Take control of your health

Open Enrollment
Thursday, Oct. 27–Friday, Nov. 18, 2022

For Faculty and Staff
ALEX is back to refresh your memory on the benefits offered by UC and help you select the best benefit plans for you and your family. Scan the QR code inside or go to myalex.com/uc/2023 to get started.

This is just a summary. To learn more about 2023 choices, changes and costs, visit ucal.us/oe.

During Open Enrollment, you can enroll in or change your coverage for:

- Medical
- Dental
- Vision
- Accident, Critical Illness and Hospital Indemnity
- Legal
- Flexible Spending Accounts (you must enroll every year to participate)

Your coverage will continue if you don’t take any action, except for Flexible Spending Accounts.

**MEDICAL**

See inside for this year’s employee contributions and help choosing a medical plan.

UC has enhanced coverage for infertility services for all non-Medicare medical plans. Up to two treatment cycles of IVF, GIFT, or ZIFT procedures will be covered at 50% coinsurance (lifetime limit per eligible member).

**CORE, UC Care and UC Health Savings Plan**

Accolade Health Care Advocate replaces Anthem Health Guides to help CORE, UC Care and UC Health Savings Plan members navigate health care. Members can call for help finding network providers, referrals and more.

**New this year:** Are you interested in switching to UC Health Savings Plan? You may be eligible for a Health Savings Account (HSA) without losing your carryover Health Flexible Spending Account (FSA) balance. See page 5 in the information booklet to learn more about your options, and rules for FSAs and HSAs.

**Kaiser Permanente HMO**

Kaiser will add coverage for lactation supplies and will cover additional forms of birth control with no copay. Certain infertility outpatient diagnostics and outpatient mental health and substance use disorder services will also be covered without member cost-sharing.

**NON-MEDICAL**

There are no changes to costs or benefits for dental, vision, accident, critical illness and/or hospital indemnity coverage. UC continues to pay the full cost of dental and vision coverage for employees and their eligible dependents.

The legal plan will enhance coverage for estate planning, mediation, and more, with no changes to premium costs.

Costs for Voluntary Short-Term Disability are increasing an average of $4 per month.
Your open enrollment checklist:

☐ Review your options with ALEX (scan QR code inside)
☐ Visit the Open Enrollment website at ucal.us/oe to learn more about this year’s choices and changes
☐ Enroll or re-enroll in your pretax Flexible Spending Accounts
☐ If you’re enrolled in the UC Health Savings Plan, reassess your Health Savings Account contribution
☐ Make your elections on UCPath by Friday, Nov. 18 at 5 p.m.

Can't get to a computer? Call the UCPath Center at 855-982-7284.
# Comparing UC’s Plans

## Know Your Options

For more facts and figures — and definitions of the terms below — see ucal.us/oecompareplans.

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**How and Where You Find the Care You Need**

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### UC HEALTH SAVINGS PLAN PPO (ANTHEM)

- HSA contributions
  - From UC: $500/$1,000
  - Your max (including UC contribution): $3,850/$7,750

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- Dedicated Accolade care team listens to your needs, understands your coverage and connects you with the care you need, including options for virtual care and second opinions
- UC Health providers in-network
- National network; higher costs out-of-network

### Consider This

- **Want low, predictable costs with the integrated care provided within the Kaiser network**
- **Want low, predictable costs, and want access to UC Health providers**
- **Are willing to pay higher premium for choice of provider tiers, with low costs for UC Select**
- **Want to build tax-free savings, and are willing to manage your health care expenses**
- **Prefer to pay $0 monthly premium and pay higher deductible and out-of-pocket costs for care**
Most employers, including UC, have experienced a trend toward higher medical premium costs, due to rising health care costs and increased utilization of medical care.

Below are the 2023 monthly employee costs for medical plan premiums based on your full-time salary rate as of Jan. 1, 2022.

### YOUR MEDICAL PLAN COSTS

For those with full-time salary rate of $65,000 or less:

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IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT YOUR MEDICAL PLAN COSTS

Premium contributions for certain employee groups and locations may vary from amounts shown.

