

TIME TO ROCK OPTION TRANSFER!

2025 Contract College Option Transfer Period
December 2 - 31, 2024

DECISION / ENROLLMENT GUIDE

- Review your benefits
- Decision worksheets
- How to enroll
- Benefair

You may not need to do anything!

You don't need to do anything if:

- you're happy with your current health plan choices (they'll simply roll over for next year)
- AND
- you don't want a flexible spending account (FSA) in 2025

You need to take action if:

- you want to make certain changes to your health care coverage (see pages 3 - 7)
- AND/OR
- you want a flexible spending account in 2025 (see pages 8 - 17)

To Do:

HR Services and Transitions Center

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

LOOK ONLINE:
hr.cornell.edu/enroll

EMAIL US:
hrservices@cornell.edu

PHONE US:
(607) 255-3936

SEND US MAIL:
HR Services & Transitions Center
395 Pine Tree Road
East Hill Office Building, Suite 130
Ithaca, New York 14850

HOURS:
8:00 am - 4:30 pm EST, M-F

IMPORTANT:
All enrollment requests must be SUBMITTED in Workday by 4:00 pm EST, 12/31/2024 or postmarked by 12/31/2024.
Please note that the HR Services & Transitions Center offices will be closed at noon December 24 EST till Thursday, January 2, 2025. Please plan accordingly if you have questions or need to submit any documentation before the December 31st deadline!

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Completed directly with the vendor.

If you do need to make changes or enroll in an FSA, follow these tips to make enrollment easy!

✓ Not sure if you want to change anything?

Take a look at the [2025 Medical Comparison Chart*](#) and the NYSHIP [Health Insurance Choices for 2025 booklet](#) to compare features between plan options, including participating and non-participating providers; and see the [2025 Rate Chart](#).

**[click here for instructions](#) on how to use the online comparison chart tool, under "Plan Details > How To Compare Plans."*

✓ Enrolling in an FSA? Find your "Open Enrollment Event" in Workday

You should receive an email notifying you that your "Open Enrollment Event" is ready. Log in to Workday and follow the instructions on page 12 of this guide.

✓ Follow step-by-step instructions

This booklet shows directions to guide you through option transfer health plan changes and enrolling in an FSA. If you get stuck, contact us!

✓ Make sure your enrollments go to the right place!

- **Health plan** changes need to be submitted to HR Services & Transitions Center through Secure File Transfer (SFT) upload or postmarked by 12/31/2024 (see pages 5-6).
- **FSA enrollment** is submitted online via Workday by 4:00 pm EST 12/31/2024.
- **Legal Insurance** enrollment is submitted online or over the phone via Mercer Insurance by 12/31/2024. You may contact Mercer at 1-800-553-4861.



1 Do I need to make changes to my health plan coverage?

Permitted health plan changes

You can make three changes to your health plan coverage as part of the Option Transfer period, regardless of whether a qualifying event has affected you or your dependents' eligibility.

Changes will take effect December 26, 2024.

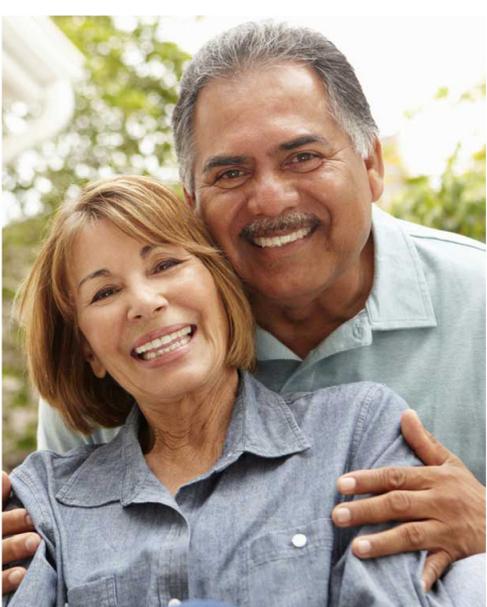
- A. Change between the Empire Plan and a NYSHIP HMO
- B. Remove dependents from family coverage
- C. Voluntarily cancel your coverage

Health Plan Changes Outside of the Option Transfer Period

These changes to your NYSHIP health plan can be made at any time:

- enroll for the first time
- add coverage for your spouse, partner, or dependents
- remove dependents from your plan (the tier must remain family)

If enrolling for the first time or adding eligible dependents to coverage, then a 10-week waiting period applies, unless you have a qualifying event based on IRS guidelines. A qualifying event is a change of family status, such as marriage, birth of a child, etc. If your request is the result of a qualifying event, you must attach proof of that event within 30 days of the date it occurred; see [documentation requirements](#).



