

Plan Year 2019 FAQs

General Health, Dental and Vision Insurance Open Enrollment & Eligibility Questions

1. When is Open Enrollment for Plan Year 2019?

October 8 - October 26, 2018. See Benefits Selection Guide [here](#).

2. Do I have to enroll?

Yes, for health insurance, Open Enrollment is mandatory and everyone must enroll in or waive health insurance coverage. If you do not make an election, you will be defaulted to the LivingWell Limited High Deductible Plan for 2019 at the same level as your 2018 plan (single, couple, parent plus, family). Flexible Spending Account elections must be made every year. If you waived coverage for 2018, and do not make an election for 2019, you will also be defaulted to the LivingWell Limited High Deductible Plan and you will lose any funds in your Waiver General Purpose or Waiver Dental/Vision Only HRA.

No, for optional dental and vision insurance, Open Enrollment is voluntary. Optional dental and vision insurance is new for plan year 2019. You may now choose employer-sponsored dental and vision insurance that is administered by Anthem. See the Open Enrollment website [here](#) for more information.

3. How do I enroll?

1. **Online KHRIS ESS:** Active employees, TRS retirees, JRP/LRP and KTCES retirees may enroll online at khris.ky.gov.

New this year! Cross-reference planholders can now enroll online in KHRIS ESS!

Check your open enrollment packet and this table for specifics:

Cross-Reference Members		Can Enroll Online
Active employee	Active employee	Yes
Active employee	TRS	Yes
TRS	TRS	Yes

2. Paper Applications:


- If you have a disabled dependent on your current health insurance plan, you must enroll using paper applications for health, dental, and vision insurance, and any Flexible Spending Account. Applications are found [here](#).
- If you are an active employee who has the Cross-Reference Payment Option with a KRS member you must enroll using the paper application found [here](#).
- If you are a KRS member who has the Cross-Reference Payment Option with a TRS member you must enroll using the paper application found [here](#).

4. What should I do if I do not need health insurance?

If you do not need health insurance, you must actively waive your health insurance coverage and choose one of the three waiver options: a Waiver General Purpose Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA), a Waiver Dental/Vision Only HRA, or Waiver without HRA. If you do not choose a waiver option, you will be automatically defaulted to the LivingWell Limited High Deductible Plan and will lose the balance of any funds you may have in your waiver HRA.


Note: The Waiver HRA options are only available to employees whose employer participates in the Waiver HRA program.

5. Who do I call for assistance?


 Department of Employee Insurance (DEI) Open Enrollment Hotline 888-581-8834 OR 502-564-6534

Service is only available during Open Enrollment Oct 8 - Oct 26

	Open Enrollment Hours for Assistance	Website Addresses
You can choose from one of these five options:		
Option 1: Kentucky Retirement System (KRS)	Monday, Oct. 8 - Friday, Oct. 12 8 am to 4:30 pm	Personnel Cabinet – personnel.ky.gov
Option 2: KHRIS User ID and password	Monday, Oct. 15 - Friday, Oct. 19 8 am to 6 pm	KEHP – kehpn.ky.gov
Option 3: Benefit questions for Anthem, WageWorks or CVS/Caremark	Saturday, Oct. 20 8 am to 1 pm	Vision and Dental Insurance – personnel.ky.gov (select "Benefits")
Option 4: Technical assistance such as browser or compatibility errors	Monday, Oct. 22 - Friday, Oct. 26 8 am to 8 pm	Wellness – Livingwell.ky.gov
Option 5: Department of Employee Insurance (DEI) for all other inquiries		

 **Contact Information Outside of Open Enrollment**

Department of Employee Insurance	888-581-8834
Monday - Friday, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm	502-564-6534

 **DEI Vendors Phone Numbers and Websites**

Anthem – health insurance	844-402-5347	anthem.com/kehpn
Anthem – dental and vision insurance	844-402-5347	anthem.com
CVS/Caremark – prescriptions	866-601-6934	caremark.com
Go365 – wellness	855-478-1623	Go365.com
Kentucky Group Life Insurance Branch	888-581-8834	personnel.ky.gov
Vitals SmartShopper – transparency, shop for better pricing	855-869-2133	vitals.com
WageWorks – FSA and HRA	877-430-5519	wageworks.com/kehpn
WageWorks – COBRA	877-502-6272	wageworks.com/kehpn

6. When and where are the KEHP Benefit Fairs?

Benefit fairs will be held at 14 locations from Oct. 1 through Oct. 16. At all benefit fair locations, there will be enrollment assistance for active employees and TRS retirees under age 65; experts to help you understand your health insurance, Dependent Care FSA, Healthcare FSA, vision, and dental benefits; and representatives to advise you regarding Deferred Compensation.

