



AlaskaCare Retiree Dental, Vision, and Audio (DVA) Plan

IMPORTANT DATES

October 11, 2023
Open Enrollment Begins

November 22, 2023
Open Enrollment Ends

January 1, 2024
New Benefit Elections
Take Effect

2024 Dental Benefit Enrollment Guide

The Division of Retirement and Benefits will host a retiree DVA plan open enrollment period from October 11, through November 22, 2023.

You can choose the plan that works best for you and your family for the upcoming 2024 benefit year.

We want you to make an informed decision and choose the option that best meets your needs.

This enrollment guide contains information about your choices, and instructions for participating in open enrollment. It is designed to answer questions about your options and how to enroll.

Open enrollment is a four-step process:

1. **Learn:** Learn about the open enrollment process
2. **Verify:** Verify your eligibility to participate in open enrollment
3. **Compare:** Compare your options for dental benefits in the DVA plans
4. **Enroll:** Enroll in the plan of your choice



For more information about the DVA plan, to view the FAQs, or to sign up for the AlaskaCare Retiree e-newsletter visit **AlaskaCare.gov/DVA**

Frequently Asked Questions

What are some of the *differences* between the standard plan benefits and the legacy plan benefits?

Standard Plan

- Features access to Delta Dental’s wide Premier network of providers, as well as access to an additional PPO network that saves you even more money when you use a PPO dentist. Better prices mean you can receive coverage for more services before you reach your annual benefit maximum.
- Supports evidence-based coverage limitations, including those developed by the American Dental Association, such as frequency and age limitations for exams, cleanings, and periodontal maintenance.
- Pays less if you visit an out-of-network dentist.

Legacy Plan

- Does not have pre-determined frequency or age limitations on most services.
- Features access to Delta Dental’s wide Premier network of providers that save you money when you use a network dentist.
- Pays out-of-network dentists at a higher rate.

What are some of the *similarities* between the standard plan benefits and the legacy plan benefits?

- Both plans have the same annual benefit maximum: \$2,000.
- Both plans provide coverage for dental preventive, restorative, and prosthetic services.
- Both plans have the same coinsurance levels:
 - Class I (Preventive): 100%
 - Class II (Restorative): 80%
 - Class III (Prosthetic): 50%

- Both plans have the same annual deductible: \$50 per individual (Class II and III Services).
- Both plans are fully funded by member premiums.
- Vision and audio benefits are the same.

Premiums are subject to change annually and can be found on the AlaskaCare website at drb.alaska.gov/retiree/healthplans.html#dvapremiums or by calling the AlaskaCare Member Service Center at (907) 465-4460.

If I have dental services scheduled before the end of the plan year, will this impact my benefits?

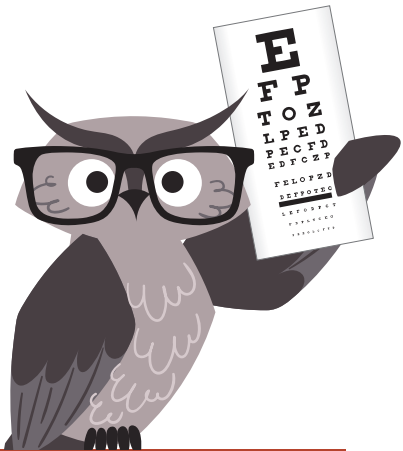
The benefit election you make during open enrollment will become effective January 1, 2024. This means that the coverage you have today will still apply through December 31, 2023, including any claims for services provided before the end of the plan year.

Can I change my plan next year?

You will be able to change your dental plan during the open enrollment period. Outside of the open enrollment period, you will not be able to make changes to your selections unless you have a qualifying life event or would like to decrease your coverage. You may decrease your coverage at any time by contacting the Division.

Do I need to participate in the DVA Open Enrollment?

We encourage all eligible AlaskaCare retirees to review the plan options and participate in open enrollment. If you do not participate in Open Enrollment, your benefit selections will not change from what you have now.



Key Term

Deductible: The amount you pay each benefit year before a portion of your costs are paid by the dental plan. The deductible for both the standard and legacy retiree dental plans is \$50 for class II and III services.

Coinsurance: The percent of covered expenses paid by AlaskaCare once you meet your deductible. Coinsurance levels vary depending on the class of service.