How to make changes outside the Option Transfer period:

A [PS404 New York State Health Insurance Transaction](#) Form must be submitted for yourself and each dependent.

- Collect any required documentation
- Submit PS404s and documentation to:

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Ithaca, NY 14850

Documentation can also be submitted through the Cornell Secure File Transfer Site (DropBox): <https://sft.cornell.edu>

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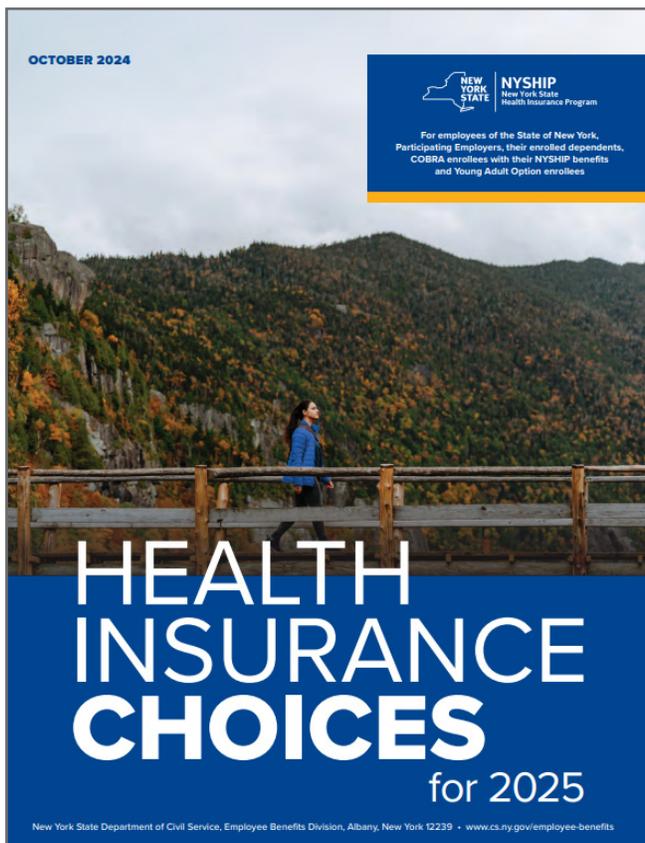
Instructions and forms are downloadable at <https://hr.cornell.edu/understand-your-benefits/open-enrollment-option-transfer/contract-college-option-transfer/option>



Want to make a change? Let's get started!

All health plan changes require that you submit a paper PS404 Enrollment Form to HR Services & Transitions Center.

[Download the Cornell version](#) of the form, and then follow the instructions on the following pages depending on the type of change you want to make.



Questions about your coverage?

Get all the details about your health plan options with NYSHIP from the "[Health Insurance Choices for 2025](#)" booklet.

health plan changes

A. Change between the Empire Plan and HMOs

How to make the change: Complete sections 1-12 on the front, section 16 on the back and sign and date under the authorization section. Do not complete the dependent section as that will remain the same.

Submit this form by mail (postmarked by 12/31/24); online by 4:00 pm EST 12/31/24; or in person to the HR Services & Transitions Center by 12:00 pm EST 12/24/24:

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Department of Civil Service, Albany, NY 12239

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1-12 EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

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2. Social Security Number _____ 3. Gender F M X
4. Permanent Address Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
5. Mailing Address (if different) Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
6. Work Address Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
7. Date of Birth ____/____/____ 8. Telephone Primary () _____ Work () _____
9. Personal Email Address _____
10. Marital Status Single Married Widowed Divorced Separated Marital Status Date ____/____/____
11. Covered under Medicare? Self Medicare ID Number _____ Date ____/____/____
 Dependent Dependent Name _____
Medicare ID Number _____
12. Is any of this information new? No Yes Box Number(s) _____ Effective Date of Change ____/____/____