Date	County	Local Time	Location	Date	County	Local Time	Location
Oct. 1 Monday	Franklin	8 a.m. – 6 p.m.	Kentucky State Office Building Auditorium 501 High Street Frankfort, KY 40601	Oct. 8 Monday	Fayette	4 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Dunbar High School Cafeteria 1600 Man O'War Blvd. Lexington, KY 40513
Oct. 2 Tuesday	Boyd	4 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Boyd County High School Commons Area 14375 Lions Lane Ashland, KY 41102	Oct. 9 Tuesday	Boone	2 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Gateway Community & Technical College Center for Advanced Manufacturing Convening Center 500 Technology Way Florence, KY 41042
Oct. 2 Tuesday	Laurel	2 p.m. – 6 p.m.	GC Garland Administration Building Conference Room 710 North Main Street London, KY 40741	Oct. 10 Wednesday	McCracken	2 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Western Kentucky Community & Tech College Room 109 5100 Alben Barkley Drive Paducah, KY 42002
Oct. 3 Wednesday	Pike	3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Pike County Central High School Cafeteria 100 Winner's Circle Drive Pikeville, KY 41501	Oct. 10 Wednesday	Madison	3:30 – 6:30 p.m.	B. Michael Caudill Middle School Cafeteria 1428 Dr. Robert Martin Bypass Richmond, KY 40475
Oct. 4 Thursday	Harlan	2 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Southeast Community and Tech College Harlan Campus Building 1 164 Ballpark Road Harlan, KY 40831	Oct. 11 Thursday	Hopkins	3:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Hopkins county Career & Tech Center 1771 Patriot Drive Madisonville, KY 42431
Oct. 4 Thursday	Boyle	3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Danville High School Cafeteria 203 East Lexington Avenue Danville, KY 40422	Oct. 15 Monday	Warren	3:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Drakes Middle School Cafeteria 704 Cypresswood Way Bowling Green, KY 42104
Oct. 5 Friday	Jefferson	8 a.m. – 6 p.m.	Kentucky Exposition Center North Wing 937 Phillips Lane Louisville, KY 40209	Oct. 16 Tuesday	Christian	3:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Christian County Middle School Library 215 Glass Avenue Hopkinsville, KY 42240

7. What health insurance plan options are available?

Four health plans are available for 2019. All four health plans require the completion of the LivingWell Promise.

- LivingWell CDHP
- LivingWell PPO
- LivingWell Basic CDHP
- LivingWell Limited High Deductible Plan

8. What dental insurance plan options are available?

	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Your dental plan at a glance	In and Out-of-Network	In and Out-of-Network	In and Out-of-Network
Annual Benefit Maximum	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,500
Annual Deductible	\$50	\$50	\$50
Orthodontia (child only)	Not covered	Not covered	\$1,500
Diagnostic & Preventive Service	100%	100%	100%
Basic Services	50%	80%	80%
Oral Surgery	50%	80%	80%
Major Services	Not covered	50%	50%
Monthly Rates			
Employee Only	\$12.52	\$19.04	\$25.26
Employee + Spouse	\$22.84	\$36.14	\$48.84
Employee + Child(ren)	\$29.72	\$40.86	\$62.30
Family	\$43.84	\$60.76	\$90.86

