

HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS

The district shall provide health and welfare benefits for employees in bargaining units in accordance with state and federal law and subject to negotiated employee agreements.

(cf. 4140/4240/4340 - Bargaining Units)
(cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)

Employees who are not in bargaining units shall receive health and welfare benefits as specified in Board policy and administrative regulation.

(cf. 4121 - Temporary/Substitute Personnel)

With respect to eligibility to participate in the health benefits plan or the level of health benefits provided, the district shall not discriminate in favor of employees who are among the highest paid 25 percent of all district employees. (26 USC 105; 42 USC 300gg-16)

For purposes of granting benefits pursuant to state law, a registered domestic partner and his/her child shall have the same rights, protections, and benefits as a spouse and spouse's child. (Family Code 297.5)

The Superintendent or designee shall not use or disclose any medical information the district possesses pertaining to an employee without the employee's authorization obtained in accordance with Civil Code 56.21, except for the purpose of administering and maintaining employee benefit plans and for other purposes specified in law. (Civil Code 56.20)

(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Records)

Continuation of Coverage

Retired certificated employees, other employees who would otherwise lose coverage due to a qualifying event specified in law and administrative regulation, and their qualified beneficiaries may continue to participate in the district's group health and welfare benefits in accordance with state and federal law.

To receive continuation coverage, covered employees and their qualified beneficiaries shall pay the premiums, dues, and other charges, including any increases in premiums, dues, and costs incurred by the district in administering the program.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 7000-7008 Health and welfare benefits, retired certificated employees*
- 17566 Self-insurance fund*
- 35208 Liability insurance*
- 35214 Liability insurance (self-insurance)*
- 44041-44042 Payroll deductions for collection of premiums*
- 44986 Leave of absence, state disability benefits*
- 45136 Benefits for classified employees*

HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS (continued)

CIVIL CODE

56.10-56.16 *Disclosure of information by medical providers*

56.20-56.245 *Use and disclosure of medical information by employers*

FAMILY CODE

297-297.5 *Rights, protections and benefits under law; registered domestic partners*

GOVERNMENT CODE

12940 *Discrimination in employment*

22750-22944 *Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act*

53200-53210 *Group insurance*

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

1366.20-1366.29 *Cal-COBRA program, health insurance*

1367.08 *Disclosure of fees and commissions paid related to health care service plan*

1373 *Health services plan, coverage for dependent children who are full-time students*

1373.621 *Continuation coverage, age 60 or older after five years with district*

1374.58 *Coverage for registered domestic partners, health service plans and health insurers*

INSURANCE CODE

10116.5 *Continuation coverage, age 60 or older after five years with district*

10128.50-10128.59 *Cal-COBRA program, disability insurance*

10277-10278 *Group and individual health insurance, coverage for dependent children*

10604.5 *Annual disclosure of fees and commissions paid*

12670-12692.5 *Conversion coverage*

LABOR CODE

2800.2 *Notification of conversion and continuation coverage*

4856 *Health benefits for spouse of peace officer killed in performance of duties*

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CODE

2613 *Education program; notice of rights and benefits*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 1

7 *Definition of marriage, spouse*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 26

105 *Self-insured medical reimbursement plan; definition of highly compensated individual*

4980B *COBRA continuation coverage*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

1161-1168 *COBRA continuation coverage*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

300gg-16 *Group health plan; nondiscrimination in favor of highly compensated individuals*

1395-1395g *Medicare benefits*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 26

54.4980B-1-54.4980B-10 *COBRA continuation coverage*

1.105-11 *Self-insured medical reimbursement plan*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 45

164.500-164.534 *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)*

Management Resources:

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE NOTICES

2011-1 *Affordable Care Act Nondiscrimination Provisions Applicable to Insured Group Health Plans*

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Employment Development Department: <http://www.edd.ca.gov>

Internal Revenue Service: <http://www.irs.gov>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services:

<http://www.cms.gov>

U.S. Department of Labor: <http://www.dol.gov>