13 ELECT OR DECLINE COVERAGE

13A. Choose a Pre-Tax election
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 Elect Pre-Tax Status for Premium deduction Elect After-Tax Status for Premium deduction

13B. Select a NYSHIP Coverage Option (Choose option 1, 2, or 3)

1. Individual Enrollment Medical (10) (Select Empire Plan or HMO)
 Empire Plan HMO Code _____ HMO Name _____

2. Family Enrollment (Complete box 14) Medical (10) (Select Empire Plan or HMO)
 Empire Plan HMO Code _____ HMO Name _____

3. Decline Coverage Medical (10) Dental (11)

14 DEPENDENT INFORMATION

Must be provided when choosing to enroll in NYSHIP family coverage (You may attach additional sheets if necessary) Date of Event _____

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY: Add Remove Update CHECK ALL THAT APPLY: Medical

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____ Relationship _____
Date of Birth ____/____/____ Gender F M X Social Security Number _____
Address (if different) _____

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15 CHANGE OR CANCEL EXISTING COVERAGE

15A. Change Coverage Medical (10) Dental (11) Date of Event ____/____/____
 Change to FAMILY (Complete box 14 on page 1) Change to INDIVIDUAL
 Marriage Divorce
 Domestic Partner Termination of Domestic Partnership (Attach completed PS-425.4)
 Newborn Only dependent ineligible due to age
 Request coverage for dependents not previously covered I voluntarily cancel coverage for my dependents
 Previous coverage terminated (proof required) Only dependent died
 Other Other
NOTE: If you are indicating a change in marital status to Divorced or Separated, please be sure to update the address information for the dependent in box 14 if applicable. Final divorce decrees (first and last page) are required.

15B. Voluntarily Cancel Coverage Medical (10) Dental (11) Qualifying Event ____/____/____
NOTE: If you are enrolled in the PTCR, you may only make changes during the Annual Option Transfer Period or when experiencing a PTCR qualifying event.

16 ENTER ANNUAL OPTION TRANSFER REQUEST(S) BELOW

Change NYSHIP Option Change to: Empire Plan HMO Code _____ HMO Name _____
Change Pre-Tax Status Change to: Pre-Tax After-Tax Submit during the PTCR Election Period.

17 DONATE LIFE REGISTRY ELECTION

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Would you like to be added to the Donate Life Registry? Yes Skip this question
By indicating yes in response to the question asking if you would like to be added to the Donate Life Registry, you are certifying that you are 16 years of age or older, consenting to donate your organs and tissues for the purposes of transplantation and research in the event of your death and authorizing NYSHIP to share your name and identifying information with the Registry.
ID Number on New York State Driver License, Learner Permit, or Non-Driver ID Card _____

PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION LAW NOTIFICATION

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AUTHORIZATION

This authorization is made now for future deductions that will occur at the time of retirement. Pursuant to the following Sections of NYS Retirement and Social Security Law: 110-a; 110-b; 110-c; 110-d; 410-a; 410-b or 410-c, I hereby authorize the NYS Department of Civil Service (DCS) to deduct an amount from my monthly retirement allowance from the New York State and Local Retirement Systems (NYS/LSRS) to cover any deductions for insurance premiums payable on behalf of DCS. Authorization is given to make any future adjustment deductions and/or changes DCS certifies to NYSLRS as necessary in the amount of such insurance premiums. I understand that all requests to begin, modify, or revoke deductions must be submitted to my current/former agency and provided to DCS. This authorization shall remain in effect until revoked by me by written notice or until otherwise revoked pursuant to law.
I understand that if my coverage is declined or canceled, I may subject myself and/or my dependents to waiting periods if I decide to enroll at a later date and may forfeit the right to such coverage after leaving State service (vest, retirement, etc.) I am aware of how to obtain a current Summary of Benefits and Coverage for the NYSHIP option I have selected. I understand that my failure to provide required proof(s) within 30 days may delay the availability of benefits for me or any dependent for whom I fail to provide such proof. Any person who makes a material misstatement of fact or conceals any pertinent information shall be guilty of a crime, conviction of which may lead to substantial monetary penalties and/or imprisonment, as well as an order for reimbursement of claims.
I certify that the information I have supplied is true and correct. I hereby authorize deduction from my salary or retirement allowance of the amount required, if any, for the coverage indicated above.