9. What vision insurance plan options are available?

	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Exam with dilation as necessary	\$10 copay	\$10 copay	\$10 copay
Frames	\$125 allowance, 20% off any balance	\$150 allowance, 20% off any balance	\$150 allowance, 20% off any balance
Eyeglass lenses: Single vision, bifocal, trifocal, lenticular	\$25 copay	\$10 copay	\$10 copay
Standard progressive lens	\$65 copay	\$65 copay	\$20 copay
Premium progressive lens	Tier 1: \$85 Tier 2: \$95 Tier 3: \$110	Tier 1: \$85 Tier 2: \$95 Tier 3: \$110	Tier 1: \$40 Tier 2: \$50 Tier 3: \$65
Lens Options			
UV Treatment	\$15	\$15	\$0
Tint (solid and gradient)	\$15	\$15	\$0
Standard plastic scratch coating	\$0	\$0	\$0
Standard polycarbonate – adults	\$40	\$20	\$0
Standard polycarbonate – kids	\$0	\$0	\$0
Standard anti-reflective coating	\$45	\$45	\$20
Premium anti-reflective coating	Tier 1: \$57 Tier 2: \$68	Tier 1: \$57 Tier 2: \$68	Tier 1: \$32 Tier 2: \$43
Photochromic/ Transitions	\$75 – kids covered in full	\$75 – kids covered in full	\$75 – kids covered in full
Polarized	20% off retail pricing	20% off retail pricing	20% off retail pricing
Contact Lenses			
Conventional	\$150 allowance, 15% off balance	\$150 allowance, 15% off balance	\$175 allowance, 15% off balance
Disposable	\$150 allowance	\$150 allowance	\$175 allowance
Medically necessary	Covered in full	Covered in full	Covered in full
Frequency			
Examination	Once every calendar year	Once every calendar year	Once every calendar year
Lenses or contact lenses	Once every calendar year	Once every calendar year	Once every calendar year
Frame	Once every 2 calendar years	Once every 2 calendar years	Once every calendar year
Monthly Rates			
Employee Only	\$5.52	\$6.46	\$13.12
Employee + Spouse	\$10.94	\$12.80	\$26.14
Employee + Child(ren)	\$11.22	\$13.12	\$26.80
Family	\$16.64	\$19.48	\$39.82

10. What changes can I make during Open Enrollment?

You may:

- change your current plan options;
- enroll yourself, your children and your spouse in a health insurance plan;
- remove dependents from your health insurance plan*;
- waive health insurance coverage and choose a Waiver General Purpose or Waiver Dental Vision Only HRA, provided your employer participates in KEHP's Waiver HRA program;
- enroll in a Healthcare or Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account (FSA), provided your employer participates in KEHP's FSA/HRA program; and
- change your tobacco use status.

***NOTE:** You may not remove a dependent from your plan if the child is enrolled due to an administrative or court order, including National Medical Support Orders.

11. Who can I cover on my health, dental and vision insurance plan?

You may cover your legal spouse or dependent child(ren) under age 26. Employees may elect health, dental, and vision insurance coverage for themselves, their legal spouse, and their dependent child(ren) under age 26. Retirees may also elect health insurance coverage for themselves, their legal spouse, and their dependent child(ren) under age 26. However, retirees are not eligible to enroll in either the dental or the vision plans.

12. Can children under age 26 be covered as dependents on their parent's plan if they are eligible for their own coverage (e.g., at another job)?

Yes, dependent eligibility includes dependents under age 26 who may be eligible for health insurance coverage through their full-time employer. This includes children who are eligible for coverage through the Kentucky Employees' Health Plan (KEHP) as an employee.

13. Can disabled dependents be covered beyond age 26?

A Dependent child who is totally and permanently disabled may be covered by KEHP beyond the end of the month in which he/she turns 26, provided the disability (a) started before his/her 26th birthday and (b) is medically-certified in writing by a physician. A Dependent child will be considered totally and permanently disabled if, in the judgment of KEHP, the written certification adequately demonstrates that the Dependent child is unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of medically determinable physical or mental impairment that can be expected to result in death or that has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months.

A Dependent child who is not already covered by KEHP at the time of his/her 26th birthday may not later be enrolled in KEHP on grounds of total and permanent disability unless and until he/she sustains a loss of other insurance coverage. In such a case, a request to enroll a Dependent child in KEHP on grounds of total and permanent disability must be made no later than 35 calendar days following the loss of other insurance coverage.

Anthem will make all dependent child disability determinations. If a Dependent child is approved for coverage in KEHP on grounds of total and permanent disability, the Planholder will periodically be required to produce written proof of the continuing nature of the child's dependency and/or disability in order to maintain the child's KEHP coverage.

14. Can I waive coverage and not elect KEHP?

Yes, you may waive coverage and elect one of the three Waiver options: Waiver General Purpose HRA, Waiver Dental/Vision Only HRA, or Waiver No HRA.

- **Waiver General Purpose HRA:** If you choose the Waiver General Purpose Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA), per federal law, you must declare that you and your spouse and dependents, if applicable, have other group health plan coverage that provides minimum value. A “group health plan” refers to coverage provided by an employer, an employer organization, or a union. A “group health plan” does not include individual policies purchased through the Marketplace, or governmental plans such as TRICARE, Veterans Benefits, Medicare, or Medicaid. The maximum annual carryover amount is \$6,000 effective with the 2019 rollover to 2020.