If you are in a bargaining unit represented by a union, the University will adhere to its collective bargaining obligations, and any applicable collective bargaining agreement, with respect to your contribution rates.

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By authority of The Regents, University of California Human Resources, located in Oakland, administers all benefit plans in accordance with applicable plan documents and regulations, custodial agreements, University of California Group Insurance Regulations, group insurance contracts, and state and federal laws. No person is authorized to provide benefits information not contained in these source documents, and information not contained in these source documents cannot be relied upon as having been authorized by The Regents. Source documents are available for inspection upon request (800-888-8267). What is written here does not constitute a guarantee of plan coverage or benefits — particular rules and eligibility requirements must be met before benefits can be received. The University of California intends to continue the benefits described here indefinitely; however, the benefits of all employees, retirees, and plan beneficiaries are subject to change or termination at the time of contract renewal or at any other time by the University or other governing authorities. The University also reserves the right to determine new premiums, employer contributions and monthly costs at any time. Health and welfare benefits are not accrued or vested benefit entitlements. UC’s contribution toward the monthly cost of the coverage is determined by UC and may change or stop altogether, and may be affected by the state of California’s annual budget appropriation. If you belong to an exclusively represented bargaining unit, some of your benefits may differ from the ones described here. For more information, employees should contact your Human Resources Office and retirees should call the UC Retirement Administration Service Center (800-888-8267).

In conformance with applicable law and University policy, the University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. Please send inquiries regarding the University’s affirmative action and equal opportunity policies for staff to Systemwide AA/EEO Policy Coordinator, University of California, Office of the President, 1111 Franklin Street, Oakland, CA 94607, and for faculty to the Office of Academic Personnel, University of California Office of the President, 1111 Franklin Street, Oakland, CA 94607.
Open Enrollment Information

• Getting help
• Things to consider
• Important notices

Open Enrollment:
Oct. 27-Nov. 18, 2022
ucal.us/oe
If you or your covered family members have Medicare or will become eligible for Medicare in the next 12 months, you should understand which of UC’s plans are considered “creditable coverage” under Medicare Part D (prescription drug) rules. Please see pages 8-10 for details.

The summaries in this booklet explain the plans’ provisions and the policies and rules that govern them. If a conflict exists between these summaries and the plan documents, the plan documents govern. The Plan Administrator has the authority to interpret disputed provisions.
GETTING HELP

Call the plan directly if you need coverage information for a specific condition, service area or plan provider. For easy access to updates and information, register for an online account with your medical plan.

**MEDICAL PLANS**

CORE, UC CARE, UC HEALTH SAVINGS PLAN
ucppopplans.com

Anthem Blue Cross (Medical)

Navitus Health Solutions (Pharmacy)

Accolade (Health care advocate) 866-406-1182
Call Accolade for all your health care questions. Anthem will continue to process claims and provide ID cards, and Navitus remains pharmacy benefit manager.

KAISER PERMANENTE
HMO—CALIFORNIA
select.kp.org/university-of-california
Current members: 800-464-4000
Pre-enrollment: 800-324-9208

Optum Behavioral Health
888-440-8225
liveandworkwell.com, enter 11280

UC BLUE & GOLD HMO
Health Net healthnet.com/uc

Health Net 800-539-4072

MHN Behavioral Health 800-663-9355

**OTHER BENEFITS**

ACCIDENT, CRITICAL ILLNESS & HOSPITAL INDEMNITY
Aflac 888-212-7201 ucplus.com

AUTO, HOME & RENTER
Farmers Insurance ChoiceSM 866-700-3113
ucpp.ucop.edu/current-partners/farmerinsurancechoice
Sponsored by UC Partnership Programs

CHILD AND ELDER CARE
Bright Horizons Care Advantage clients.brighthorizons.com/universityofcalifornia

DENTAL
Delta Dental www1 deltadentalins.com/group-sites/uc.html

DeltaCare® USA (Dental HMO) 800-422-4234

Delta Dental PPO 800-777-5854

DISABILITY
Lincoln Financial 800-838-4461
mylincolnportal.com

FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS (FSA), COBRA
WEX Health 844-561-1338 uc-fsa.com
GETTING HELP

HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT (HSA)
HealthEquity
866-212-4729
healthequity.com/uc

LEGAL
ARAG
800-828-1395
araglegal.com/ucinfo

LIFE AND AD&D
Prudential
800-524-0542

PET
Nationwide
877-738-7874
petinsurance.com/uc

VISION
Vision Service Plan
866-240-8344
vsp.com

HEALTH CARE FACILITATORS

Your Health Care Facilitator (HCF) is here to help you better understand and use your UC benefits. Learn more, and find contact information for your location, at ucal.us/hcf.

UCPATH
855-982-7284, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. (PT)
ucpath.universityofcalifornia.edu

REMEMBER TO UPDATE YOUR BENEFICIARIES

Make sure your benefits will go to whom you intend by keeping your beneficiary designations up to date. A death, divorce or new spouse or domestic partner may require a beneficiary change.

Go to retirementatyourservice.ucop.edu to update your UCRP beneficiaries, and to myUCretirement.com to update beneficiaries for your Retirement Savings Program accounts. For your Health Savings Account, call HealthEquity at 866-212-4729.

If you are married, your spouse may have a legal interest in benefits payable at your death. A beneficiary designation may be subject to challenge if it will result in your spouse receiving less than your spouse’s share of that portion of the benefit that is considered community property.
THINGS TO CONSIDER

TAX-ADVANTAGED ACCOUNTS: 2023 CONTRIBUTION LIMITS AND OPTIONS

In 2023, you can contribute up to $3,850 (or $7,750 for a family) to the Health Savings Account (HSA). The maximum contribution to the Health Flexible Spending Account (Health FSA) is $2,850. For most employees, the annual maximum for the Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account (DepCare FSA) is $5,000. If you’re married and filing separate tax returns, each spouse may contribute $2,500 annually to the DepCare FSA. In order to comply with IRS regulations, employees who are defined as highly-compensated (those earning $135,000 and over in 2022) may contribute no more than $3,000 to the DepCare FSA in 2023. The University may reduce or stop contributions to the plan and adjust your taxable income as needed to satisfy IRS nondiscrimination requirements. See ucal.us/fsa for important FSA rules and deadlines.

New for 2023: IRS rules require that you have a $0 balance in your Health FSA if you want to enroll in UC Health Savings Plan with an HSA. Under a new arrangement, your Health FSA carryover balance from 2022 (up to $570) will be automatically rolled over into a Limited Purpose FSA if you enroll in UC Health Savings Plan for 2023. See the Open Enrollment website for details.

IF YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE IN 2023

If you continue working at UC past age 65 and you have a UC-sponsored employee medical plan, you are not required to sign up for Medicare Parts A, B or D. Any family member covered by your employee plan, with the exception of your domestic partner in some cases, who becomes eligible for Medicare may also defer signing up for Medicare. Domestic partners covered by a UC medical plan are advised to contact the Social Security Administration to determine if they are eligible to defer enrollment into Medicare without incurring a penalty. They may be able to defer signing up for Medicare under their employer plan.

If you and/or any covered family members lose eligibility for the UC-sponsored employee plan, you and/or your Medicare-eligible family members should immediately enroll in Medicare or another employer group health plan to avoid any penalties from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

RETIRING IN 2023?

If you plan to retire in 2023 and will be eligible for Medicare and for UC retiree health insurance, think carefully about UC medical plan you choose during this Open Enrollment. Your 2023 medical plan will determine the Medicare plan that you will age-in to upon your retirement or when you turn 65. UC does not allow medical
THINGS TO CONSIDER

plan changes mid-year simply because you have become eligible for Medicare, so choose carefully.

Most UC retiree medical plans have Medicare versions or corresponding Medicare partner plans. The exception is the UC Health Savings Plan, which doesn’t have a corresponding Medicare plan. If you’re enrolled in UC Health Savings Plan, you will have a 31-day Period of Initial Eligibility (PIE) opportunity when you turn age 65 to select any UC-sponsored Medicare plan in your service area.