Employee Signature (Required) _____ Date ____/____/____

AGENCY USE ONLY

Retirement Tier	Registration #	Sick Leave Information		Date Entered on NYBEAS	Effective Date
		# Hours	Hourly Rate of Pay		

Employee Signature (Required) _____ Date ____/____/____

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B. Drop all dependents and change from family to individual coverage

How to make the change: Complete sections 1-12; on section 15-A under "Change Coverage:" check "Medical"; "Change to INDIVIDUAL" and "I voluntarily cancel coverage for my dependents." Sign and date the authorization section on the back of the form.

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Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____ Relationship _____
Date of Birth ____/____/____ Gender F M X Social Security Number _____
Address (if different) _____

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Employee Signature (Required) _____ Date ____/____/____

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HBA Signature (Required) _____ Date ____/____/____

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C. Voluntarily cancel your coverage

How to make the change: Complete sections 1-12; in section 15-B, "Voluntarily Cancel Coverage," check "medical;" and sign and date on the back.

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2 How much should I contribute to a flexible spending account?

Flexible Spending Account (FSA)

You have the option to enroll in two different FSAs:

- A. Health/Medical Care FSA: for medical expenses not covered by your health plan**
- B. Dependent Care FSA: for childcare or other dependent daycare expenses (not medical expenses).**

The worksheets on the next pages can help you determine how much you may want to contribute to an FSA.

IMPORTANT:

- FSA's must be elected every year you choose to participate!
- Enrollment is processed in Workday. See the step-by-step instructions on the following pages to guide you through the Workday enrollment process.

A flexible spending account can help you reduce taxable income and increase your take-home pay.

Not sure if a flexible spending account is for you?

[Find out more!](#)





A. Health/Medical Care FSA -- Savings Calculator

How much should I contribute? A Savings Calculator can help you itemize unreimbursed health and dependent care expenses to assist you in determining your health care spending account contributions.

1. Medical expenses (only the portion not covered by insurance)

Deductibles, co-pays, co-insurance: _____

- Physician visits and routine exams: _____
- Prescription drugs: _____
- Over-the-counter items: _____
- Insulin, syringes and diabetic supplies: _____
- Annual physicals: _____
- Chiropractic treatments: _____
- Other medical expenses: _____

TOTAL MEDICAL EXPENSES: _____



2. Dental expenses (only the portion not covered by insurance)

- Check ups and cleanings: _____
- Fillings, root canals: _____
- Crowns, bridges and dentures: _____
- Oral surgery or orthodontia: _____
- Other dental expenses _____

TOTAL DENTAL EXPENSES: _____

3. Vision and hearing care expenses

- Vision exams: _____
- Eyeglasses, prescription sunglasses: _____
- Contact lenses and cleaning solution: _____
- Corrective eye surgery (LASIK, cataract, etc.): _____
- Hearing exams, aids and batteries: _____

TOTAL VISION AND HEARING EXPENSES: _____

GRAND TOTAL
OF MEDICAL, DENTAL, VISION & HEARING: _____

MINUS 2024 ROLLOVER - UP TO \$640: - _____

EQUALS YOUR 2025 CONTRIBUTION: = _____

IRS maximum contribution limit

The 2025 contribution limit for FSA medical care is
\$3,300 per employee.



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B. Dependent Care FSA -- Savings Calculator

How much should I contribute?

Keep the following in mind when estimating your expenses:

- Amounts you pay for dependent care while you are off work due to vacation, holidays, illness or injury are not eligible expenses.
- If your dependent is a student, your expense may be different during the months when school is not in session.