With this option, you will receive \$175 per month, up to \$2,100 annually to pay for qualified medical expenses. You will receive a WageWorks Healthcare Card pre-funded on January 1 with \$1,050, and funded again on July 1 with an additional \$1,050. More information on the WageWorks Healthcare Card and eligible expenses can be found in the Benefits Selection Guide.

NOTE: This option is not available to retirees. If you or your spouse or dependent is contributing funds to a Health Savings Account (HSA), you should consult a tax advisor prior to establishing an HRA or FSA.

- **Waiver Dental/Vision Only HRA:** With this option, you will receive \$175 per month up to \$2,100 annually to pay for qualified dental and vision only expenses. You will receive a WageWorks Healthcare Card pre-funded on January 1 with \$1,050, and funded again on July 1 with an additional \$1,050. More information on the WageWorks Healthcare Card and eligible expenses can be found in the Benefits Selection Guide. The maximum annual carryover amount is \$6,000 effective with the 2019 rollover to 2020.

NOTE: This option is not available to retirees.

- **Waiver No HRA:** With this option, you do not receive any employer funds and is usually reserved for members who are not eligible for either of the other two waiver plans or whose employer does not participate in the Waiver HRA options.

15. What is the Cross-Reference Payment Option?

Spouses who are both eligible to participate in KEHP may be covered under one family health benefit plan with lower Employee premiums. This is known as the Cross-Reference Payment Option. Employee premiums are deducted from both Employees’ paychecks. Employees must satisfy all requirements below to elect the Cross-Reference Payment Option.

Requirements:

- The employees must be legally married with at least one eligible dependent;
- The employees must be eligible employees or retirees* of a group participating in KEHP;
- The employees must elect the same coverage option.

Failure to meet any one of the above requirements will make the employees ineligible for the cross-reference payment option.

*Per the Judicial and Legislators Retirement System, retirees of the Judicial Retirement Plan (JRP) and the Legislators’ Retirement Plan (LRP) are not eligible to elect the cross-reference payment option.

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Active employee	Active employee	Yes
Active employee	TRS	Yes
TRS	TRS	Yes

Note:

- If you are an active employee who has the Cross-Reference Payment Option with a KRS member you must enroll using the paper application found [here](#).
- If you are a KRS member who has the Cross-Reference Payment Option with a TRS member you must enroll using the paper application found [here](#).

16. May I drop a dependent from health insurance coverage in the middle of the plan year?

Coverage elections may only be changed during the Annual Open Enrollment period or if a member has experienced a qualifying event.

Qualifying events might include:

- Birth, adoption
- Marriage
- Loss of coverage
- Dependents become ineligible
- Court orders
- Medicare or Medicaid Entitlement

For more information about qualifying events, go to kehp.ky.gov and click on “Enrolling or Changing Coverage.”

LivingWell Promise

1. What are the LivingWell Promise requirements for 2019?

Keeping the Promise is easy. In 2019, all health insurance plans include the LivingWell Promise. You must complete either the Go365 Health Assessment (HA) or a biometric screening from January 1, 2019, through July 1, 2019, to be eligible for monthly premium discounts in 2020. Both only take a few minutes to complete and give you a better understanding of your health status, access to the best benefit plan options, and information to help you stay healthy. If you have a cross-reference payment option, you and your spouse both must complete the HA or the biometric screening.

Impact of the 2018 Promise on your 2019 enrollment

If you enrolled in a LivingWell Plan option for 2018 and:

- You fulfilled your LivingWell Promise, you will receive a monthly premium discount of \$40 during 2019; or
- You did not fulfill your LivingWell Promise, you will not receive the monthly premium discount.

2. If I am a new employee and enroll in coverage after open enrollment, how long do I have to complete the LivingWell Promise?

New employees who elect health insurance coverage after Open Enrollment must complete the Go365 Health Assessment or biometric screening by July 1, 2019, or within 90 days of the effective date of their coverage.

3. What is the Go365 Health Assessment?

The Health Assessment (HA) is a series of questions about your current physical and mental well-being, your day-to-day lifestyle, and how you feel about your current health levels. It takes about 10-15 minutes to complete, and once finished, the HA results will tell you your Go365 Age.

