
	2007 ▶ \$367.51	2007 ▶ \$367.51	2007 ▶ \$293.99
Group Health Silver	2008 ▶ \$ 371.94	2008 ▶ \$371.94	2008 ▶ \$297.55
	2007 ▶ \$345.26	2007 ▶ \$345.26	2007 ▶ \$276.21
Group Health Bronze	2008 ▶ \$350.64	2008 ▶ \$350.64	2008 ▶ \$ 280.50
	2007 ▶ \$325.48	2007 ▶ \$325.48	2007 ▶ \$ 260.38

^{*}The 2008 monthly cost of Group Health coverage for Technical Employees Association employees is \$396.99 for the former employee, \$396.99 for a spouse/domestic partner and \$317.60 for children compared with \$368.52 for the former employee, \$368.52 for a spouse/domestic partner and \$294.81 for children in 2007.

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Dental Plan	You	Spouse/Domestic Partner	Dependent Child(ren)
Washington Dental Service	2008 ▶ \$ 62.82	2008 ▶ \$ 56.22	2008 ► \$ 63.83
	2007 ▶ \$ 58.37	2007 ▶ \$ 58.37	2007 ▶ \$ 46.70
Vision Plan	You	Spouse/Domestic Partner	Dependent Child(ren)
Vision Service Plan	2008 ▶ \$ 13.31	2008 ▶ \$ 11.78	2008 ► \$ 10.49
	2007 ▶ \$ 9.95	2007 ▶ \$ 9.95	2007 ▶ \$ 7.96

HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices

This section of your guide describes how medical information about you may be used and disclosed by King County and how you can get access to this information. Please review all information carefully and, if you have any questions, contact Benefits and Retirement Operations.

► Our Obligations

We treat all personal information you provide us to administer your health benefits as confidential and, under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), we must:

- Maintain the privacy of any protected health information (personally identifiable medical information) you provide us when you enroll for benefit coverage, change coverage or ask for our assistance with a health benefit claim
- Provide you with this notice advising you how we handle your protected health information and informing you of our legal obligations and your rights regarding the information
- Follow the terms of this notice effective April 14, 2003.

► How We May Use and Disclose Protected Health Information

When you enroll for benefit coverage, change coverage or ask for our assistance with a health benefit claim, you provide us with confidential information such as your name and Social Security number. Sometimes, when you ask for our assistance with a claim, you may also provide us with details about the health treatments you've received and payments for services you've made. This information becomes "protected health information" when used and disclosed in the course of managing our health care operations (administering your health benefits) and facilitating payment of health claims.

Pursuant to this notice, we may use and disclose this protected health information to:

- Our employees authorized to assist in the administration of county benefit plans
- Representatives of the plans or any third party administrators with whom we have agreements to provide your benefit services.

Additionally, we may use or disclose protected health information:

- When required by law (such as in response to a court or administrative order, subpoena, discovery request, etc.)
- For purposes of workers' compensation or similar programs
- When necessary to prevent a serious threat to the health and safety of you or the public.

For all the reasons explained above, we may use and disclose your personal health information without your written authorization. In all other cases, your written authorization is required.

► Your Rights

For any protected health information provided to and maintained by us, you have the right to:

- Inspect and copy it
- Request amendments to it if it's incorrect or incomplete (we may deny amendment requests for specific reasons; for example, we deny requests to amend information we didn't create)
- Request to know to whom it's been disclosed for disclosures made after April 14, 2003 (the effective date of this notice)
- Request restrictions on what is disclosed and to whom (we try to honor restriction requests, but are not required to do so)
- Request it be communicated to you in a certain way (for instance, that we only contact you by mail
 or at work; we try to honor these requests, but are not required to do so).

To exercise any of these rights, contact us in writing. Mail your request to Benefits and Retirement Operations, The Chinook Building CNK-ES-0240, 401 Fifth Ave., Seattle WA 98104-2333, or e-mail it to kc.benefits@kingcounty.gov.

► Changes to Our Privacy Practices

We reserve the right to change our privacy practices and to apply the new practices to protected health information we already have, as well as to any information we receive in the future. We will notify you if we make changes and when the changes become effective.

▶ Complaints

If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you may file a complaint in writing with Benefits and Retirement Operations or the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. You won't be penalized for filing a complaint.

To file a complaint with Benefits and Retirement Operations, mail it to the The Chinook Building CNK-ES-0240, 401 Fifth Ave., Seattle WA 98104-2333, or e-mail it to kc.benefits@kingcounty.gov.

