



Important Information About 2022 Employee Benefits and the Charitable Giving Campaign

Greetings,

Welcome to 2022 Employee Benefits Open Enrollment! It is more important than ever to think about your physical, emotional and financial health and well-being, and choose well in making your employee benefit elections, which include:

- Updating your health benefit plan enrollments
- Adding or removing dependents
- Enrolling in a health and/or dependent day care flexible spending account (FSA)
- Enrolling in voluntary benefit plans

There are no changes to health benefit contribution rates for this plan year. We are pleased to announce the addition of a domestic tier in the Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO plan. This means you and your covered family members can receive care at Cook County Health facilities for certain procedures with no cost share after meeting your annual plan deductible. See the Benefits Overview at cookcountyrisk.com for more information.

Now is also a good time to review your retirement planning goals with the Nationwide Deferred Compensation Plan. As an employee, you can participate in this pretax voluntary savings plan to supplement your retirement income.

The Open Enrollment period runs from October 1-31, 2021. Health benefits plan coverage is effective on December 1, 2021. FSA enrollments are effective January 1, 2022.

Cook County is pleased to offer all employees an opportunity to participate in the Charitable Giving Campaign. Please look for an email with campaign kickoff information and a link that allows you to arrange contributions directly from your paycheck. More details on charitable opportunities are also available at cookcountyrisk.com.

Review your Cook County employee benefits options at cookcountyrisk.com.

How to Get Started

Open Enrollment is completed using the County's Oracle EBS System. There are two ways you can access EBS through Employee Self Service (ESS).



At Work: To access EBS from the County network, click on the Oracle EBS icon on your computer. Or visit <https://ccgprod.ccounty.com> and then click on the applicable button.

At Home: Go to <https://ccgprod.cookcountyil.gov>.

Use your network ID and password. If you have any difficulty accessing EBS, contact your agency's technology help desk.

Once you enter ESS, make sure the personal information listed for you and your dependents is correct. If not, do the following:

- To correct your Social Security number or date of birth, contact your Human Resources department
- To change your dependents' information, update it in the ESS system

Please review the Medicare Prescription Drug Notice included with this letter. It contains essential information for individuals covered by Medicare or who will be eligible for Medicare in the coming year.

For More Information

Visit cookcountyrisk.com during the week of September 27 to:

- Learn about our on-site meetings and live and on-demand virtual informational sessions
- View a selection of on-demand informational videos about your benefits
- Schedule a time for a one-on-one session with a benefits team member
- Watch the instructional online enrollment video

During Open Enrollment and throughout the year, you can review important plan information for you and your dependents at cookcountyrisk.com.

For questions concerning 2022 Employee Benefits Open Enrollment, please contact:

Cook County Employee Benefits Office	312-603-6385 risk.mgmt@cookcountyil.gov
Deferred Compensation (Nationwide)	800-677-3678
Charitable Giving	https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/cook-county-gives
Voluntary Benefits (Mercer)	800-698-2849 cookcountyvoluntarybenefits.com