

# Open Enrollment

Highlights for 2026



# Open Enrollment Nov. 3-14

#### Resources Available for Your Benefit Questions

- Visit the Open Enrollment website: hr.syr.edu/openenrollment
- Topic specific emails and Syracuse University Today articles
- Contact HR Shared Services at 315.443.4042 or hrservice@syr.edu
- Contact benefit vendors directly to get personalized advice

# Steps to a Successful Enrollment

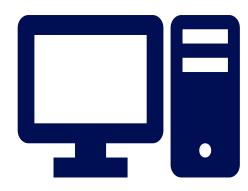
- 1. Log in to MySlice, Nov. 3-14
- 2. Review/Select Your 2026 Benefits
- 3. Click FINISH by Nov. 14
- 4. Review Your Confirmation Statement



# Computer Kiosks Available

#### **Workstations on Campus**

- ITS computer labs
- Email stations



#### Workstations at 621 Skytop Office Building

 Contact HR Shared Services at 315.443.4042 or hrservice@syr.edu to schedule an appointment

#### Review Personal Information and Beneficiaries

**Personal Profile** 



Address, military status and emergency contacts **Payroll** 



Tax withholding and direct deposit

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Life insurance beneficiaries

## Dependent Eligibility Review

- Review the Benefits Eligibility Policy to ensure your covered dependents meet the criteria
- Proof of dependency is required for new enrollments
- Review dependent/beneficiary personal information

#### Health Plan Overview

- Three self-insured plan options: SUBlue, SUOrange and SUPro
- Medical coverage through Excellus BCBS and prescription drug coverage through Optum Rx
- Employees pay for coverage under either the Schedule A or Schedule B contribution schedules
- For detailed information and updates about the health plan, visit the Open Enrollment website

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## Schedule B Eligibility – Lower Health Plan Contributions

Household Size	2026 Household Income
1	Less than \$56,657
2	Less than \$79,320
3	Less than \$101,983
4	Less than \$124,646
5	Less than \$147,309
6+	Less than \$169,972

- Online applications due by Dec. 5
- HR Shared Services can help employees with the application process
- Must reapply each year
- Eligibility based on gross household income and size as reported on your Federal Income Tax Return

# **Dental and Vision Coverage**



Two dental plans:



Coverage through **Excellus BCBS** 



Vision through VSP

Provided as a **standalone** benefit, separate from dental



Enrollment is a two-year commitment

2025 elections remain in place through 2026, unless you have a qualified family status change

# Flexible Spending Account Highlights

#### **Health Care FSA**

- Maximum contribution of \$3,400 in 2026
- 2026: Carryover of up to \$680 to 2027

#### **Dependent Care FSA**

- Maximum contribution of \$7,500 per household in 2026
- 2026: No carryover

## Dependent Care Subsidy Program

- Tax-free subsidy to help with qualified dependent care needs
- Employees with annual household incomes of less than \$150,000 qualify
- Application is required and due by Dec. 5
- If approved, the following subsidy is deposited into a Dependent Care FSA, with an annual maximum benefit of \$3,000
  - -\$1,500 for children under age 6
  - \$750 for children ages 6 through 12 and adult or disabled dependents

## Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D)

#### Basic Life and AD&D Insurance offered through MetLife

Provided by the University at no cost to you

#### Supplemental coverage available for purchase

- No rate increases for 2026
- Supplemental Life and AD&D for yourself
- Spouse/Same Sex Domestic Partner and Child Life options
- Statement of Health required: hr.syr.edu/lifesoh

# **Voluntary Long Term Disability**

- No rate increase for 2026
- Supplements the University's Disability Plans
- Benefit is 60% of salary
- Not taxable
- Social Security Disability award not required



# Retirement Planning

- Review your retirement account balance online at tiaa.org/syr
- Update your voluntary contributions:
  - During Open Enrollment or anytime via MySlice
  - First Time Enrollment: Voluntary Salary Reduction form needed
- Financial counseling at no cost through TIAA

#### Additional Benefits and Resources

- Wellness Initiative Workshops, webinars, challenges and resources for balanced, health living
- Carebridge (FSAP) Confidential, no cost counseling, referrals, worklife resources and crisis support
- Care. for Business Free premium membership with access to vetted childcare providers, tutors, elder caregivers, pet sitters, household care and more
- Financial Wellness Educational opportunities, financial counseling, and other tools for financial health
- Live Local Assistance to buy, improve and live in homes near main campus
- Much More Find discounts, adoption assistance and more resources at hr.syr.edu



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