PLANS

PPB PLAN A
PPB PLAN B
PPB PLAN C
PPB PLAN D

The Health Plan HMO A
The Health Plan HMO B
The Health Plan PPO

PLAN A & PLAN C are Citysubsidized, meaning the city helps pay for the plan, reducing the financial burden on the employee.

## SUBSIDIZED PLANS EXPLAINED

### **PPB PLAN A**

# **Traditional Plan with Co-Pay**

A predictable health insurance plan where you pay a set fee (co-pay) for doctor visits, prescriptions, and other services. Your insurance covers most costs after a deductible.

## **PPB PLAN C**

# **High Deductible Plan with HSA**

A lower-premium plan where you pay more upfront before insurance kicks in. It pairs with a Health Savings Account (HSA) for pre-tax savings on eligible expenses. The city contributes the full deductible amount; employees may also make additional pre-tax contributions.

#### **ADVANTAGES**

**Predictable costs:** fixed co-pays for doctor visits, prescriptions, and other services.

**Lower deductible:** insurance starts covering costs sooner.

**Easier Budgeting:** out-of-pocket expenses are more stable and manageable.

**Good for Frequent Medical Needs:** Many services are covered immediately by copay, without needing to meet a deductible

**Lower Premiums:** monthly costs are lower than traditional plans

**City Covered Deductible:** Your out-of-pocket expenses are reduced because the HSA is fully funded by the City.

**HSA Benefits:** Funds are tax-free and can be used for medical expenses and rolled over annually.

**More Control:** You decide when and how to use your HSA funds.

# **DISADVANTAGES**

**Higher Premiums:** you pay more each month, even if you don't use the insurance often

**Co-pays add up:** Each visit or prescription has a cost, which can accumulate over time and does not count toward your deductible.

**Less flexibility:** No tax-advantaged savings account for future medical expenses

**Less predictable costs:** unlike fixed copays, medical costs can vary depending on the service or provider.

**Higher upfront costs:** Since HSA funds are distributed monthly, there may be times when medical expenses or prescriptions exceed available funds, requiring out-of-pocket payments. These costs may discourage some from seeking care.\*

\*An HSA Advance option may be available for eligible expenses, provided certain requirements are met.

## 2026 PLAN YEAR

PEIA has increased premiums and deductibles for both PPB Plan A and PPB Plan C, as well as some co-pays for PPB Plan A. **The city will maintain an 80/20 premium split** for PPB Plan A and PPB Plan C. There will be no spousal surcharge for city employees. **The city will continue to fund a Health Savings Account (HSA) for PPB Plan C** participants.

# **COST COMPARISON**

FAMILY PLAN (80/20)	PPB PLAN A	PPB PLAN C
Annual Premium	\$3,793	\$2,112
Medical Deductible	\$1,300	\$4,550
Medical OOPM	\$7,000	-
RX Deductible	\$300	-
RX OOPM	\$ 3,500	-
Medical/RX Combined OOPM*	-	\$2,650
HSA Contribution	-	(\$4,550)
TOTAL MAXIMUM EXPOSURE	\$15,893	\$4,762

\*after deductible

**Premium:** the amount you pay every month to keep your health insurance active, whether you use it or not.

TERMS DEFINED **Deductible:** the amount you pay out of pocket for covered services before your insurance starts to share the cost.

**OOPM:** out-of-pocket maximum

**Total Maximum Exposure:** the most money you could have to pay out-of-pocket for covered services under your plan.