Dependent care expenses

Total dependent care expenses: _____

Minus 2025 Cornell Child Care Grant: - _____

EQUALS 2025 CONTRIBUTION: = _____

IRS maximum contribution limit

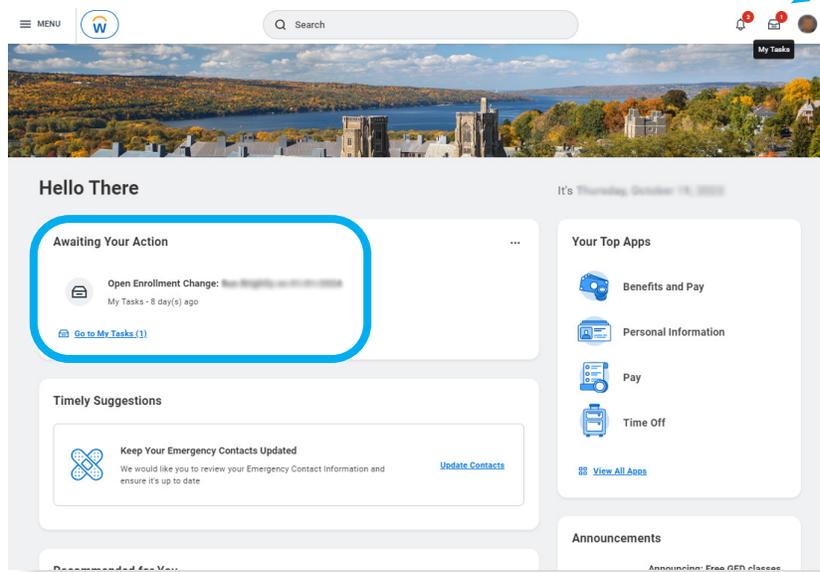
The 2025 limit for FSA dependent care is \$5,000 per household (including any funds from the Child Care Grant).

Ready To Enroll In An FSA?

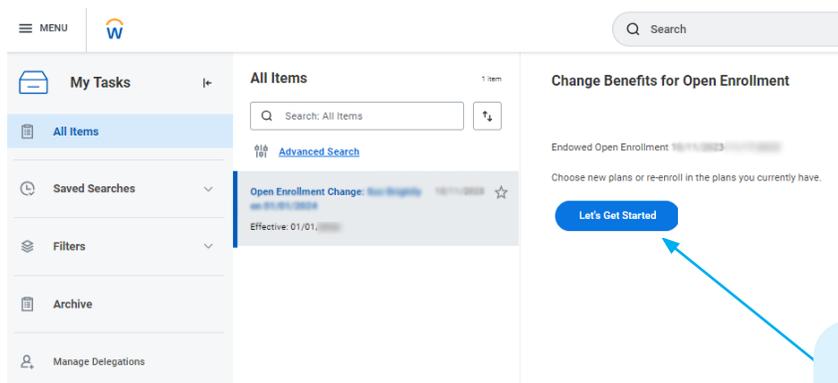
Once you know how much you'd like to contribute, enroll in [Workday](#) before December 31, 2024.

Log in to Workday (<https://hr.cornell.edu/workday>). Your Open Enrollment Change event will be in the "Awaiting Your Action" block. You can also access the event via your "My Tasks" inbox.

You can also access "My Tasks" here.



Click on the "Open Enrollment Change" event and then click the "Let's Get Started" button.



Click here to get started

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Dashboard Screen:

Just choose the FSA enrollments you want -- you don't need to click through options you don't need.

Health Care and Accounts

Medical and Prescription New York State 001 - The Empire Plan Cost per paycheck: \$61.97 Coverage: Employee Manage	Dental New York State Cost per paycheck: Included Coverage: Employee Manage	Flexible Spending Account - Medical Care Waived Enroll
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Flexible Spending Account - Dependent Care
Waived
[Enroll](#)

Insurance

Basic Life Insurance Cigna (Employee) Cost per paycheck: Included Coverage: 0.5 X Salary Manage	Short Term Disability (STD) Cornell University (Employee) Cost per paycheck: Included Coverage: 50% of Salary Manage	Long Term Disability (LTD) Cigna - Contract College (Employee) Cost per paycheck: \$11.13 Coverage: 60% of Salary Manage
NY Paid Family Leave Cornell University NY Paid Family Leave (Employee) Cost per paycheck: Included Coverage: 67% of Salary Manage	No action is needed with insurance: these benefits are displayed here for your information as part of your overall benefits package.	

[Review and Sign](#) [Save for Later](#)

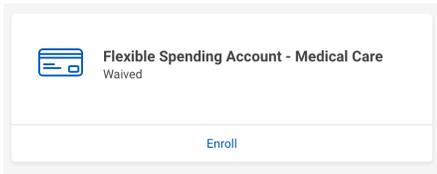
When you're ready to submit your enrollment, come back to this button to review, sign, and receive confirmation, before 4:00 pm EST 12/31/2024.

You can save your enrollment in progress if you have questions. You must submit before the deadline.