4. What is a biometric screening?

A biometric screening consists of: lab work to test your cholesterol and blood glucose; a blood pressure check; and height, weight, and waist circumference measurements to learn your Body Mass Index (BMI). For more accurate results, fast for at least nine to twelve hours prior to the biometric screening.

5. Where can I get a Biometric Screening?

You can go to your primary care physician, a retail clinic such as Kroger, or Walgreens, a local health department or certain work locations. For more information go to livingwell.ky.gov and click on the LivingWell Promise tab.

6. Who must complete the LivingWell Promise?

Only the Planholder is required to complete the LivingWell Promise. If you have the Cross-Reference Payment Option, both you and your spouse must complete the LivingWell Promise. Non-employee spouses and dependents covered under your plan will not be required to complete the Promise.

7. Are spouses or adult children (age 18 and up) required to fulfill the LivingWell Promise?

No. Only you, the Planholder, are required to complete the LivingWell Promise. The only exception to this requirement is if you have elected a Cross-Reference Payment Option, in which case both Planholders must fulfill the Promise.

8. When do I have to take the Health Assessment or biometric screening?

You must take your Health Assessment or get a biometric screening from January 1, 2019, through July 1, 2019. New employees must complete the Health Assessment or Biometric Screening within 90 days of the effective date of their coverage.

9. What happens with the information collected through the Health Assessment?

KEHP takes your personal health information seriously and has measures in place to protect this information. All responses to your Health Assessment are strictly confidential and protected under HIPAA. KEHP will not collect, access, or retain your personal health information, nor will KEHP share your personal

health information with your employer. KEHP may receive aggregate information from Go365 that does not identify any individual in order to design and offer health programs aimed at improving the health of KEHP members. The only individuals who may receive your personally identifiable health information are persons employed by Go365 (KEHP's wellness administrator) and Anthem (KEHP's third-party medical administrator). This may include nurses in Anthem's disease management program and health coaches in Go365's health coaching program. Disclosure of your personally identifiable health information to these persons is necessary in order to provide you with services under the wellness program.

10. If I can't take the Health Assessment due to medical or mental health conditions, can I still choose a LivingWell plan?

Yes, if it is unreasonably difficult because of a medical or mental health condition for you to complete the Health Assessment, you also have the option of completing a biometric screening. If it is unreasonably difficult for you to complete either one, call Go365 customer service at 855-478-1623, and we will work with you to develop an alternative solution.

11. If I do not fulfill the LivingWell Promise, will my health insurance claims still be paid?

Yes. The plan will continue to pay eligible claims for the plan year, even if you do not fulfill the LivingWell Promise.

12. What happens if I fail to complete the LivingWell Promise from January 1 through July 1, 2019?

If you fail to fulfill the LivingWell Promise, you will not receive the monthly premium discount in 2020.

13. How does the LivingWell Promise in 2019 impact my eligibility for the wellness plan premium discount for future years?

Please review the following for specific information:

What happens if I terminate employment and am hired at another KEHP participating agency later?

The first/original election of a LivingWell plan option will follow you throughout the plan year. The first/original election of a plan requiring the LivingWell Promise is the controlling element. You don't have to complete the promise twice in the event of a qualifying event, termination, re-hire, etc.

What happens if I fulfill the LivingWell Promise, then retire or have a qualifying event in 2019 and continue with my LivingWell plan – do I have to fulfill the LivingWell Promise again to be eligible for a LivingWell plan in 2020?

No. Because you completed the LivingWell Promise with your first/original election of a LivingWell plan option in 2019, you are eligible for the premium discount in 2020.

If I do not fulfill my LivingWell Promise from January 1 through July 1, then retire (or have a qualifying event) after July 1, 2019, will I continue to receive the premium discount when I retire?

Yes. If you completed your LivingWell Promise the prior Plan Year, or were not required to complete the Promise, you would still receive the premium discount during the same plan year. For the next Plan year,

because the first/original election requiring the LivingWell Promise was not fulfilled, you will not be eligible for the LivingWell plan premium discount.

14. If I agree to the LivingWell Promise, am I required to participate if a nurse contacts me from one of the Anthem Personal Health Nurse Programs?

No, you are only required to complete the Go365 Health Assessment or biometric screening. However, the Personal Health Nurse Programs are free to KEHP members and provide valuable services such as personalized support for reaching healthy living goals or managing complex medical conditions.

