

KPEA: 210 HEALTH CARE
KPESA: 27 HEALTH CARE

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1. Health Care Plan Committee (HCPC):

A Health Care Program Plan Committee (HCPC) shall be composed of four (4) representatives selected by the Kenai Peninsula Education Association, three (3) representatives selected by the Kenai Peninsula Education Support Association, one (1) representative selected by the Kenai Peninsula Administrator Association, and three (3) current employee representatives selected by the Superintendent. **All voting representatives must be either elected representatives of their respective Association or paying participants of the health care plan. The Health Care Committee shall select a chairperson from its membership.** The Plan Administrator and Benefits Manager are non-voting advisors to the committee. The HCPC shall select a chairperson from its committee of voting members.

A quorum for the meetings shall require no fewer than nine (9) committee members. The HCPC will conduct a formal vote on any matter that could impact the cost or benefits of the health care program or on any matter that would require a change in the summary plan description. Formal votes shall require an eighty percent (80%) vote of the total voting committee members to pass.

The committee shall annually review by-laws in September of each year unless the committee deems that an alternate time would be better. The committee will meet monthly unless this is changed by the committee members in accordance with the committee's by-laws.

The HCPC shall be empowered to determine health care benefits different from benefits in the plan in place on January 1, 2024~~5~~. The committee will determine and control the health care program for all District employees covered by the program during the term of this agreement including but not limited to the following: **employee contribution amounts,** benefits and coverage provided, cost containment measures, preferred provider programs, co-payment provisions, evaluating other health insurance programs, and implementing any wellness measures it deems beneficial to employees and the health care program. **Year-to-date fees associated with Brokers and Third-Party Administration shall be shared with the committee at each meeting.**

The District shall issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for health care insurance providers at the direction of the HCPC. The HCPC will evaluate the need for future RFPs annually. The District shall take all necessary and reasonable steps required by the quoting agency to ensure fair and transparent access to quotes from any quoting agency. The District may issue an RFP without the approval of the HCPC. In that event, the District will share the results with the HCPC. Any proposals submitted shall be reviewed by the HCPC, which may request that the insurance providers present the proposals directly to the HCPC. The District shall not be required to adopt changes made by the HCPC which would result in violations of established laws or regulations.

The HCPC shall be advisory to matters related to Broker selection, Third (3rd) Party Administration and Stop-Loss insurance.

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The District agrees to work with the HCPC to provide reasonable time for meetings and provide adequate support, including an expert health care consultant for plan design. Administrative leave will be provided for all participants.

2. General Conditions:

Benefits are afforded to the employee, spouse and all eligible dependents.

As of November 7, 2016, all employees who work thirty (30) or more hours per week or at least .75 FTE are eligible for year-round health benefits and are required, as a condition of employment, to participate in the KPBSD health plan. Any employee who as of November 7, 2016, has been working between twenty (20) and thirty (30) hours per week or between .50 and .75 FTE, and has previously been receiving health benefits, shall be grand parented as eligible for health benefits for the remaining length of time they are employed by the District. All such affected employees shall have a one-time option to opt out of health benefit coverage before their start of employment for the 2017- 2018 school year.

~~Members~~ **Employees** who have alternative health insurance coverage meeting the minimum ACA requirements may elect to waive their entitlement to District provided health insurance coverage. ~~Alternative health insurance coverage shall not include District provided coverage which the member is entitled to by reason of the employee's status as a spouse or dependent of a District employee who is covered by the District's health insurance plan.~~

A flexible benefit account program, under the provision of Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Service Code, will continue.

Dental and vision benefits shall be provided separately from medical and prescription benefits. Employees shall have the option to elect not to receive dental and vision coverage. The cost of the dental and vision benefits shall be included in the calculation of the employer and employee contribution amounts. The employer and employee contributions will be the same for an employee who receives dental and vision coverage as it is for an employee who elects not to receive dental and vision coverage.

In the event employee premiums are projected to increase by more than ten percent (10%) from one year to the next, the parties (KPBSD, KPEA, KPESA, and KPAA) shall meet to discuss and, if both parties deem necessary, re-negotiate the terms of this article.

3. Self-Funded Health Plan Costs

The District health care program is self-funded. Program costs are solely a product of administrative expenses and actual claims experience as reported in the District's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Total District dollar share of health plan costs is **calculated** based on the negotiated District percentage as applied to actual plan costs. The District will make contributions to the health care program for each participant on a 12-month basis.

Spousal/Dependent Pooling: Employees who are married to another KPBSD employee, or who are a dependent child under age 26 of another KPBSD employee, may choose to waive their own District-provided health insurance and be covered together under a single policy with the appropriate tier.

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Eighty-five percent (85%) **Ninety percent (90%)** of the health care costs are paid by the District. Fifteen percent (15%) **Ten percent (10%)** of the health care costs are paid by the employees.

High Deductible Health Plan (85/15) (90%/10%)		
	<u>HRA Plan</u>	<u>HSA Plan</u>
Deductible	\$1,500 / Individual \$3,000 / Family	\$1,700 / Individual \$3,400 / Family
Out of Pocket Maximum (Not including deductible)	\$2,000 / Individual \$4,000 / Family	\$2,000 / Individual \$4,000 / Family
HRA or HSA Contribution	\$800/ Year \$1000/Year per covered employee	\$800/ Year \$1000/Year per covered employee

Employees have the option of either a Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) or a Health Savings Account (HSA).

