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EMPLOYEE BENEFITS SUMMARY

Calendar Year 2026

Summary of the benefits for Regular, Full-Time and Part-time (24+ hours per week) employees

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<tr><th>BENEFIT</th><th>WHEN YOU'RE ELIGIBLE</th><th>WHAT YOU RECEIVE</th></tr>
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<td>Medical Plans

Administered by:
CIGNA
Group # 3214936

www.cigna.com

1-800-CIGNA24
1-800-244-6224

<u>Medical Options:</u>
OAP Traditional
OAP HSA-Prime
OAP HSA-Basic

myCigna Mobile app available for mobile devices.</td>
<td>First of the month following date of hire unless hire date is first of the month</td>
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<tr><th></th><th>OAP Options Traditional In-Network</th><th>OAP Options HSA Prime In-Network</th><th>OAP Options HSA Basic In-Network</th></tr>
<tr><td>Deductible Individual/Family</td><td>$750 / $1,500</td><td>$2,000/ $4,000</td><td>$4,000 / $8,000</td></tr>
<tr><td>Out-of-Pocket Max. Individual/Family</td><td>$5,000 / $10,000</td><td>$8,000 / $16,000</td><td>$8,000 / $16,000</td></tr>
<tr><td>Office Visits (Primary, Specialist)</td><td>75% after deductible</td><td>75% after deductible</td><td>75% after deductible</td></tr>
<tr><td>Preventative Care (Primary, Specialist)</td><td>100% (no deductible)</td><td>100% (no deductible)</td><td>100% (no deductible)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Emergency Room
Urgent Care
Surgery - Inpatient</td><td>75% after deductible</td><td>75% after deductible</td><td>75% after deductible</td></tr>
<tr><td>Association Contribution to HSA</td><td>N/A</td><td>$500 Individual
$1,000 Family</td><td>$0</td></tr>
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<td>Telehealth

Administered by:

MDLIVE

MDLIVEforCigna.com

www.mdliveforcigna.com

888-726-3171</td>
<td>First of the month following date of hire unless hire date is first of the month</td>
<td>MDLIVE lets you get the care you need – including most prescriptions – for a wide range of minor conditions. Now you can connect with a board-certified doctor via video chat or phone, without leaving your home or office. When, where and how it works best for you!

Choose when: Day or night, weekdays, weekends, and holidays.

Choose where: Home, work or on the go.

Choose how: Phone or video chat.

Choose who: MDLIVE doctors</td>
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Administered by:

Flores & Associates

www.flores247.com

1-800-532-3327</td><td>First of the month following date of hire unless hire date is first of the month</td><td>Medical FSA Account
You can contribute up to $3,400 yearly on a pre-tax basis to pay for eligible medical expenses not reimbursed by insurance. This account is for use with the Association Cigna Traditional Plan or non-Association qualified Plans ONLY. This is a "use it or lose it" account, however plan allows for $680 carryover into the following year.

Limited FSA Account
You can contribute up to $3,400 yearly on a pre-tax basis. This account is for use with the Association Cigna HSA Plan ONLY. Employees may use account funds prior to meeting their deductible on eligible Dental and Vision expenses ONLY. Once the employee meets their deductible funds can then be used for eligible medical expenses. This is a "use it or lose it" account, however plan allows for $660 carryover into the following year.

Dependent Care FSA Account
You can contribute up to $5,000 yearly on a pre-tax basis to pay for eligible childcare expenses resulting from your working (children must be under age 13) or to pay for eligible dependent care expenses related to your caring for a disabled child over the age of 13 or any disabled tax dependent who is living with you. This account can be used regardless of participation in the Association Benefits programs. This is a "use it or lose it" account.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Health Savings Account (HSA)

Administered by:

HSA Bank

www.mycigna.com

1-800-CIGNA24</td><td>First of the month following date of hire unless hire date is first of the month</td><td>An HSA allows you to pay for current covered health care expenses and save for future qualified medical and retiree health care expenses on a tax-favored basis.

