

**SUMMARY OF MATERIAL MODIFICATION for the GEO Unit Health & Welfare  
Plan UAW/UMass Health & Welfare Trust Fund**

This summary of material modification (SMM) describes changes to the UMass Health & Welfare Trust Fund's plan benefits and administrative processes and supplements the Summary Plan Description (SPD) for the Plan. The effective date of each of these changes is indicated below. You should read this SMM very carefully and retain this document with your copy of the SPD for future reference. THIS SUMMARY HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO YOU BY ELECTRONIC MEANS. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE A WRITTEN SUMMARY AND MAY REQUEST A COPY OF THIS SUMMARY ON A WRITTEN PAPER DOCUMENT AT NO CHARGE BY CONTACTING THE PLAN ADMINISTRATOR: (413) 345-2156 or [uawdental@external.umass.edu](mailto:uawdental@external.umass.edu)

**1) Summary of Administrative Changes for the 2023-24 Plan Year**

SSN requirement: For the Altus Dental plan effective 9/1/22, the student ID+0 will be used in lieu of the SSN (social security number) to enroll all eligible employees. For the EyeMed Vision plan and the MeLaw Legal Plan, effective 9/1/23 the student ID+0 will be used in lieu of the SSN (social security number).

Effective 9/1/23, the URL for the enrollment portal is <https://portal.hwtf.org/login>

Eligibility: Effective 9/1/23, certain fellowships classified as prestigious fellowships and earning the recipient at least \$6205 [or equivalent to a 10-hour semester appointment] will qualify as eligible for Trust Fund benefits.

Verification: Effective 9/1/23, employees may be asked to provide an electronic copy of their Graduate Fellowship and Graduate Assistantship (GFAF) form in to be verified as eligible for benefits if the Trust Fund is unable to verify eligibility using other methods. Similarly, employees who wish to be reimbursed for gym memberships at UMass Recreation Center may be asked to provide an electronic copy of their receipt(s) if the Trust Fund is unable to verify the membership using other methods.

Open enrollment periods for plan year 2023-24 are as follows:

Aug 15 - Sept 15

Oct 15 - Oct 31

Nov 15 - Nov 30

Jan 15 - Jan 31

March 15 - March 31

May 15 - May 31

**2 Summary of Benefit Changes for the 2023-24 Plan Year**

a) EyeMed Vision Plan: Effective 9/1/23, the vision frame allowance increased from \$175 to \$185 (see Summary Plan Description).

b) Wellness Reimbursement: Effective 9/1/23, out-of-pocket payments not covered by insurance for chiropractic care nutritionist visits are eligible categories for the wellness reimbursement.

c) New Prepaid Wellness Program: Effective 9/1/23, there will be a limited number of prepaid 20 class cards available for Cadence Yoga, Sunderland, MA. These are available on a first come, first served basis and are in lieu of the regular wellness reimbursement. Acceptance of a prepaid wellness benefit comes with terms and conditions specific to the provider.

**3) Effective 9/1/2023, the COBRA coverage rates are:**

*Altus Dental*

Single: \$31.37/month

Single + 1: \$62.83/month

Family \$107.84/month

*EyeMed Vision*

Single: \$4.00/month

Single + 1: \$7.59/month

Family \$11.15/month

All rates above include a 2% administrative fee. Rates effective 9/1/23.

Additional Information: If you have any questions, you should refer to your Summary Plan Description (SPD). You may also contact the Director of Benefit Programs at: UAW/UMass Health & Welfare Trust Fund 6 University Dr., Suite 206-229 Amherst, MA 01002

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