Your current health and dental plan enrollments are displayed here; however any changes to contract college plans must be made with a PS404 form, NOT in Workday. See pages 5-7 for details.

If you want a Medical or Dependent Care FSA, click on these blocks. You can enroll in either one or both.

Medical Care Flexible Spending Account



If you want to participate in a 2025 Inspira Medical Care account, you must re-enroll and enter your 2025 contribution amount!

The Flexible Spending Account - Medical Care block will show as "Waived." Click the "Enroll" link.

- You can choose whether you want to participate in either the Medical Care or Dependent Care FSAs, both, or neither.
- Refer to pages 9-10 of this booklet for a worksheet to help determine your contribution.

Learn more about [Flexible Spending Accounts](#).

On this screen: Select "Inspira/PayFlex"

Flexible Spending Account - Medical Care

Projected Total Cost Per Paycheck

Plans Available

Select a plan or Waive to opt out of Flexible Spending Account - Medical Care.

1 item

Benefit Plan	*Selection	You Contribute (Semi-monthly)
Inspira/PayFlex	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Select <input type="radio"/> Waive	

Confirm and Continue

Click the "Confirm and Continue" button at bottom of screen.

On this screen: Input your contribution

Projected Total Cost Per Paycheck

Contribute

Per Paycheck

Annual Total Paychecks 24

Minimum Annual Amount: \$

Maximum Annual Amount: \$

Summary

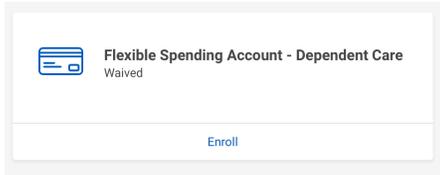
Total Annual Contribution \$0.00

- Refer to pages 9-10 of this booklet for a worksheet to help determine your contribution.
- Type in either an annual amount or per paycheck deduction; the other field will calculate automatically.

Save

Click the "Save" button at bottom of screen to return to the open enrollment dashboard.

Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account



If you want to participate in a 2025 Dependent Care account, you must re-enroll and enter your 2025 contribution amount!

The Flexible Spending Account - Dependent Care block will show as "Waived." Click the "Enroll" link.

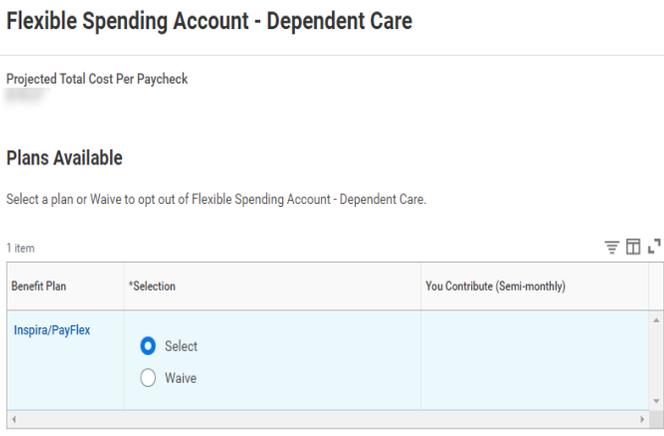
- You can choose whether you want to participate in either the Medical Care or Dependent Care FSAs, both, or neither.
- A Dependent Care FSA is not for a dependent's medical expenses.
- Refer to page 11 of this booklet for a worksheet to help determine your contribution.

Learn more about [Flexible Spending Accounts](#).

IMPORTANT: CHILD CARE GRANT RECIPIENTS

Recipients of a 2025 Cornell Child Care Grant *should not* include 2025 award amounts in their DEPENDENT CARE totals. Only include additional dollars you wish to be deducted from YOUR pay; i.e., if Cornell's award is \$3,000, enter up to \$2,000 in Workday as supplement from your own pay to stay within the \$5,000 household limit.

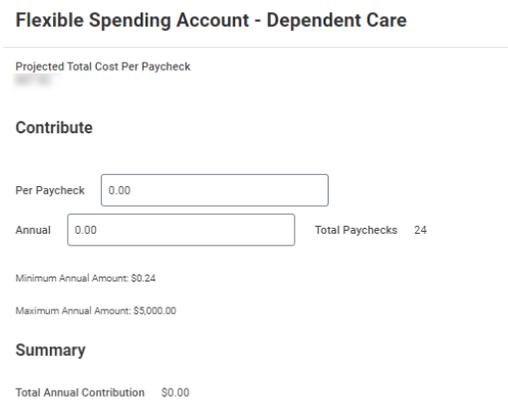
On this screen: Select "Inspira/PayFlex"



Confirm and Continue

Click the "Confirm and Continue" button at bottom of screen.