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Open Enrollment is the time to review your options for the new year. The Medicare version or partner plan of your medical plan may have different benefits, and not all primary care physicians, primary medical groups, specialists and behavioral health providers accept Medicare. Medicare plan service areas may also differ from non-Medicare plan service areas and could be split within the same county.

To learn more, call the plan directly or visit its website. The Medicare Fact Sheet and “Enrolling in Medicare” on UCnet (ucal.us/medicare) offer more information, along with the Medicare coordination forms you’ll need. You can also call the UC Retirement Administration Service Center at 800-888-8267.

For Medicare-eligible retirees who live outside of California, UC offers the Medicare Coordinator Program, administered by Via Benefits. If you become eligible for this program, Via Benefits will notify you and explain the actions you need to take. Make sure to keep your address and other contact information current so UC can reach out with important benefits information.
**FAMILY MEMBER ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION (FMEV)**

UC requires all faculty, staff and retirees who enroll new family members in their health and welfare benefit plans (including but not limited to medical, dental, vision and/or legal insurance) to provide documents to verify their family members’ eligibility for coverage.

If you add a family member to your coverage during Open Enrollment, in early 2023 you will receive a packet of materials to complete the verification process. You must respond by the deadline shown on the letter or risk disenrollment of your newly enrolled family members from UC benefits.

As part of UC’s periodic review process, you may also be contacted for information to confirm the eligibility of your previously verified family members (including your spouse, domestic partner, stepchild, grandchild/step-grandchild, legal ward or overaged disabled child).

UnifyHR administers the verification program for UC. More information about the verification process is available online at ucal.us/fmv.

**TRANSITION-OF-CARE SUPPORT**

If you choose to enroll in a new medical plan for 2023 and you or a family member has ongoing health care needs, you should understand how your plan change will affect your ability to continue with your current health care providers or proceed with planned care.

If you voluntarily change plans and your current plan is still being offered, your new plan is not required to provide transition-of-care assistance. You should verify that your providers and facilities are part of your new plan network and will be accessible to you in the new year. Your costs for continuing care with your current providers after Jan. 1 will depend on the plan you select.

You should review your new plan information to understand your copays and/or coinsurance, and any prior authorization requirements. Check the plan’s website for information on how to take the right steps so you’re covered (see pages 3-4 for contact information).
IMPORTANT NOTICES

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT YOUR PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE
AND MEDICARE

Medicare requires individuals enrolled in Medicare plans to have “creditable coverage” for prescription drugs. The required information below explains all options available.

MEDICARE PART D CREDITABLE AND NON-CREDITABLE COVERAGE UNDER UC-SPONSORED GROUP PLANS

Plans with Creditable Coverage
Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage
UC Medicare Choice
UC Medicare PPO
UC High Option Supplement to Medicare
CORE
Kaiser Permanente HMO
UC Blue & Gold HMO
UC Care
UC Health Savings Plan

Plan with Non-Creditable Coverage
UC Medicare PPO without Prescription Drugs

WHAT DOES CREDITABLE COVERAGE MEAN?
If you are Medicare-eligible and enrolled in 2023 in Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage, UC Medicare Choice, UC Medicare PPO, UC High Option Supplement to Medicare, CORE, Kaiser Permanente HMO, UC Blue & Gold HMO, UC Care or UC Health Savings Plan, your prescription drug coverage is expected to pay out as much as the standard level of coverage set by the federal government under Medicare Part D. This qualifies as creditable coverage under Medicare Part D.

WHAT DOES NON-CREDITABLE COVERAGE MEAN?
If you are Medicare-eligible and enrolled in UC Medicare PPO without Prescription Drugs, the plan is NOT expected to pay out as much as standard Medicare prescription drug coverage pays. Therefore, your coverage is considered Non-Creditable Coverage.

You can keep your current coverage from UC Medicare PPO Plan without Prescription Drugs. However, because this coverage is non-creditable, you must have and maintain creditable prescription drug coverage from another, non-UC source. UC may ask you to verify your enrollment.

