COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
SUMMARY OF BENEFITS

Social Worker Program (sw)

Here is your customized summary of benefit options at the County of San Diego. Some of these benefits are provided by the County automatically, while others will require you to choose them, using either County-provided Flex Credits or by paying out-of-pocket.

What are Flex Credits, how many do I get, and how do I spend them?

Flex Credits are a per pay-period allowance. They have no cash value. Most Flex Credits are used to cover your medical plan selections. The table below lists the costs for the various health plans offered by the County, aligned with your personal Flex Credit allowance. You will see that your amounts change as you adjust the number of dependents you select.

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<tr>
<th>Insurance Plans and Their Costs Per Pay Period</th>
<th>Employee Only</th>
<th>Employee + 1 Dependent</th>
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<tr>
<td>Kaiser Permanente HMO</td>
<td>$329.70</td>
<td>$659.40</td>
<td>$933.05</td>
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<td>Kaiser Permanente HDHP</td>
<td>$257.36</td>
<td>$514.72</td>
<td>$728.33</td>
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<td>UnitedHealthcare SignatureValue Performance HMO - Network 1</td>
<td>$370.41</td>
<td>$740.56</td>
<td>$1,047.73</td>
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<td>UnitedHealthcare SignatureValue CS VEBA Alliance HMO</td>
<td>$355.39</td>
<td>$710.49</td>
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<td>UnitedHealthcare/UMR Select Plus PPO</td>
<td>$660.96</td>
<td>$1,321.94</td>
<td>$1,870.58</td>
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<td>UnitedHealthcare Harmony HDHP</td>
<td>$225.65</td>
<td>$448.72</td>
<td>$632.81</td>
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<tr>
<td>SIMNSA Mexico HMO (See eligibility requirements)</td>
<td>$131.36</td>
<td>$230.74</td>
<td>$339.17</td>
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Updated: 3/1/2023

Effective 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023
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**FLEX CREDIT ALLOWANCE**
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**FLEX CREDIT ALLOWANCE PER PAY PERIOD**
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**HEALTH BENEFITS**
**MEDICAL PLANS**
Medical plans are available for you and your eligible dependents, offered by UnitedHealthcare or Kaiser Permanente. Below are the plan choices available to you:
- Health Maintenance Organization (HMO)
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**Things you should know about Flex Credits:**
- They carry no cash value.
- Based on 24 pay periods in the year/twice monthly deductions.
- Flex Credit amount is based on your medical coverage selection. If you choose to waive medical coverage, your Flex Credit will be based on the Employee Only selection.
- You may have excess Flex Credits when waiving health care coverage or if you elect a medical plan that costs less than your Flex Credit allowance. Any excess Flex Credits will be directed to help pay for the cost of other elected benefits, anything remaining will be placed in the respective Spending Account based on your reason for waiving. Your excess Flex Credits must total a minimum of $5 a pay period and $120 annually to be placed in a Spending Account.
- Any premium costs over the Flex Credit amount is your out-of-pocket expense.

Note: Medical coverage may also be waived as a new hire, qualified life event or during open enrollment. Employees who want to waive medical coverage for the plan year must complete their waiver election annually in PeopleSoft eBenefits annually.

**Spending Accounts**
Here are the four types of spending accounts for your excess Flex Credits or out-of-pocket contributions, depending on your situation.

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<th>Health Care FSA</th>
<th>Dependent Care FSA</th>
<th>Health Reimbursement Account</th>
<th>Health Savings Account</th>
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<td>You may pay into this account out-of-pocket up to $2,850 annually if you anticipate additional health care expenses not covered by your benefit plan.</td>
<td>If you anticipate childcare expenses, you can contribute excess Flex Credits or out-of-pocket contributions up to $5,000.</td>
<td>Unused Flex Credits are deposited into this account when you are covered under an employer group health plan that is not a High Deductible Health Plan.</td>
<td>If you are enrolled in a High Deductible Health Plan, excess Flex Credits or out-of-pocket contributions can be deposited here, up to the IRS individual or family maximum contributions.</td>
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This symbol means that there is an option to select, increase, or contribute to coverage options using remaining Flex Credits or by paying out-of-pocket.

Where do Excess Flex Credits go if I waive my health plan or if there are any left over after my selections are made?

- **Are you covered by an HMO or PPO by any employer?**
  Excess Flex Credits will be directed to a Health Reimbursement Account up to $5,000.

- **Are you covered under an HDHP by any employer?**
  Excess Flex Credits will be directed to a Health Savings Account up to the IRS family maximum of $7,750.