Resource Directory

If no TTY phone number is listed, please call 711 to access the TTY Relay Service.

For Questions About	Contact
AD&D Insurance	CIGNA Phone 1-800-441-1832 (conversion) ■ 1-800-552-5744 (TTY) Worldwide Assistance Services Inc. (secure travel benefits) Phone 1-888-226-4567 (US/Canada) ■ Call collect 202-331-7635 (all other locations) Fax 202-331-1528 E-mail cigna@worldwideassistance.com
Benefits – General Eligibility Open enrollment and making changes Flexible Spending Account enrollment Life, AD&D and LTD insurance plan details Alternate formats	Benefits and Retirement Operations The Chinook Building CNK-ES-0240, 401 Fifth Ave., Seattle WA 98104-2333 Phone 206-684-1556 ■ 1-800-325-6165 x41556 (outside local calling area) Fax 206-296-7700 E-mail kc.benefits@kingcounty.gov Web www.metrokc.gov/employees/benefits

For Questions About	Contact
Dental Providers Claims and appeals Other plan details	Washington Dental Service (WDS) PO Box 75983, Seattle WA 98175-0983 Phone 206-522-2300 ■ 1-800-554-1907 E-mail cservice@deltadentalwa.com Web www.deltadentalwa.com
Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs) Account balances Reimbursement Other plan details	FBMC PO Box 1878, Tallahassee, FL 32302-1878 Phone 1-800-342-8017 (Monday-Friday, 4 a.m7 p.m. Pacific) Fax 1-850-425-4608 Web www.myFBMC.com
Life Insurance Conversion or portability option when you leave employment Life Evidence of Insurability (EOI) For claims, contact Benefits and Retirement Operations	Aetna Phone 1-800-826-7448 (conversion/portability) ■ 1-800-523-5065 (EOI)
LTD Insurance Conversion option when you leave employment Claims and appeals	CIGNA Phone 1-800-441-1832 (conversion) ■ 1-800-781-2006 (claims) 1-800-336-2485 (TTY) Web www.cigna.com/consumer/forms/disability/disability_claim.html
Medical – General	KingCare SM – Aetna PO Box 14089, Lexington KY 40512-4089 Phone 1-800-654-3250 ■ 1-800-628-3323 (TTY) E-mail kingcare@aetna.com Web www.kingcare.com Medical Claims – Aetna Inc., Attn: National Accounts CRT PO Box 14463, Lexington KY 40512 Fax 1-817-417-2026
	Group Health Cooperative PO Box 34585, Seattle WA 98124-1585 Phone 1-888-901-4636 ■ 1-800-833-6388 (TTY) E-mail info@ghc.org Web www.ghc.org
Medical – Prescriptions Drug formulary (covered drugs, including generic, preferred brand and non-preferred brand)	KingCare SM – Express Scripts PO Box 66583, St. Louis, MO 63166 Phone 1-800-332-2213 Web www.express-scripts.com
 Pharmacies Mail order service Filing claims and appeals Identification cards (KingCareSM members only; Group Health members use medical plan card for prescriptions) 	Group Health Cooperative PO Box 34585, Seattle WA 98124-1585 Phone 1-800-245-7979 (mail order prescriptions) E-mail info@ghc.org Web www.ghc.org
Vision Providers Claims and appeals Other plan details	Vision Service Plan PO Box 997100, Sacramento CA 95899-7100 Phone 1-800-877-7195 ■ 1-800-428-4838 (TTY) Web www.vsp.com (e-mail through the site)

Regular Employee Enrollment Form



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Check one box for each benefit listed. Benefits that need no decisions – dental, vision, basic life/AD&D/LTD – aren't listed. Return **within 30 days of your hire date** to Benefits and Retirement Operations, The Chinook Building CNK-ES-0240, 401 Fifth Ave., Seattle WA 98104-2333.