By enrolling in a non-UC prescription drug plan, you will receive help with your drug costs, as there is no prescription drug coverage under the UC Medicare PPO
without Prescription Drugs plan. If you do not enroll in a Medicare drug plan when you are first eligible, you may pay a higher premium (a penalty) for a Medicare drug plan. When you make your decision about whether to choose the UC Medicare PPO without Prescription Drugs plan, you should take into account this plan’s coverage, which does not include prescription drugs, with the coverage and cost of the plans offering Medicare prescription drug coverage in your area.

WHEN WILL YOU PAY A HIGHER PREMIUM (PENALTY) TO JOIN A MEDICARE DRUG PLAN?

If, in the future, you or a Medicare-eligible dependent terminate(s) or lose(s) Medicare Part D coverage and you go without coverage, you may be assessed a penalty. UC’s evidence of creditable coverage will prevent you from incurring penalties charged by the federal government for late enrollment in Medicare Part D for up to 63 days if you decide to re-enroll in a Medicare Part D plan.

You must enroll in Medicare Part D no more than 63 days after you or a Medicare-eligible dependent are eligible for Medicare Part D. In addition, if your Medicare Part D is terminated for any reason, you must re-enroll in a Medicare Part D plan within 63 days of the termination. In either scenario, anyone who fails to act within that time period will incur a late enrollment penalty of at least 1% per month for each month after May 15, 2006, that the person did not have creditable coverage or enrollment in Part D.

For example, if 23 months passed between the time a person terminated creditable coverage with UC and that person’s enrollment in Medicare Part D, that person’s Medicare Part D premium would always be at least 23% higher than what most other people pay. That person might also be required to pay a non-Medicare premium until UC can obtain Medicare approval of their Part D re-enrollment or wait until the following October, when the federal government conducts Open Enrollment for Medicare, in order to sign up for Medicare Part D prescription coverage.

If a person loses creditable prescription drug coverage through no fault of their own, that person may also be eligible for a Special Enrollment Period (SEP) to join a Medicare drug plan.

WHEN CAN YOU JOIN A MEDICARE DRUG PLAN?

If you are eligible for UC-sponsored coverage, you can join a UC Medicare drug plan during a period of initial eligibility, UC’s annual Open Enrollment period each fall or midyear if you lose other creditable coverage. If you are interested in non-UC insurance and are eligible for Medicare, you can join a non-UC Medicare drug plan each year from Oct. 15 to Dec. 7.
IMPORTANT NOTICES

WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR CURRENT COVERAGE IF YOU DECIDE TO JOIN A NON-UC COMMERCIAL AVAILABLE MEDICARE DRUG PLAN?

Each plan handles your decision to join a Medicare drug plan differently. UC offers one plan, the UC Medicare PPO without Prescription Drugs plan, that allows you to keep your current UC medical coverage and coordinate with Medicare for a non-UC drug plan. UC’s other plans do not. Before you make a change, contact the UC Retirement Administration Service Center at 800-888-8267 to get information on how your current plan coverage will be affected by your decision to join a commercially available Medicare drug plan. More information about Medicare plans through UC can be found in the UC Medicare Fact Sheet (see ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/forms/pdf/medicare-factsheet.pdf).

Detailed information about non-UC commercially available Medicare Part D Plans can be found in the “Medicare & You” handbook. You’ll get a copy of this handbook in the mail every year from Medicare. For more information about Medicare prescription drug coverage, visit medicare.gov.

Call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see the inside back cover of your copy of the “Medicare & You” handbook for their telephone number) for personalized help, or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

If you have limited income and resources, extra help paying for Medicare prescription drug coverage is available. For information about this extra help, visit the Social Security Administration on the web at www.socialsecurity.gov, or call them at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

VIA BENEFITS

Plans obtained through Via Benefits are considered individual plans, and vary in offering creditable and non-creditable coverage for Medicare Part D. For more information about the type of coverage offered by your plan, visit my.viabenefits.com/uc.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about this notice or your current prescription drug coverage, contact the UC Retirement Administration Service Center at 800-888-8267. You may also find coverage details on UCnet at ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/compensation-and-benefits/health-plans/medical/medicare/.
LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE SERVICES FOR SELF-FUNDED PPO PLANS

English: Language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you. Call 1-877-437-0486 TTY Users Call 711.