Plan Information

1. What is a Consumer Driven Health Plan (CDHP)?

CDHPs put you, the consumer, in more control of managing your healthcare expenses. CDHPs feature lower premiums and include an employer-funded, pre-loaded Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) to help reduce your deductible and maximum out-of-pocket expenses. With a higher deductible, the employer-funded HRA, and lower co-insurance amounts, a CDHP engages members in their healthcare decisions and makes them more aware of the cost and utilization of healthcare services. Like a PPO, members in a CDHP have flexibility when choosing healthcare from in-network providers and members must pay more for healthcare from out-of-network providers. Unused dollars in the HRA can accumulate and carry over to the next plan year if a member continues to elect a CDHP. There is a \$7,500 maximum carryover amount on an HRA.

2. What is a Preferred Provider Organization plan (PPO)?

PPOs are a type of insurance plan with which most people are familiar. Usually PPOs have higher premiums, low deductibles, and require you to pay co-pays and co-insurance. The insurance plan is responsible for the remainder. In addition, PPOs allow flexibility when choosing healthcare from in-network providers, and members must pay more for healthcare from out-of-network providers.

3. What is a deductible?

A deductible is the amount you have to pay out-of-pocket before the plan begins to pay expenses. Deductibles are generally calculated per calendar year, and most plans have individual and family deductible amounts.

4. What is co-insurance?

Co-insurance refers to a shared payment between the health plan and you, described in percentages (e.g. 80%/20%).

5. What is out-of-pocket maximum?

This is the most money in a plan year that you can expect to pay for covered medical and pharmacy services.

6. What is a co-pay?

A co-pay is your portion of the cost for a health care service (e.g., you may pay \$25 per office visit or \$10 to get a prescription filled). Your insurance plan pays the difference.

Health Reimbursement Arrangements and Flexible Spending Accounts

1. What is a Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA)?

An HRA is an account that you can use to cover qualified expenses. The KEHP has multiple types of HRAs:

1. An embedded HRA is part of the CDHP plan options and is pre-funded for you to use to help cover your deductible and co-insurance expenses. The embedded HRA has a maximum carryover amount of \$7,500.
2. A Waiver General Purpose HRA and a Waiver Dental/Vision Only HRA are employer-funded and can be selected when you choose to waive your health coverage. HRA funds can carry over to the next plan year, as long as you continue to elect the same type of HRA. There is a \$6,000 maximum carryover amount on a Waiver HRA from 2019 to 2020.

Funds in the LivingWell CDHP HRA, LivingWell Basic CDHP HRA, and the Waiver General Purpose HRA can be used to pay for:

- Medical and prescription deductibles, co-payments, and co-insurance
- Certain dental fees such as cleanings, fillings, and crowns
- Orthodontic treatment
- Vision fees including contacts, eyeglasses, and laser vision correction
- Medical supplies such as wheelchairs, crutches, and walkers

NOTE: If you use your CDHP HRA funds for dental and vision expenses, these funds will not apply to your deductible and out-of-pocket maximum.

Funds in the Waiver Dental/Vision Only HRA can be used to pay for:

- Certain dental fees such as cleanings, fillings, and crowns
- Orthodontic treatment
- Vision fees including contacts, eyeglasses, and laser vision correction

NOTES:

- Retirees are not eligible for the Waiver General Purpose HRA or the Dental/Vision Only HRA.
- If you or your spouse or dependent is contributing funds to a Health Savings Account (HSA), you should consult a tax advisor prior to establishing an HRA or Healthcare Flexible Spending Account.
- Employees of employers that do not participate in KEHP's HRA program are not eligible for the Waiver HRA options.

2. What is a Healthcare Flexible Spending Account (FSA)?

A Healthcare FSA is an account funded by you to pay for healthcare services such as prescription co-payments, deductibles, and doctor's office co-payments with pre-tax money. The amount you contribute will be payroll deducted. You can use your FSA for your spouse and dependent(s) up to age 26. The 2018 limit for contributions to a Healthcare FSA is a minimum of \$120 to a maximum of \$2,650 per employee, per year. There is virtually no risk in losing your FSA money if you don't spend it all because you may carry over a minimum of \$50, up to a maximum of \$500, to the next plan year. FSA funds can be used to pay for:

- Medical and prescription co-payments and co-insurance
- Certain dental fees such as cleanings, fillings, and crowns
- Orthodontic treatment

- Vision fees including contacts, eyeglasses, and laser vision correction
- Medical supplies such as wheelchairs, crutches, and walkers

3. What is a Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account (FSA)?

A Dependent Care FSA allows you to pay for dependent care expenses such as daycare or after-school programs for dependents up to age 13. The Dependent Care FSA may also be used to pay for adult day care services for adult dependents. The maximum that you can contribute to a Dependent Care FSA per year is based on your tax filing status: \$5,000 for married, filing a joint return; \$5,000 filing as head-of-household; or \$2,500 married, filing separate returns. Make sure to contribute only as much as you will use. You can use the money only for eligible expenses paid during the current plan year. There is no carry over of unused Dependent Care FSA funds.