HSAs provide triple-tax advantages: contributions, investment earnings, and qualified distributions all are exempt from federal income tax, FICA (Social Security and Medicare) tax and state income taxes (for most states).

Unused HSA dollars roll over from year to year. Your contributions, as well as those made by the Association, are non-forfeitable and portable.

2026 Association Employer Contribution for HSA Prime***:

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<tr><th>Coverage Level</th><th>Association Contributes</th><th>You May Contribute Tax-Free**</th></tr>
<tr><td>Individual</td><td>$500 as of Jan 15*</td><td>$3,900*</td></tr>
<tr><td>Family</td><td>$1,000 as of Jan 15*</td><td>$7,750*</td></tr>
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*Amounts are prorated for all HSAs added after Jan 1, 2026. Please refer to the Summary Plan Description for additional details.

**Subject to annual IRS imposed limits, individuals aged 55-64 may contribute an additional $1,000 catchup contribution.

*** Association Contributions are made to those electing the HSA Prime plan ONLY. Those electing HSA Basic do NOT receive a contribution from the Association.</td></tr>
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Voluntary Medical Plans	First of the month following date of hire unless hire date is first of the month	An unexpected illness or injury can disrupt every facet of your life, including your physical, emotional, and financial well-being. Regular expenses, big and small, can add up. The Association offers three voluntary medical plans designed to help strengthen your overall benefits package and provide additional protection for you and your family through cash benefits paid directly to you. **These plans are 100% employee paid after-tax plans.** You are **NOT** required to participate in Association Medical Plans to participate in these voluntary plans. These plans will however coordinate with CIGNA Medical Plans if you are enrolled. **Voluntary Accidental Injury*** Accidental Injury coverage provides a fixed cash benefit when a Covered Person suffers certain Injuries or undergoes a broad range of medical treatments or care resulting from a Covered Accident. **Voluntary Hospital Care*** Hospital Care coverage provides a benefit when a Covered Person incurs a hospital stay resulting from a Covered Injury or Covered Illness. **Critical Illness*** Critical Illness Insurance provides a benefit when a Covered Person suffers an unforeseen serious medical condition like a heart attack or cancer. *These benefits are offered to you by the insurer. If you decide to enroll, you will deal directly with the insurer. These benefits are exempt from ERISA as a voluntary benefit plan.
Dental Care Plans CIGNA Dental Group # 3214936 www.cigna.com 1-888-336-8258 **Dental Options:** CIGNA Dental PPO CIGNA Dental Care HMO	First of the month following date of hire unless hire date is first of the month	Employees share the cost of coverage with the Association through semi-monthly pre- tax payroll deductions of employee premiums. **CIGNA PPO** ***Class I*** - Preventive & Diagnostic Care dental work is covered at 100% (in or out-of- network*) The classes described below are subject to the annual deductible before the plan pays. In-network annual deductible is $50 per person, $150 per family; out-of-network deductible is $80 per person, $160 per family. ***Class II*** – Basic Restorative Care is covered at 100% (in-network) or 80% (out-of- network*) ***Class III*** – Major Restorative Care is covered at 50% (in or out-of-network) ***Class IV*** – Orthodontia is covered at 50% up to a lifetime maximum of $1,500 (in or out-of-network) *Out of network services are subject to usual and customary rates. You may have to pay the difference at out-of-network providers.

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<tr><td></td><td></td><td><u>CIGNA HMO</u>
Diagnostic/Preventive – covered almost entirely at 100% Restorative (fillings) – covered almost entirely at 100%

Crowns & Bridge – covered as a set dollar amount depending on services rendered Endodontic – covered as a set dollar amount depending on services rendered.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Vision Plan

Administered by:

VSP

Group # 12325189

www.vsp.com

1-800-877-7195</td><td>First of the month following date of hire unless hire date is first of the month</td><td>
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<tr><th>Service</th><th>Fee</th><th>Occurrence</th></tr>
<tr><td>Exam</td><td>$10 co-pay</td><td>Every 12 months</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="3">Prescription glasses:</td></tr>
<tr><td>Lenses:</td><td>$25 co-pay</td><td>Every 12 months</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="3">• Single vision, lined bifocal, and lined trifocal lenses.
• Polycarbonate lenses for dependent children</td></tr>
<tr><td>Frames</td><td></td><td>Every 24 months</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="3">• Frame of your choice covered up to $200
• Plus, 20% off any out-of-pocket costs</td></tr>
<tr><td>Contact Lens Care:</td><td>No co-pay</td><td>Every 12 months</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="3">When you choose contacts instead of glasses, your $200 allowance applies to the cost of your contacts and the contact lens exam (fitting and evaluation). This exam is in addition to your vision exam.</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Life Insurance

Administered by:

Prudential

www.prudential.com

1-800-778-2255</td><td>First of the month following date of hire unless hire date is first of the month</td><td>The Association pays the full cost of employee coverage.

Option 1: Two times annual salary up to a limit of $750,000*

Option 2: $50,000**

* Coverage is reduced by 35% for those ages 65 and above.
** Due to IRS restrictions life insurance amounts in excess of 50k are treated as imputed income and subject to FICA taxes.</td></tr>
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Short Term Disability/ Association Salary Continuance Administered by: MetLife www.metlife.com\mybenefits 1-833-622-0135	First of the month following date of hire unless hire date is first of the month	The Association pays full cost of STD coverage for employees. Short-term disability insurance coverage commences on the eighth (8th) consecutive day (including weekends) of absence due to a qualifying illness or injury. While on an approved disability leave, you will remain covered by health and life insurance, and you will receive salary replacement benefits at a rate of 100% for the first 5 weeks and then at 60% of your weekly salary up to $1,000/week for the remaining weeks of STD (up to 21 weeks). This benefit provides income to eligible employees for up to 26 weeks. After 26 weeks, you may qualify for Long-term Disability.
Long-Term Disability Administered by: MetLife www.metlife.com\mybenefits 1-833-622-0135	First of the month following date of hire unless hire date is first of the month	The Association pays full cost of LTD coverage for employees. After 180 days of disability (illness or injury), long-term disability pays up to 60% of your regular gross monthly income, which is then offset by Social Security benefits. Employees with base salary over $150,000 receive a portion of the LTD benefit under a separate policy. The policy through UNUM is equal to 60% of your pre-disability annual salary up to a maximum of $25,000 per month. **Option 1: After – Tax Option:** Under this option, the premiums for this benefit are added to gross income and taxed at the time of premium payment by the Institute. If you later have an LTD event, your benefit at that time will be non-taxable. **Option 2: Standard Option:** Under this option, the premiums for this benefit are NOT added to your gross income and are not taxed at the time of premium payment by the Association. If you later have an LTD event, your benefit at that time will be taxable.
Supplemental Individual Disability Insurance (IDI) Administered by: UNUM	Annual salary in excess of $150,000	The Association provides a "carve out" insurance plan through UNUM as a Supplemental Individual Disability Insurance Plan. Employees with an annual salary more than $150,000 will have employer-provided, long term disability benefits provided through the combined policies. A separate enrollment package related to UNUM coverage will be provided to you if you are eligible.