Last name	First	MI	_ Gender □ M □] F
PeopleSoft Employee ID		Home phone ()_		
Mailing address	Apt No .	City		
State ZIP	Home e-mail			
Work unit		Work phone ()		
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King County employment ☐ Never worked	I for the county Worked for the	e county, ending employment (date	e)	
Washington State ☐ Never enrolled ☐ Previously enrolled	in (plan) Previo	ously enrolled and d from (plan and date)		
Medical See ☐ KingCare SM ☐ Group Health ☐ Dental/vision only for my spouse/domestic ☐ Dental/vision only for my spouse/domestic	partner, but KingCare SM for me and	covered for dental and vision) d eligible children	ou opt out!	
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Supplemental AD&D for family	See page 19. DP = domestic pa	ırtner.		
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Supplemental LTD for you See				
□ Decline □ Accept (increases monthly	benefit maximum and reduces wai	iting period)		

(over for more benefit elections)

Benefit Access Fee

Employees pay a \$35/month benefit access fee for covering a spouse/domestic partner on county medical insurance unless they qualify for an exception. To indicate whether or not you qualify for an exception, you must elect one of the following options for 2007. By checking an option, you affirm that the statement is true.

Effective with my enrollment in benefits, make my election:	
☐ Opt Out or No SP/DP – \$0 I am either opting out or do not have a spouse or domestic partner	r. I understand I will not be charged a benefit access fee.
 No Coverage for SP/DP − \$0 I choose not to cover my spouse or domestic partner with King Co access fee. 	unty medical benefits. I understand I will not be charged a benefit
☐ SP/DP is a KC Employee – \$0 My spouse or domestic partner is a King County benefit-eligible em	nployee. I understand I will not be charged a benefit access fee.
☐ SP/DP Benefit Access Fee – \$35 My spouse or domestic partner has access to medical coverage the through King County and will pay the \$35 monthly access fee.	rough his/her employer; however, I choose to cover my spouse
☐ SP/DP No Access to Health – \$0 My spouse or domestic partner is either not employed or his/her enclassification. I understand I will not be charged a benefit access fee	
Authorize your benefit elections	
This form supersedes all previously submitted forms. I've read a benefits. The information I've provided is true, correct and comp I have provided may lead to disciplinary action up to and inclu carriers to coordinate benefits and process claims for my family self-paid coverage I've chosen from my paycheck. I understand to modified except as explained in the materials provided and until 1.	plete. I understand the willful falsification of any information iding discharge from employment. I authorize the insurance wand me. I authorize King County to deduct the cost of any the elections I've made are binding and cannot be revoked or
Employee signature	Date signed

Office	Received	Reviewed	Data Entered	Audited	Effective
Use					
Only					

Dependent Enrollment Form



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List eligible family members (as described on page 20) you want to cover and provide all information for each family member. Please print. Copy and attach additional forms if needed. If you're covering a spouse/domestic partner, complete the Affidavit of Marriage/Domestic Partnership (page 31). If you want a domestic partner (DP) or DP's children covered only for supplemental life/AD&D and no health coverage (the value of DP health coverage is taxed, see page 21), check the "Add this family member for life/AD&D only" box; otherwise, leave it unchecked.

1.	Name				Relationship
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	☐ Add this family member for life/AD&D only (no health cover-	age)			
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	☐ Add this family member for life/AD&D only (no health cover-	age)			
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	☐ Add this family member for life/AD&D only (no health cover-	age)			
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	☐ Add this family member for life/AD&D only (no health cover-	age)			
6.	Name				Relationship
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	☐ Add this family member for life/AD&D only (no health cover-	age)			
7.	Name				Relationship
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	☐ Add this family member for life/AD&D only (no health covera	age)			
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Affidavit of Marriage/ Domestic Partnership



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Check all boxes that apply ☐ Add my spouse/domestic partner (DP) for benefit coverage. ☐ This form documents my marriage/domestic partnership, but d ☐ My spouse/DP is also a King County employee.	on't add my spouse/domestic partner for coverage at this time.
least in part by a program or benefit for which the	began our domestic partnership (date) and we: e State of Washington lomestic partnership began, and
circumstances attested to in this affidavit. I agree to payroll/personnel representative if there is any change of	ective if my spouse/domestic partner dies or if there is a change of notify Benefits and Retirement Operations or the appropriate circumstances attested to in this affidavit within 30 days of such nd the willful falsification of information on this affidavit may lead
only upon express written authorization or if otherwise recour common welfare may have legal implications under W against us for any losses, including reasonable attorney	nis information will be held confidential and subject to disclosure quired by law. We understand this declaration of responsibility for ashington State law. We understand a civil action may be brought fees, because of a false statement contained in this Affidavit of ty of perjury, under the laws of the State of Washington, the
Employee signature	Date signed
Printed name	
Paid ☐ 5 th and 20 th ea month ☐ Every other Thursday	
Spouse/DP signature	Date signed
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