4. How do I receive reimbursement for my HRA or FSA account?

WageWorks offers a variety of methods to pay for and verify your eligible expenses.

- **Swipe and Go:** Use your WageWorks Healthcare Card, a convenient payment method tied to WageWorks Healthcare FSA and HRAs to make healthcare purchases at the doctor's office, pharmacy, optician, dentist, and other healthcare providers easy. You cannot use the WageWorks Healthcare Card for Dependent Care FSA reimbursement.
- **Online:** Reimbursement forms are readily available online. You can upload your receipt directly to your account. When accessing your account online, you can also setup the Pay My Provider service to pay many of your eligible healthcare and dependent care expenses directly from your spending account (similar to online banking). Go to WageWorks.com/KEHP.
- **Mobile App:** WageWorks offers a mobile app that allows you to take a picture of your claim receipt or Explanation of Benefits (EOB) and send it to your WageWorks online account. They will use the receipt to validate any receipts needing verification. The mobile app enables you to log in to your account and check your balances, submit claims, snap photos of receipts, get alerts by text or email — all on the go!
- **Fax/Mail:** You can also print the needed forms from the WageWorks website and submit via fax or mail to: Claims Administrator P.O. Box 14053, Lexington, KY 40512 Fax 877-353-9236.

5. What is substantiation?

Substantiation is required by the IRS to verify that an HRA or FSA claim is an eligible expense. If you have a health insurance plan with KEHP, as well as a Healthcare FSA, then most of your HRA or FSA expenses paid with WageWorks Healthcare Card will be verified through Anthem's medical claims system. If you choose a Waiver HRA, your primary health insurance plan is not through KEHP. You will need to keep your receipts in the event WageWorks needs to verify the expense, even if you use your WageWorks Healthcare Card. You can submit receipts and verify expenses online or use the EZ Receipts Mobile App.

6. Who is eligible for an FSA?

Employees of state agencies, schools boards, and certain quasi-agencies are eligible to elect an FSA. Contact your Insurance Coordinator or HR department for details.

Retirees are not eligible for an FSA. Employees whose employment has terminated shall cease to be a participant in the FSA. Retirees have 90 days after the end of the calendar year of the claim service date to submit reimbursement requests for expenses incurred up to their termination date.

7. Can I have an HRA and a Healthcare FSA?

Yes, you can elect both. Because HRAs are employer-funded and FSAs are employee-funded, you could choose to have both to cover your out-of-pocket expenses. For example, you elect the LivingWell CDHP, family coverage level, and have \$1,000 in an employer-funded HRA that can be used toward your deductible. You could also elect to have \$1,500 of your money added to a Healthcare FSA and use those pre-tax dollars to help meet your deductible or to pay for vision and dental expenses. If you have both, your Healthcare FSA funds will be spent first before your HRA funds.

8. How long do I have to spend FSA and/or HRA money?

FSA and/or HRA funds may only be used to pay for eligible expenses incurred during the coverage plan year. However, you have until March 31, 2020 to submit reimbursement requests for FSA and/or HRA expenses incurred during your 2019 coverage period.

Waiving Health Insurance Coverage

1. Who is eligible to elect the Waiver General Purpose HRA?

An active employee of a state agency, school board, or certain quasi-governmental agency who:

- a. is eligible for state-sponsored health insurance coverage;
- b. whose employer participates in the KEHP's HRA/FSA program;
- c. who has other group health plan coverage that provides minimum value; and
- d. who declares, in writing, that they have such other group health plan coverage.

2. Who is not eligible for the Waiver HRA?

If you are a member of an agency that does not participate in KEHP's HRA/FSA program, a retiree, or a retiree under age 65 who has gone back to work and elected coverage under the retirement system, then you are not eligible for the Waiver HRA. Also, employees who do not have other group health plan coverage are not eligible to elect a Waiver General Purpose HRA.