On this screen: Input your contribution



- Refer to page 9 of this booklet for a worksheet to help determine your contribution.
- Type in either an annual amount or per paycheck deduction; the other field will calculate automatically.

Save

Click the "Save" button at bottom of screen to return to the open enrollment dashboard.

Review and Submit

You're almost done! When you've completed your enrollments and clicked the "Save" button, you'll be returned to the dashboard screen.

Review and Sign

Click the "Review and Sign" button at bottom of screen.

What you see in Workday:

Selected Benefits 4 items

Plan	Coverage Begin Date	Deduction Begin Date	Coverage	Dependents	Beneficiaries	Cost
Flexible Spending Account - Medical Care Inspira Financial	01-01-2024	01-01-2024	\$1,200.00 Annual			\$50.00
Basic Life Insurance New York Life Insurance Company (Employee)	10/11/2014	10/11/2014	0.5 X Salary			Included
Short Term Disability (STD) Cornell University (Employee)	10/11/2014	10/11/2014	50% of Salary			Included
NY Paid Family Leave Cornell University NY Paid Family Leave (Employee)	10/26/2017	10/26/2017	67% of Salary			Included

Remember: Your health coverage is not changed in Workday and will roll over unless you submit a paper PS404 Enrollment Form in person to the HR Services and Transitions Center by noon, December 24, or via postal mail postmarked by December 31, 2024.

- **Your Selected Benefits:** including coverage and coverage dates, dependents, and cost will be presented in a table. (Beneficiaries will not appear, since they are managed directly with the vendors.)
- **Automatic Benefits:** Your life insurance and leave benefits are also included, which require no action.
- **Waived Benefits:** Below this display is a list of benefits you have waived - make sure this is correct!
- **Benefits Cost:** The next display shows your per paycheck deduction and Cornell's contribution.
- **Document Upload:** An area to upload attachments appears near the bottom of page; please disregard -- we are unable to upload documents to Workday at this time. See page 5 for uploading details.
- **SCROLL TO BOTTOM OF PAGE FOR ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE: YOU MUST CHECK THE "I Accept" CHECKBOX TO CONFIRM THAT YOU HAVE REVIEWED YOUR ELECTIONS AND ARE SATISFIED WITH YOUR ENROLLMENT IN ORDER TO SUBMIT!**

Submit

Everything looks good? You must click the "Submit" button at the bottom of the screen to complete your enrollment!

One more thing - your submission is not complete until you receive a confirmation message -- see next page.

Confirmation

Your submission is not complete until you receive this Confirmation screen:

Submitted 🗨️ 📄

You've submitted your elections.

You have submitted your elections – Please view and print your 2025 Benefits Statement

If you are **adding a dependent that was not previously covered**, then you **MUST** provide the required documentation to complete your enrollment in the health, dental, and vision plans. Required documentation may include but is not limited to the following for adding a dependent:

- your child(ren)'s birth certificate or visa/passport,
- adoption papers/court order confirming custody,
- marriage license, divorce decree, or statement of domestic partnership.

All documents required as part of proof of benefit eligibility should be sent directly to HR Services and Transitions Center, 395 Pine Tree Rd, East Hill Office Building, Suite 130, [click here for documentation details](#).

Important Dates:

Benefits go into effect 01/01/2025

Final day to update benefits 12/31/2024

[View 2025 Benefits Statement](#)

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

Click the “View 2025 Benefits Statement” to download a PDF that you should print for your confirmation that you’ve successfully submitted.



Oops! Submitted, and need to make a change?

Don't worry -- it happens!

Log in to Workday and click on the “Benefits and Pay” icon in the menu link in the upper left corner of the screen.

Your Benefit Event is located under the “Needs Attention” heading in the middle of the page.

Click the “Edit” link to make changes.

This option will be available until 4:00 pm EST, December 31, 2024.



Should I get legal insurance?