Arabic: خدمات المساعدة اللغوية متاحة لك مجاناً. اتصل بالرقم 711 تي إتش تي إيه.

Armenian: հարցիների ոլորտում զբաղեցնում ենք երկու բանակցակցություն: կատարեք 1-877-437-0486 TTY Users կազմեք 711:

Farsi: خدمات کمک به زبان رای شما رایگان است. با تماس بگیرید 711 شماره تلفن.

Hindi: भाषा सहायता सेवाओं, नि: शुल्क, आपके लिए उपलब्ध हैं कॉल 1-877-437-0486 टीटीआई उपयोगकर्ता कॉल 711


Japanese: 言語支援サービスは無料でご利用いただけます。電話 1-877-437-0486 TTYユーザーは711に電話をかける。

Khmer: ការ ជួសជូល ធាតុ ប្រូ ពេញ ការ ស្នេហារ ដោយ ទូរស័ព្ទ ការ 1-877-437-0486 ឬ ការ 711 អំពី

Korean: 언어 지원 서비스는 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다. 전화 1-877-437-0486 TTY 사용자는 711에 전화하십시오.

Punjabi: ਦਸਤਾਕ ਦੀ ਹੋਰ ਸੇਵਾ ਦੇਣਾ, ਰੋਜ਼ਨ ਰੂਪ ਅੰਤਰ, ਦੋ ਦੋ ਦੋ ਦਲ ਦੇ ਵਜੋਂ ਇਸਤੇਮਾਲ 1-877-437-0486 ਦੋ ਦੋ ਦਲ ਦੇ ਵਜੋਂ ਇਸਤੇਮਾਲ 711 ‘ਦੇ ਵਾਲਾ ਵਹੀ।

Russian: Языковые услуги предоставляются вам бесплатно. Вызов 1-877-437-0486 Пользователи TTY Вызов 711.


Chinese: 免费提供语言援助服务。致电 1-877-437-0486 TTY 用户致电711。

THE WOMEN’S HEALTH AND CANCER RIGHTS ACT ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS

The Women’s Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (Women’s Health Act) requires group medical plans such as those offered by UC that provide coverage for mastectomies to also provide certain related benefits or services.

Under a UC-sponsored medical plan, a plan member (employee, retiree or eligible family member) who receives a mastectomy and elects breast reconstruction in connection with the mastectomy must be eligible to receive coverage for the following: reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed; surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance; and prostheses and treatment of physical complications of the mastectomy, including lymphedema.

Coverage will be provided in a manner determined in consultation with the patient’s physician and is subject to the same deductibles, coinsurance and copayments that apply to other medical or surgical benefits covered under the plan.

If you have questions, please contact your medical plan carrier or refer to your carrier’s plan booklet for specific coverage.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTHCARE PLAN NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES — SELF-FUNDED PLANS

The University of California offers various health care options to its employees and retirees, and their eligible family members, through the UC Healthcare Plan. Several options are self-funded group health plans for which the university acts as its own insurer and provides funding to pay the claims; these options are referred to as the “Self-Funded Plans.” The Privacy Rule of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, also known as HIPAA, requires the Self-Funded Plans to make a Notice of Privacy Practices available to plan members. The University of California Healthcare Plan Notice of Privacy Practices—Self-Funded Plans (Notice) describes the uses and disclosure of protected health information, members’ rights and the Self-Funded Plans’ responsibilities with respect to protected health information.

UC’s Self-Funded Plans for 2023 include: Delta Dental PPO, CORE, UC Care, UC Health Savings Plan, UC High Option Supplement to Medicare, UC Medicare PPO and UC Medicare PPO without Prescription Drugs.
A copy of the updated Notice is posted on the UCnet website at ucal.us/hipaa or you may obtain a paper copy of this Notice by calling the UC Healthcare Plan Privacy Officer at 800-888-8267, press 1. The Notice was updated to reflect the current health care plan options effective Jan. 1, 2023.