~~Annually the District shall contribute one thousand dollars (\$1000) to each employee’s HRA or HSA.~~

~~Effective January 1, 2023~~ The HDHP will offer four healthcare plan tiers. The tiers will be: Employee Only, Employee and Spouse, Employee and Children, and Employee and Family.

Selection of employee tier **for the following calendar year** will be made during the November 15 – December 15, 2022 Open Enrollment period.

~~Annually, The District shall contribute~~ **make an annual contribution, per covered employee, of one thousand dollars (\$1000) to each employee’s HRA or HSA, up to allowable IRS limits. Such contributions shall be made in two installments, half at the start of the fiscal year, and half in January. When two or more employees are covered under the same policy, the policy-holder shall receive an annual contribution equal to one thousand dollars per employee covered on the policy, up to allowable IRS limits.**

~~For illustrative purposes only, if the four tier coverage was implemented for FY22, the projected four tier rates would have been:~~

Tier	Employee monthly 12-month Cost	Employee monthly 9-month Cost

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Employee Only	\$173.27 *	\$231.03 *
Employee + Spouse	\$381.20 *	\$508.27 *
Employee + Children	\$329.22 *	\$438.96 *
Employee + Family	\$554.47 *	\$739.30 *

*These monthly premium amounts will be adjusted according to the most up to date information provided by our brokers. The most current information is available at <https://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/employees.aspx?id=5232>.

The District will issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for health care insurance to private and public insurance providers for change effective January 2021. The need for future RFPs will be reviewed annually.

The HCPC comprised of KPEA, KPESA, and KPAA HCPC representatives, shall determine the employee contribution amount.

Employee Health Care Reserve Account: A separate The existing employee health care reserve account shall be established and maintained. The initial amount in this account as of July 1, 2012 was \$1,246,835. Any interest gained on this account shall be retained in this account. Seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) of the employee health care reserve account shall be set aside for use at year end for payment of the employee portion of program costs that exceed employee deposits. If the employee health care reserve falls below \$750,000, an amount needed to replenish the fund to \$750,000 will be calculated by the sub-committee and added to the employee’s annual rate in the following year prior to the open enrollment period. Any amount in the employee health care reserve exceeding the \$750,000 balance will be used to offset future employee costs as determined by the sub-committee.

A HCPC subcommittee of Association health care committee representatives (KPEA, KPESA, and KPAA) will have the authority to address the usage of any amount remaining above the \$750,000 requirement stated above. These monies can be used to pay down the employee share of the health care employee contribution, reduce employee premiums for the following year, or can be placed may remain in the Employee Health Care Reserve account to pay down future costs or overages.

All Health Care Subcommittee meetings shall be subject to and conducted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Minutes and recordings of each meeting shall be posted on the KPBSD website.

District Health Care Reserve Account: Upon completion of the FY22 audit, if the District’s healthcare reserve account has an amount greater than three million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$3,250,000), and the Employees’ healthcare reserve account has an amount greater than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) then a premium credit of five hundred dollars (\$500) for each employee will be used to offset the employee’s monthly premium until the five hundred dollars (\$500) is depleted. The premium credit of five hundred dollars (\$500) will be split 50/50 between the District’s healthcare reserve and the Employees’ healthcare reserve accounts. This credit will be applied one time on January 1, 2023.

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*Guidelines involving “qualifying event” and “pre-existing conditions” will be followed in accordance to the health plan document, which is available at: <https://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/employees.aspx?id=5232>.
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The District shall maintain a “reward” system to protect the plan from inaccurate charges by Service Providers. The District and employee shall evenly divide any monetary benefits resulting from the correction of such charges. Errors made by the plan administrator are ineligible for this reward.

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4. Plan/Benefit Changes

The HDHP in place at the time of ratification shall continue, with the following exceptions. Changes to these exceptions or any other term specified in this agreement (deductible, HRA/HSA contributions, premium cost-sharing, etc.) may not be modified by the HCPC unless the parties agree to an MOU. Effective July 1, 2026:

- Physician services received from non-PPO providers will be reimbursed at a flat 60% benefit level. Payments for non-PPO physician services do not apply toward the Member’s out-of-pocket maximum. All benefits are subject to the terms, conditions, limitations, and definitions contained in the Plan Document and Summary Plan Description (SPD), which shall govern in the event of any conflict. The Employer will make reasonable efforts to provide access to current PPO provider information.
- Dental Basic Care Benefit will change to 80%.

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- 4th Quarter Deductible will not rollover for HRA plans.
- Prescription Retail Pharmacy fills will be limited to 31 days (Mail order to remain at 100 days' supply).
- Massage Therapy visits above 12 per Calendar Year will be subject to a medical necessity review
- Employees will accrue two (2) additional days of sick leave per procedure completed using Transcarent.

5. Implementation Timeline

Due to the logistics of implementing these changes retroactively for FY26, the following will apply:

- Special Enrollment – District Employee Family Coverage
A one-time special enrollment period will be offered in May 2026 for employees impacted by the change allowing District employees to enroll under a single health plan policy. Coverage elected during this special enrollment period will become effective July 1, 2026. This special enrollment opportunity applies only to employees affected by this change and does not create an ongoing right to enroll outside of the District's regular open enrollment period or other plan-permitted qualifying events.
- Existing employees that were participants in the healthcare plan for at least six (6) months during FY26 will receive a one-time payment in June 2026 of five hundred dollars (\$500). This will be paid on the June 2026 paycheck. unless employees notify HR of their preference that it be deposited to their HRA or HSA no later than May 31, 2026.