Annual Benefit Maximum: The total amount that the plan will pay for dental services you receive during that benefit year. The annual maximum for both the standard and legacy retiree dental plans is \$2,000.

THERE ARE
TWO
DENTAL PLAN
OPTIONS!



I am currently enrolled in the DVA plan with coverage for myself and my dependent spouse. Can I choose the legacy plan, and can my spouse choose the standard plan?

No, a retiree may only select one plan for themselves and any covered dependents. However, if you and your spouse each have a separate AlaskaCare DVA policy, you may select different plans and cover each other as dependents.

Can I see any dentist?

Yes, both the standard plan and the legacy plan let you see any licensed dentist you want. Both plans give you access to the wide Premier network of dental providers that will save you money. If you choose the legacy plan and see an out-of-network provider, the plan will cover a greater portion of the charges so you may pay less for out-of-network services. If you choose the standard plan, you have access to an additional PPO network of

providers that offer deeper discounts, saving you more money, but you may pay more if you use out-of-network dentists.

Remember, if you use an out-of-network dentist, you may receive additional bills for charges that the plan will not cover.

Will I get a new ID card?

If you change your elections for 2024, you will receive a new ID card in the mail in the beginning of January. If you do not make any changes, you will not receive a new ID card.

Some dental procedures fall into different service classes, depending on which plan you elect. If you would like to know how a specific service would be covered under each plan, call Delta Dental of Alaska at (855) 718-1768.

Please consult the AlaskaCare Retiree DVA Plan: 2024 Dental Benefit Comparison for more details about the differences between the plans. The AlaskaCare Retiree Insurance Information Booklets contains the complete benefit provisions for both the standard and legacy dental plans.



Need More Information?

There are additional Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on our website. You can find answers to questions retirees have asked. Check our FAQ page often, new questions are added regularly!

AlaskaCare.gov/DVA

Send us an email at doa.drb.benefits@alaska.gov or call us toll-free at (800) 821-2251 or in Juneau at (907) 465-4460.

For information about the 2024 Retiree DVA plan monthly premiums, please visit drb.alaska.gov/retiree/healthplans.html#dvapremiums



Step 1. Learn

Open enrollment begins with important reminders about your plan options, eligibility information, and where to find answers if you have questions. After reviewing the information, click the **Next** button to move on.

Step 2. Verify

You will be prompted to enter information to verify that you are eligible to enroll. Enter the information and click on **Check Eligibility**.

If your eligibility was confirmed, you will see the message **Eligibility Verified!** Confirm or update your contact information and click the **Next** button.

- If your eligibility was not confirmed, you will see the message **Unable to Verify**.
- *If the system is unable to verify your identity, please contact the Division at (800) 821-2251 or (907) 465-4460 in Juneau as soon as possible so we can help.*

Step 3. Compare

Review the monthly premium rates, the benefit comparison table, and your plan booklet to decide which plan is best for you. After reviewing the information, click the **Next** button to move on.

Step 4. Enroll

Make your plan election, choose your coverage level, and click **Enroll**.

- Please print the confirmation page for your records.
- If you need to update your dependent information, complete the Retiree Health Dependent Change Form found on our website: drb.alaska.gov/docs/forms/02-1854r.pdf and submit it to the Division of Retirement and Benefits.

If you click on the **Exit to AlaskaCare webpage** button, you will close the enrollment site. Congratulations! You have successfully completed your AlaskaCare DVA open enrollment!

- You may change your plan election at any time during the open enrollment period by filling out the online enrollment form. The last election you make before open enrollment closes will determine your plan election for the 2024 benefit year.

Find the Online Enrollment form at AlaskaCare.gov/DVA

You can make elections 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from **October 11 through November 22, 2023**, closing at 5 p.m. Alaska Time.

Online Enrollment Instructions

- Open your web browser and navigate to AlaskaCare.gov/DVA
- Click on the enrollment link: **"Ready to Enroll? Click Here!"** You will be taken to the Retiree DVA Plan Open Enrollment online form.
- The online enrollment form is completed in four easy steps. Click on **Get Started** to begin!

If you need **assistance** to complete your enrollment, or if you need a paper enrollment form, contact:



AlaskaCare Member Education Center

In Juneau: (907) 465-4460
Outside Juneau, toll-free: (800) 821-2251
Email: doa.drb.benefits@alaska.gov

Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Alaska Time)
Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Alaska Time)



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