









**BENEFITS AT A GLANCE**  
**ALL EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY PEF**

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<b><u>HEALTH INSURANCE &amp; PRESCRIPTIONS</u></b>  <b>OPT-OUT Program</b> Allows employees who have other employer-sponsored health insurance to, opt-out of NYSHIP coverage in exchange for an incentive.  \$1,000 for Individual \$3,000 for Family Coverage 	<b>Empire Plan (PPO):</b> Anthem Blue: Hospitalization United HealthCare: Major Medical Carelton Behavioral Health, Inc.: Mental Health/Substance Abuse CVS/Caremark, Inc.: Prescriptions  <b>Multiple Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs):</b> Explanation of the options available to you under the New York State Health Insurance Program (NYSHIP) for your health insurance and other elections can be found <a href="#">here</a> .	Full-time employees with appointments that are expected to last 3 months or longer.  Part-time employees must work at least half-time on a regularly scheduled basis and be expected to work for at least 3 months.  Seasonal employees working half time or more for at least 6 months are eligible.	There is a 28 calendar day waiting period.  Enroll during waiting period and coverage is effective on your 29 <sup>th</sup> day of employment.	<b>Empire Plan PPO</b> <table><tr><th>Grade 9 &amp; Below</th><th>Grade 10 &amp; Above</th></tr><tr><td>Individual: \$ 65.99</td><td>Individual: \$87.99</td></tr><tr><td>Family: \$298.75</td><td>Family: \$355.24</td></tr></table> <b>Emblem Health of New York HMO</b> <table><tr><th>Grade 9 &amp; Below</th><th>Grade 10 &amp; Above</th></tr><tr><td>Individual: \$171.02</td><td>Individual: \$194.44</td></tr><tr><td>Family: \$445.52</td><td>Family: \$506.98</td></tr></table>	Grade 9 & Below	Grade 10 & Above	Individual: \$ 65.99	Individual: \$87.99	Family: \$298.75	Family: \$355.24	Grade 9 & Below	Grade 10 & Above	Individual: \$171.02	Individual: \$194.44	Family: \$445.52	Family: \$506.98
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<b><u>DENTAL INSURANCE VISION CARE</u></b>  	<b>Anthem Blue Cross</b> is the preferred dental plan.  <b>Davis Vision</b> provides financial assistance in meeting the cost of eye exams, glasses, etc.	Employees who are at least half-time and eligible to receive health insurance.	There is a 28 calendar day waiting period.  Enroll during waiting period and coverage is effective on your 29 <sup>th</sup> day of employment.	No cost to employee, regardless of coverage as Individual or Family. Paid for by New York State.												
<b><u>RETIREMENT SYSTEMS</u></b> Contribution & vesting details applicable to employees enrolling on or after 4/1/12 (under Tier 6 provisions)  	<b>NYS Employees' Retirement System (ERS):</b> Defined benefit plans; benefits are based on best Final Average Salary and years of service.	<b>Membership for full-time permanent employees is mandatory.</b> Membership for employees who are temporary or part-time is optional. Appointees w/an existing membership are required to continue it (or elect a new option).	Immediately upon enrollment. Vested after 5 full-time equivalent years.  Temporary and Part-time employees: membership is generally effective upon the receipt of application at ERS.	Employee contribution is based on salary rate, as follows:  <table><tr><td>\$45,000 and under:</td><td>3%</td></tr><tr><td>\$45,000.01 – \$55,000:</td><td>3.5%</td></tr><tr><td>\$55,000.01 – \$75,000:</td><td>4.5%</td></tr><tr><td>\$75,000.01 – \$100,000:</td><td>5.75%</td></tr><tr><td>More than \$100,000:</td><td>6%</td></tr></table>	\$45,000 and under:	3%	\$45,000.01 – \$55,000:	3.5%	\$55,000.01 – \$75,000:	4.5%	\$75,000.01 – \$100,000:	5.75%	More than \$100,000:	6%		
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<b><u>FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS (PRE-TAX DEDUCTIONS)</u></b> <b>NYS ID (On your pay stub)</b> <b>Department ID:28580</b> <b>Negotiating Unit:05</b>  	A portion of salary is designated by employee to cover eligible costs paid with <b>pre-tax dollars</b> , such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Childcare, elder care (Dependent Care Advantage Account - DCAA)</li><li>Out-of-pocket (i.e., co-payments) health care expenses (Health Care Spending Account - HCSA)</li><li>Expenses related to the adoption of an eligible child (Adoption Advantage Account – AAA)</li></ul>	Employees receiving regular biweekly paychecks can enroll in DCAA.  Employees must be eligible for health insurance to enroll in a HCSA.	You must enroll within 60 days of date of appointment, reimbursement available on 61 <sup>st</sup> consecutive calendar day.  Dependent care is effective immediately; health care is effective on the date of your change in status application submission or your date of employment, whichever is later.	Employee determines amount to be deducted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>HCSA min/max employee contribution is \$100/\$3,400</li><li>DCAA max employee contribution is \$7,500, /\$3,750 (based on tax filing status)</li><li>AAA max employee contribution is \$17,670.</li></ul> <b>SUNY Contributes to the DCAA based on salary:</b> Under \$30,000: \$1,100 \$30,001-\$40,000: \$1,000 \$40,001 - \$50,000: \$900 \$50,001 - \$60,000: \$800 \$60,001 - \$70,000: \$700 over \$70,000: \$600												
<b>NYS RIDE- Edenred Benefit Solutions</b> <a href="https://login.edenredbenefits.com/NYS-Ride/NYSRegistration.aspx">https://login.edenredbenefits.com/NYS-Ride/NYSRegistration.aspx</a> <b>(PRE-TAX DEDUCTION)</b> <b>Department ID:28580</b> <b>Negotiating Unit:05</b> <b>NYS ID (On your pay stub)</b>	Use pre-tax income to pay for your commute to work, for bus, train, ferry, or ride in a van or carpool, from most Ride Share Services	All New York State Employees	Upon Employment. You must place your order by the first of the month, two months before the commuting month.	Employee determines the amount to be deducted, max is \$340 pre-tax per month												