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Business Travel Accident Insurance	First of the month following date of hire unless hire date is first of the month	The Association currently provides you with Business Travel Accident Insurance at 3x your annual salary.
Worker's Compensation	First day of employment	Worker's Compensation provides medical services, limited salary continuance, and death benefits for employees injured while on the job. The program conforms to the provisions of the Worker's Compensation Act of the state in which you work.
NY Paid Family Leave **State of NY**	See Eligibility	**Eligibility:** NY employees who work 20+ hours/week, for 26 consecutive weeks of employment in a 52-week period; OR less than 20 hours/week, for 175 days of employment in a 52-week period Paid Family Leave (PFL) is job-protected, paid time away from work mandated by New York State as of 1/1/18. Eligible employees may take NY PFL: • to take care of a seriously ill family member; • to bond with a newborn, adopted, or foster child; • or to attend to family issues related to a qualifying military deployment. The New York PFL benefit for eligible employees for 2026 is as follows: 67% of your average weekly wage, not to exceed 67% of the NY State average weekly wage. $1,228.53/week maximum. The maximum PFL duration is 10 weeks in a 52-week period. New York State has mandated that all employees will pay for the coverage through payroll deduction at a rate of .455 per $100 of your quarterly salary, capped at an annual maximum of $399.43.
Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA)	Must be employed for 12 months and work a minimum of 1,250 hours during this period	Eligible employees are entitled up to 12 weeks, typically 480 hours, of unpaid leave (in a rolling 12-month period) under the Family Medical Leave Act. Reasons for which leave can be taken are: • Birth, Adoption or Foster Care, • Serious Health Condition of eligible Family Member, and • Serious Health Condition of Employee.

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FMLA Parental Leave for Bonding	First Day of Employment	Eligible employees who are the birth parent or adoptive parent of a newborn or newly adopted child, or foster parent may take six consecutive weeks of paid leave in a single block of time commencing within one year immediately following the birth of the child or the adoption of the child. Paid leave for birth mothers is available through the Short-Term Disability and Salary Continuance Plans and follows with the paid parental leave policy. Paid parental leave will run concurrently with FMLA, to the extent that an individual has an available amount of Family Medical Leave (FML) and coordinates with Short Term Disability and the Association Salary Continuance plan as applicable. Paid parental leave is limited to one occurrence in a 12-month period, regardless of the number of births or adoptions. More information is available by reviewing the Parental Leave Policy on the Source.
Adoption Expense Reimbursement	First Day of Employment	Adopting a child is a special time which requires significant financial commitment. The Association provides resources to support you throughout the adoption process. The adoption reimbursement policy consists of reimbursement for qualified adoption related expenses. Foreign, domestic, and foster care adoptions are covered under this benefit. Eligible adoption-related expenses* are reimbursed up to a total maximum of $5,000 per adopted child. Most expenses directly related to the adoption are reimbursable. These include: • Application fees • Home studies • Agency and placement fees • Legal fees and court costs • Immigration, immunization and translation fees • Transportation, meals and lodging • Parent, child, and family adoption counseling More information is available on the Source under US Benefits. *Subject to applicable federal and state regulations and taxes. Please consult a tax advisor.

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401(k) Savings Plan Administered by: Charles Schwab schwab.com/workplace 1-800-724-7526 Mobile application available for mobile devices.	First of the month following date of hire unless hire date is first of the month	Employees may contribute up to 50% of their compensation, on a pre-tax basis, subject to an annual maximum amount ($24,500 for 2026*). IRS limits may apply to some employees. **401(k) Match**: The Association matches a portion of the dollars employees contribute to the Plan each payroll period. Matching contributions are made at the same time as your own contributions. Employees are eligible for a match equal to 100% of the first 2% of your eligible pay that you contribute each payroll period, plus an additional match equal to 50% of the next 4% of your eligible pay that you contribute each payroll period, after one year of Association service. **Auto-Enrollment Feature**: New employees are automatically enrolled at a 6% pre-tax contribution level unless they choose to opt out or contribute a different percentage. **Auto-Increase Feature**: Each April 1st, employees contributing less than 10% on a pre-tax basis will be increased by 1% until their deferral rate equals 10%. **Employees may opt-out of this provision.** **Catch-up Contribution Feature:** Catch-up Contribution Feature: If you are age 50 or older, you may be able to make additional pre-tax contribution to the plan up to $8,000 for 2026*. **Investment Options:** A variety of Schwab and non-Schwab fund choices are offered. Please learn more about these investment choices by reviewing information on-line at schwab.com/workplace. **Automatic Contributions:** The Association makes 'automatic' contributions each payroll period, regardless of whether employees contribute their own money to the Plan. Eligible employees receive an 'automatic' contribution of 1.25% of their eligible pay each payroll period. Employees are 100% vested in the additional discretionary contribution after three (3) years of vested service. The Association may make an automatic discretionary contribution based on organizational performance. This contribution is subject to the Association meeting annual organizational performance goals. Any amount will be determined at the end of each fiscal year. Employees are 100% vested in the additional discretionary contribution after three (3) years of vested service. IRS rules limit the maximum amount of your annual compensation that is taken into account in determining your 401(k) match and 'automatic' contribution. For 2026, compensation in excess of $360,000* will be disregarded. *Subject to changes by the IRS

