

GENERAL FIRE SUPPORT

Benefits Overview

MOU Contract 2026-2029

Healthcare Benefits

The Fire District pays a large portion of your healthcare premiums.

MEDICAL PREMIUM SUBSIDY

Effective July 25, 2026



Employee Only	\$262.99
Employee +1	\$524.80
Employee +2 or more	\$706.68

MEDICAL OPT-OUT/WAIVE

If you have other employer-sponsored group coverage and do not enroll in the Fire District's medical plans, you will receive an extra \$40 per pay period.



DENTAL PREMIUM SUBSIDY

\$9.46
Requires enrollment in a Fire District medical plan.



VISION

No cost for Employee and Dependent coverage.

The Benefit rates listed above apply to full-time employees (61-80 hours) per biweekly pay period unless noted otherwise. To determine your out-of-pocket costs, use our online Benefits Calculator: <https://hr.sbcounty.gov/benefits-calculator>

Leave Provisions

Leave time listed for full-time employees (61-80 hours) per biweekly pay period unless otherwise noted.



Vacation

80-160 hours per year
Cash-out option up to 60 hours per year if 80 hours of vacation used in previous year.



Sick

3.69 hours per pay period.



Holiday

14 + 1 floating per year



Bereavement

2 days per occurrence
(3 if traveling >1,000 miles)



Perfect Attendance

Up to 16 hours PAL or annual gym membership reimbursement up to \$299.

Modified Benefit Option (MBO)

Certain eligible job classifications shall be provided the opportunity to convert from a regular position with traditional benefits to a regular position with modified benefits and wage differential. Refer to your Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

MOU Website: <https://link.sbcounty.gov/MOU> MBO Website: <https://link.sbcounty.gov/MBO>

Fire District -Paid Benefits



Tool Allowance

\$700/year for Mechanic and Lead Mechanic.



State Disability Insurance

Premium paid by Fire District.
Refer to your MOU.



Basic Term Life Insurance

\$20,000



Retirement

SBCERA Retirement Formulas

Reciprocity provisions may apply

Tier I 2.0% at age 55
Hired PRIOR to Jan 1, 2013

Tier II 2.5% at age 67
Hired ON or AFTER Jan 1, 2013

457(b) Deferred Compensation

Auto-enrolled upon hire at 1% contribution of base salary. The Fire District will match half of your contribution up to 1% of your base salary after one year of continuous service.

Retirement Medical Trust (RMT)

Fire District Contribution

Based on continuous years of service:

1-4 years = 1.00% of biweekly base salary

5-9 years = 1.50% of biweekly base salary

10-15 years = 2.00% of biweekly base salary

16+ years = 2.50% of biweekly base salary

Sick Leave Conversion

Upon separation, eligible to convert a portion of your sick leave into the RMT upon attaining 10+ years of participation with SBCERA and/or other public retirement.

Voluntary Programs



Supplemental Term Life Insurance

Have financial security with extra term life coverage for yourself and your family with coverage up to \$700,000.

<https://link.sbcounty.gov/Life-Insurance>



AD&D Insurance

Additional insurance in the event of accidental death or serious injury, with coverage options up to \$250,000.

<https://link.sbcounty.gov/Life-Insurance>



Flexible Spending Account (FSA)

Pre-tax account for qualified health care expenses up to \$3,400 annually. Employees who select Fire District sponsored Blue Shield Access+ or Kaiser Choice are eligible for up to \$10 per pay period match. <https://link.sbcounty.gov/fsa>



Dependent Care Assistance Program (DCAP)

Pre-tax account for qualified dependent care expenses up to \$5,000 annually. <https://link.sbcounty.gov/DCAP>



529 Savings Plan

Invest for future educational expenses with tax-free earnings. Contact Scholar Share to enroll. <https://link.sbcounty.gov/529>



Combined Giving

Give back to the community via one time or ongoing payroll deductions. <https://link.sbcounty.gov/CombinedGiving>



Commuter Services

Help the environment, reduce traffic, save money and earn rewards with your commute. <https://link.sbcounty.gov/Commuter>



Employee Discounts

Save big at hundreds of national and local merchants.

<https://link.sbcounty.gov/Employee-Discout-Program>



Wellness Program

Information, resources and rewards to support your healthy lifestyle. <https://link.sbcounty.gov/wellness>



Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

Confidential expert support and resources available at any time, at no cost to you. <https://link.sbcounty.gov/EAP>

Medical Premium Costs for Fire District Plans

The Fire District provides Premium Subsidies biweekly to help offset the cost of your medical and dental premiums.

Medical Premium Subsidy

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Employee Only: **\$262.99 (TBO)** **\$186.72 (MBO)**
 Employee +1: **\$524.80 (TBO)** **\$430.34 (MBO)**
 Employee +2: **\$706.68 (TBO)** **\$579.48 (MBO)**

Employee Only Coverage		
Plan	Traditional Benefit Option (TBO) Employee Cost Per Pay Period	Modified Benefit Option (MBO) Employee Cost Per Pay Period
Blue Shield Gold Trio HMO	\$77.57	\$153.84
Blue Shield Access + HMO	\$99.89	\$176.16
Blue Shield Signature HMO	\$154.86	\$231.13
Blue Shield PPO	\$513.90	\$590.17
Kaiser Virtual Complete HMO	\$66.08	\$142.35
Kaiser Choice HMO	\$95.20	\$171.47
Kaiser Permanente HMO	\$157.13	\$233.40

Employee +1 Coverage		
Plan	Traditional Benefit Option (TBO) Employee Cost Per Pay Period	Modified Benefit Option (MBO) Employee Cost Per Pay Period
Blue Shield Gold Trio HMO	\$154.33	\$248.79
Blue Shield Access + HMO	\$199.01	\$293.47
Blue Shield Signature HMO	\$308.90	\$403.36
Blue Shield PPO	\$1,056.42	\$1,150.88
Kaiser Virtual Complete HMO	\$131.33	\$225.79
Kaiser Choice HMO	\$189.57	\$284.03
Kaiser Permanente HMO	\$313.43	\$407.89

Employee +2 or more Coverage		
Plan	Traditional Benefit Option (TBO) Employee Cost Per Pay Period	Modified Benefit Option (MBO) Employee Cost Per Pay Period
Blue Shield Gold Trio HMO	\$253.48	\$380.68
Blue Shield Access + HMO	\$316.70	\$443.90
Blue Shield Signature HMO	\$472.18	\$599.38
Blue Shield PPO	\$1,746.51	\$1,873.71
Kaiser Virtual Complete HMO	\$220.91	\$348.11
Kaiser Choice HMO	\$303.32	\$430.52
Kaiser Permanente HMO	\$478.58	\$605.78