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<a href="#">SUNY VOLUNTARY 403(b) SAVINGS PLAN</a>  AND <a href="#">THE NYS DEFERRED COMPENSATION 457(b) PLAN</a>  	SUNY Voluntary 403(b) Savings Plan. Current Authorized Investment Providers are: Corebridge, Fidelity, TIAA, and Voya.  NYS Deferred Compensation 457(b) tax-deferred retirement savings plan. Provider: Nationwide.  Both plans offer pre- and post-tax savings (Roth) options. Employees may choose to participate in either or both plans subject to IRS limits on <a href="#">tax deferred contributions</a> .	All SUNY employees upon hire.  Employees may choose to participate in either or both plans subject to IRS limits on tax deferral.  For more information visit: <a href="https://www.suny.edu/benefits/vsp/">https://www.suny.edu/benefits/vsp/</a>	Upon employment or any time thereafter. Contributions are flexible and voluntary.  Note: Enrollment in the 403(b) generally takes one or two pay periods; the 457(b), two to three pay periods. Please verify your paycheck information and contribution amount after you have enrolled.	<b>Employee pre- and post-tax contributions through salary reduction subject to IRS limits.</b> The 2026 basic annual limit for both plans is <b>\$24,500</b> .  <b>Employees age 50</b> and over may contribute up to \$8,000 more per year, for a total of <b>\$32,500</b> . <b>Employees ages 60-63 (age on 12/31)</b> may contribute an additional \$11,250, for a total of <b>\$35,750</b> <b>Employees ages 64 and older</b> may contribute an additional \$8,000, for a total of <b>\$32,500</b>																
<a href="#">TUITION ASSISTANCE PUBLIC LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM</a>  	Partial assistance for additional courses through the SUNY Tuition Waiver program (based on funding). Fees not covered by Tuition Assistance. Must be SUNY state-operated campus.  Other financial assistance available through Public Service Training Program. Visit <a href="#">PEF</a> 's website for information.	Appointment must cover period of support.	Upon employment.	No cost to the employee for this benefit.																
<a href="#">PAID PARENTAL LEAVE (PPL)</a>  	New York State will provide 12 weeks of Paid Parental Leave for executive branch state employees to bond with a newly born, adopted, or fostered child.	All NYS employees who work full-time or at least 50% part-time after completion of 6 months of service.	Immediately upon hire, upon a qualifying event, defined as the birth of a child or placement of a child for adoption or foster care.  PPL is available for use once every 12-month period & must be used on a continuous basis (blocks at a time).	No cost to employee.																
<a href="#">DISABILITY &amp; LIFE INSURANCE</a>  	Not provided by the University, but may be purchased individually through your union.																			
<a href="#">VACATION*</a>  <a href="#">SICK LEAVE*</a>  <a href="#">PERSONAL*</a>  <a href="#">HOLIDAYS</a>	Generally full-time employees earn at the rate of one-half day (3.75 hours) per pay period (13 days/year for first 7 years, then 20 days/year thereafter). However, vacation can only be used after 13 pay periods (6 months) of service. One bonus vacation day for each year of completed service for the second through seventh year of employment. Generally, balance may not exceed 40 days on 4/1 of any year.  Full-time employees earn at the rate of ½ day per pay period (total 13 days per year). Sick accumulation cannot exceed 225 days.  Five days each year on personal leave anniversary date. Personal leave expires at the close of business on the day immediately preceding anniversary date.  Eligible for up to 13 holidays per year.  *Eligible part-time employees earn on a prorated basis if working at least half-time.	<table><tr><th>Completed Years Service</th><th>Vacation Earned (including bonus days)</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>14 days</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>15 days</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>16 days</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>17 days</td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>18 days</td></tr><tr><td>6</td><td>19 days</td></tr><tr><td>7</td><td>20 days</td></tr></table>			Completed Years Service	Vacation Earned (including bonus days)	1	14 days	2	15 days	3	16 days	4	17 days	5	18 days	6	19 days	7	20 days
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<a href="#">PAYROLL INFORMATION</a>	New York State has a two-week lag payroll system. This means that each paycheck pays for the period 2-4 weeks prior to the date of the check. New employees will not receive their first check for approximately four weeks.																			

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