If you have questions or for further information regarding this privacy Notice, contact the UC Healthcare Plan HIPAA Privacy Officer at 800-888-8267, press 1.

COMPLAINTS

If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you may file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights by sending a letter to 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201, calling 877-696-6775 or visiting hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/complaints. You will not be retaliated against for filing a complaint.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Terms and Conditions governing participation in UC-sponsored health and welfare plans can be found on the Open Enrollment website: ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/oe. Ask your local benefits office for a copy if you don’t have access to a computer.

OTHER NOTICES ONLINE

Under HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996), you may have additional opportunities outside of Open Enrollment to enroll in a UC-sponsored medical plan — for instance, if you have lost eligibility for coverage in another plan. However, certain conditions apply. See the full HIPAA notice on the Open Enrollment website (ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/oe).
**PREMIUM ASSISTANCE UNDER MEDICAID AND THE CHILDREN’S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (CHIP)**

If you or your children are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP and you are eligible for health coverage from your employer, your state may have a premium assistance program that can help pay for coverage, using funds from its Medicaid or CHIP programs. If you or your children are not eligible for Medicaid or CHIP, you will not be eligible for these premium assistance programs, but you may be able to buy individual insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace. For more information, visit www.healthcare.gov.

If you or your dependents are already enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, you can contact your state Medicaid or CHIP office to find out if premium assistance is available.

If you or your dependents are NOT currently enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, and you think you or any of your dependents might be eligible for either of these programs, you can contact your state Medicaid (Medi-Cal in California) or CHIP office or visit www.insurekidsnow.gov or dial 1-877-KIDS-NOW to find out how to apply. If you qualify, you can ask the state if it has a program that might help you pay the premiums for a UC-sponsored plan.

If you or your dependents are eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP, as well as eligible under UC’s plan, UC will permit you to enroll in UC’s plan, if you are not already enrolled. This is called a “special enrollment” opportunity, and you must request coverage within 60 days of being determined eligible for premium assistance.

If you live in California, you can contact the California Department of Health Care Services for further information on eligibility at: www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/myMedi-Cal.aspx or email: HIPP@dhcs.ca.gov

If you live outside of California, please visit UCnet (ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/compensation-and-benefits/premium-assistance.html) for a list of states that currently provide premium assistance. The list is effective as of July 31, 2022, and includes contact information.

To see if any more states have added a premium assistance program since July 31, 2022, or for more information on special enrollment rights, you can contact:

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**

www.cms.gov
877-267-2323, Menu Option 4, Ext. 61565
By authority of The Regents, University of California Human Resources, located in Oakland, administers all benefit plans in accordance with applicable plan documents and regulations, custodial agreements, University of California Group Insurance Regulations, group insurance contracts, and state and federal laws. No person is authorized to provide benefits information not contained in these source documents, and information not contained in these source documents cannot be relied upon as having been authorized by The Regents. Source documents are available for inspection upon request (800-888-8267). What is written here does not constitute a guarantee of plan coverage or benefits — particular rules and eligibility requirements must be met before benefits can be received. The University of California intends to continue the benefits described here indefinitely; however, the benefits of all employees, retirees and plan beneficiaries are subject to change or termination at the time of contract renewal or at any other time by the University or other governing authorities. The University also reserves the right to determine new premiums, employer contributions and monthly costs at any time. Health and welfare benefits are not accrued or vested benefit entitlements. UC’s contribution toward the monthly cost of the coverage is determined by UC and may change or stop altogether, and may be affected by the state of California’s annual budget appropriation. If you belong to an exclusively represented bargaining unit, some of your benefits may differ from the ones described here. For more information, employees should contact their Human Resources Office and retirees should call the UC Retirement Administration Service Center (800-888-8267).

In conformance with applicable law and University policy, the University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. Please send inquiries regarding the University’s affirmative action and equal opportunity policies for staff to Systemwide AA/EOO Policy Coordinator, University of California, Office of the President, 1111 Franklin Street, Oakland, CA 94607, and for faculty to the Office of Academic Personnel, University of California Office of the President, 1111 Franklin Street, Oakland, CA 94607.