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<tr><td>Work Schedule and Flexible Work Arrangements</td><td>After 120-day probation period</td><td>The Flexible Work Arrangements (FWA) Policy is designated to provide the Association team members with an opportunity to develop flexible work schedules which help employees meet the demands of conflicting obligations while ensuring that members continue to receive quality products and services.

Currently, we offer Flextime (staggered start and end times), compressed work weeks (4-day and 9/80 schedules), part-time employment with and without benefits, as well as telecommuting.

More information is available on the Source.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Paid Time Off (PTO)</td><td>Accrues the 1st and 16th of every month</td><td>The Association offers a Paid Time Off (PTO) benefit to provide employees with flexible paid time off from work that can be used for such needs as vacation, personal or immediate family member illness, precautionary absence to prevent the spread of illness to other employees, doctor/dentist appointments, school, and other activities of the employee's choice.

Full-time employees and part-time employees who are benefits eligible (those who regularly and consistently work 60% of a full-time schedule per week) receive PTO (prorated based on their part-time schedule), based on their length of employment in accordance with the following schedule:

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<tr><th colspan="3">Number of Weeks PTO</th></tr>
<tr><th>Years of Service</th><th>Exempt / Non- Exempt</th><th>Associate Directors & Above</th></tr>
<tr><td>Up to 15 years</td><td>4</td><td>5</td></tr>
<tr><td>Over 15 years</td><td>5</td><td>5</td></tr>
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Employees receive the first half of their monthly PTO accrual on the 1st of the month and the second half of their monthly PTO accrual on the 16th of the month.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Holidays</td><td>First day of employment</td><td>Fifteen (15) paid holidays are provided to all employees each calendar year, including four days for our year-end closure. A holiday schedule is generated each calendar year indicating observed holidays.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Year-End Closure</td><td>First day of employment</td><td>We have a paid year-end office closure from Dec 26 – Dec 31, to provide time to recharge and relax. Some teams may need a limited number of employees to maintain critical operations during this week, and if you are required to work one or more of those days, you'll be able to take the time at a later date.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Paid Jury Duty</td><td>First day of employment</td><td>Full-time or part-time employees with benefits will be eligible for paid Jury Duty leave up to a maximum of three (3) weeks per calendar year.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Bereavement Leave</td><td>First day of employment</td><td>Full pay for up to five (5) consecutive days (in-state and out-of-state) for the death of an immediate family member. For a non-family member, you will be granted 1 day for in-state and 2 consecutive days for out-of-state.</td></tr>
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Employee Assistance Program Administered by: ComPsych www.guidanceresources.com Web ID: COM589 1-800-272-7255	First of the month following date of hire unless hire date is first of the month	An Employee Assistance Program – or EAP – is a program designed to help you cope with emotional health, family, and other personal problems. This confidential service is available to all employees and members of their households. ComPsych can provide assistance with: **Clinical Counseling** - Call any time for help with emotional health issues. ComPsych is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to help you with marriage, family and relationship issues, stress and anxiety, depression, grief and loss, anger management, domestic violence, alcohol and drug dependency, and other emotional health issues. **Telephonic consultations** are available in the following areas: • **Childcare and eldercare assistance** – Needs assessment plus referrals to childcare and eldercare providers. • **Financial services** – Budgeting, credit, and financial guidance (investment advice, loans and bill payments not included), retirement planning and assistance with tax issues. • **Legal services** – Telephonic or face-to-face consultations for issues relating to civil, consumer, personal and family law, financial matters, business law, real estate, estate planning and more. • **Identity theft recovery services** – Information on ID theft prevention, plus an ID theft emergency response kit and help from a fraud resolution specialist if you are victimized. • **Daily living services** – Referrals to consultants and businesses that can help with everyday errands, travel, event planning and more (does not cover the cost nor guarantee delivery of services).
Parking Benefits NY/NJ/DC Locations	First of the month following date of hire unless hire date is first of the month	The Tax Relief Act of 1997 has made it possible for employers to reimburse their employees for parking, from their salary, on a tax-free basis. The parking benefit is exempt from Social Security/Medicare (FICA) tax, Federal Income Tax (FIT), and in some cases state and local taxes. It is treated as a pre-tax benefit. The amount you choose to set aside is automatically reduced from your base pay before FICA, FIT and, where applicable, state and local taxes are withheld. For 2026, the monthly limit on the amount that may be excluded from an employee's income for qualified parking benefits is $300.
Transit Benefits Administered by: **Health Equity/Wageworks** NY/NJ Locations Wageworks.com **MetroSmart Benefits** DC Location commuterdirect.com	First of the month following date of hire unless hire date is first of the month	Under this plan you can pay for Wageworks / MetroSmart Benefits using "before tax" dollars. This reduces your cost of the benefit by the amount of tax that you would have paid on salary or wages if you had paid for the benefits with "after tax" dollars.