Legal Insurance

Optional legal insurance has a separate open enrollment period:
October 28 - December 31, 2024.

This is the only time period you can enroll in or cancel coverage to be effective in 2025.

You must enroll directly with the insurer; you cannot enroll via Workday.

Is legal insurance right for you? [Learn more about Legal Insurance.](#)



Questions?

Join Us for **BENEFAIR!**

Ithaca: Tuesday, December 10

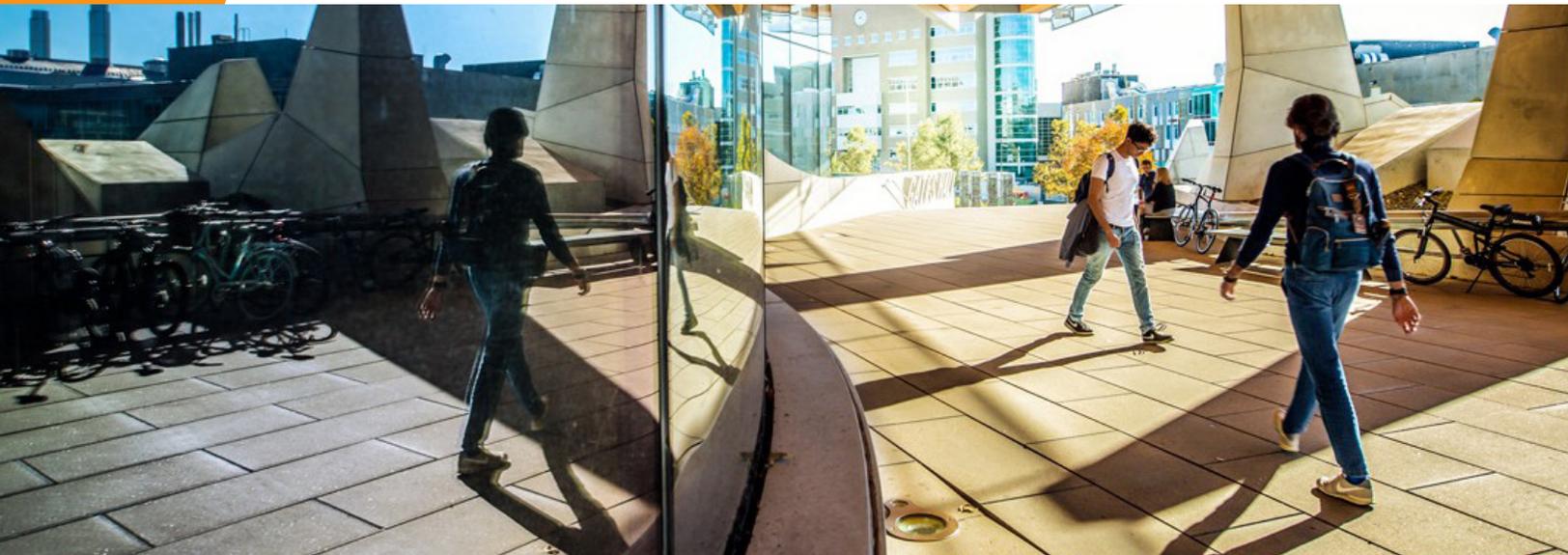
9:00 am - 1:30 pm, [College of Veterinary Medicine, Takoda's Run Atrium](#)

Geneva AgriTech: Wednesday, December 11

11:00 am - 1:00 pm, [Jordan Hall, 2nd Floor](#)

Visit hr.cornell.edu/Benefair for complete schedule & details.

Meet with Cornell benefits experts and representatives from benefits providers to get answers to your benefits questions and learn about all the benefits available to Cornell employees!



HR Services and Transitions Center

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Have questions about your benefits?

LOOK ONLINE:

hr.cornell.edu/enroll

EMAIL US:

HRservices@cornell.edu

PHONE US: (607) 255-3936

SEND US MAIL:

HR Services & Transitions Center
395 Pine Tree Rd.
East Hill Office Building, Suite 130
Ithaca, NY 14850

HOURS:

8:00 am - 4:30pm EST, M-F

Please note that the HR Services & Transitions Center offices will be closed December 24 at 12:00 noon EST till Tuesday, January 2, 2025. Please plan accordingly if you have questions or need to submit any documentation before the December 31st deadline!