- **Are you covered by Medicare, Medi-CAL, or Tricare?**
  A maximum of $500 will be allocated to the Health Care FSA. The remainder of any excess Flex Credits will be forfeited.

- **Are you covered by an individual plan or Covered CA?**
  A maximum of $500 will be allocated to the Health Care FSA. The remainder of any excess Flex Credits will be forfeited.

**Can I get paid out for any unused Flex Credits?**
You cannot. Flex Credits have no cash value and can only be applied to your health benefits.
Beyond health plan coverage and spending accounts, what other benefits do I receive?

Here’s a list of your additional County-provided benefits, some provided at no additional cost to you.

**Additional Insurances and Coverages**

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<th>Life Insurance</th>
<th>Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance</th>
<th>Dependent Life Insurance</th>
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<td>The County provides you life insurance coverage of $10,000.</td>
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<td>The County provides you coverage of $2,000 for your legal spouse, domestic partner and each child from birth to 26 years of age.</td>
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<td>Supplemental coverage up to 6 times your annual salary is available using Flex Credits or by paying out-of-pocket.</td>
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<th>Long Term Disability</th>
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<th>Critical Illness Insurance</th>
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<td>You can use Flex Credits or pay out-of-pocket to enroll in a Long Term Disability plan that can pay a benefit of up to $5,000 a month. Benefits begin after 180-day elimination period.</td>
<td>You pay into CA State Disability Insurance (SDI) with your paycheck. You can use Flex Credits or pay out-of-pocket to enroll in a Short-Term Disability plan that can pay an additional benefit of up to 25% of your weekly covered earnings to a maximum of $1,000 per week.</td>
<td>Employees can use Flex Credits or pay out-of-pocket to enroll in Critical Illness Insurance which pays a lump sum benefit on top of any health insurance benefits for covered diseases or illnesses.</td>
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State Disability Insurance (SDI) and Paid Family Leave (PFL)

YOUR CLASSIFICATION PAYS INTO SDI

The State Disability Insurance (SDI) and Paid Family Leave programs are managed by the State of California, Employee Development Department (EDD), which is responsible for program eligibility requirements, benefit determinations and disability payments. For general information regarding State Disability Insurance and Paid Family Leave, contact EDD at (800) 480-3287 or at www.edd.ca.gov/disability.

Paid Leaves

Accruals are based on a 40-hour work week and are credited on a biweekly basis. They become available for use as they are accrued.

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<th>Days Per Year, Annually</th>
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<td><strong>Vacation</strong></td>
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<td>10 days for 1-4 years of service (80 hours)</td>
<td>160 hours</td>
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<td>15 days for 5-14 years of service (120 hours)</td>
<td>240 hours</td>
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<td>20 days for 15+ years of service (160 hours)</td>
<td>320 hours</td>
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<td><strong>Sick Leave</strong></td>
<td>13 days (104 hours) per year</td>
<td>No maximum</td>
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<td><strong>Holidays</strong></td>
<td>12 days per year</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td><strong>Floating Holidays</strong></td>
<td>2 days (16 hours)</td>
<td>24 hours</td>
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<td><strong>Bereavement Leave</strong></td>
<td>3 days +2 sick days from your accrual</td>
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**Retirement**

**Pension**

The San Diego County Employees Retirement Association (SDCERA) provides a defined benefit pension plan. You will automatically become a member and contribute each paycheck. For more information, contact SDCERA at (619) 515-6800.

[**www.SDCERA.org**](http://www.SDCERA.org)

**Deferred Compensation**

You may elect to defer a portion of your compensation to a 457 Plan and/or a 401A Plan. Contact Deferred Compensation through Nationwide Retirement Solutions at (619) 531-5840 for additional information.


**Additional Benefits**

**Perk Spot**

Perk Spot allows you access to online discounts from hundreds of retailers in addition to local area discounts and savings. Go to [SDCounty.PerkSpot.com](http://SDCounty.PerkSpot.com) and beneath the “New Members” heading complete the registration process or contact PerkSpot directly at cs@perkspot.com.

**Employee Assistance Program** *(EAP)*

EAP offers confidential consultation and referral services to help you and anyone in your household address personal problems (e.g. marital, financial, or emotional problems; family issues; substance/alcohol abuse) that are difficult to handle. You may contact Anthem Blue Cross EAP at (888) 777-6665 for information.

**Transit Pass Program**

The County contributes towards your purchase of a bus, trolley or Coaster Pass. For more information, contact your departmental payroll staff.

Additional details about benefit plans and Flex Credits can be found in the information-packed [Employee Benefits Guide](#) or by visiting the [Human Resources Benefits website](#).