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Employee Referral Program	First day of employment	Good people know other good people. Our best employees have been hired through referrals. The Association encourages you to recommend candidates for opportunities here and will award you a bonus if your referral accepts our offer and remains employed for at least six months. More information is available on the Source under Global Policies.
Gym Benefit	First of the month following date of hire unless hire date is first of the month	Employees in all US offices may receive reimbursement for attendance at a gym of their choice. Employees must attend the gym/virtual workouts eight times a month to be eligible for reimbursement for the month. Employees need to be able to show proof of participation in actual physical/virtual workouts in the event they are audited. Reimbursement is a maximum of $500 per year and is paid quarterly (maximum $125 per quarter). More information is available on the Source.
Wells Fargo Banking	First day of employment	If you chose to have your check directly deposited into a Wells Fargo checking account, you become eligible for free and discounted financial services, including checking, credit cards, loans, lines of credit, investments, and others.
Association Membership	First day of employment	Staff at the Association who meet the criteria for membership are invited to join at no cost. Whether you are a CPA, working towards your license or work in finance and technical functions, you too can enjoy all the member benefits, as a benefit of employment. If you are already a member, the Association will cover your dues at the next renewal invitation. If you are already a member, please notify HR at humanresources@aicpa-cima.com and we will assist you with connecting with member services to properly notate your account.
NCACPA Membership	First day of employment	CPA Staff in the Durham, NC office of the Association receive membership with NCACPA. If you are already a member, the Association will cover your dues at the next renewal invitation. If you are already a member, please notify HR at humanresources@aicpa-cima.com and we will assist you with connecting with member services to properly notate your account.
Professional Memberships	First day of employment	Staff at the Association may expense up to two professional memberships of their choosing (excludes the AICPA/CIMA/NCACPA memberships above). Staff should follow the expense policy and submit their membership dues under the staff dues & fees expense category.

This is an informational guide for employees and candidates for employment and is subject to change at any time without prior notice.

It is not intended to create, nor will it be construed to form, a contract between the Association and any one or all of its employees or candidates for employment.

This document contains summaries of the policies, programs, and benefit plans. It does **not** provide complete details of benefits, coverages, or policies. The exact terms and conditions of the benefits are governed by Benefit Plan Documents. Any differences between this form and the plan documents are not intended, but if any differences are found to exist, the documents will govern.

The Association reserves the right to modify, amend or revoke any employee benefits at any time.