NOTE: If you or your spouse or dependent is contributing funds to a Health Savings Account (HSA), you should consult a tax advisor prior to establishing an HRA.

3. What is "other group health plan" coverage?

"Group health plan coverage" means coverage under a plan (including a self-insured plan) maintained by an employer (including a self-employed person), and employee organization, or labor union that provides health care for employees and their families. Group health plan coverage does not include Medicaid, KCHIP, TRICARE, Medicare, Veteran's Benefits, Peace Corp coverage, any other governmental insurance plan, student policies, state high risk pool coverage, or individual market coverage, including individual coverage purchased through the Marketplace.

4. What is "minimum value"?

A group health plan provides "minimum value" if the plan pays at least 60% of the total allowed cost of covered benefits/services and participants or members in the plan are required to pay no more than 40% of the total allowed cost of covered benefits/services.

5. How do I know if my other group health plan coverage provides minimum value?

The employer or the sponsor of the other group health plan coverage can tell you if the group health plan provides minimum value.

6. Who must be covered under the other group health plan coverage for me to be eligible for the Waiver General Purpose HRA?

If eligible to elect a Waiver General Purpose HRA, the federal guidelines related to HRAs allow you to use the Waiver General Purpose HRA to pay for qualified medical expenses for you, your spouse, and your dependents as long as you can attest that all persons covered under the Waiver General Purpose HRA have other group health insurance coverage.

7. What happens if I lose my other group health plan coverage during the year?

If an employee elects a Waiver General Purpose HRA and ceases to be covered under another group health plan that provides minimum value, the employee must notify KEHP within 35 days after the date that the other group health plan coverage ends. In this event, coverage under the Waiver General Purpose HRA will be terminated and the employee may elect a KEHP health insurance plan option or the Waiver Dental/Vision ONLY HRA. Any funds remaining in the Waiver General Purpose HRA after termination may be used to reimburse the employee for eligible expenses incurred prior to termination of the Waiver General Purpose HRA. The employee is permitted to permanently opt out of and waive future reimbursements from the Waiver HRA at least annually at open enrollment.

8. What happens if I choose a Waiver General Purpose HRA but do not have other group health plan coverage that provides minimum value?

You are not eligible for coverage under a Waiver General Purpose HRA unless you declare, in writing, that you and your spouse and dependents, if applicable, have other group health plan coverage that provides minimum value. If KEHP determines that you have made a false certification, your coverage under the Waiver General Purpose HRA will be revoked.

9. Why must the Waiver General Purpose HRA be integrated with other “group health plan” coverage?

The rules regarding the Waiver General Purpose HRA are established by the federal government. The Waiver General Purpose HRA is considered a “group health plan” but it does not comply with certain federal law requirements for group health plans. For instance, the Waiver General Purpose HRA does not provide preventive care at zero cost sharing for members. Also, the Waiver General Purpose HRA does not comply with the prohibition against annual limits as it is limited to \$2,100 per year. For these reasons, federal law requires the Waiver General Purpose HRA to be coupled, or integrated, with other “group health plan” coverage that meets all the requirements for health plans imposed by the federal government. This ensures that individuals have the necessary coverage to comply with the federal individual health insurance mandate.

10. Why isn't TRICARE considered other “group health plan” coverage?

On September 13, 2013, the US Department of Labor, the US Department of Treasury, and the US Department of Health and Human Services collectively issued guidance regarding HRAs. As indicated by the guidance, an HRA, like the Commonwealth's Waiver General Purpose HRA, must be integrated with other group health plan coverage and that coverage must provide minimum value. In order to elect the Waiver General Purpose HRA, the employee must be “actually enrolled in a group health plan that provides minimum value.” The term “group health plan” is specifically defined by federal law. With respect to a “group health plan,” the following definition applies: 26 USC 5000(b)(1) - The term “group health plan” means a plan (including a self-insured plan) of, or contributed to by, an employer (including a self-employed person) or employee organization to provide health care (directly or otherwise) to the employees, former employees, the employer, others associated or formerly associated with the employer

in a business relationship, or their families. TRICARE is a government-sponsored plan and is not an employer-sponsored or employee organization (e.g. union) – sponsored plan. As such, persons with TRICARE are not able to attest or declare that they are enrolled in a “group health plan” that provides minimum value.

11. What is the difference between a Waiver General Purpose HRA and a Waiver Dental/Vision Only HRA?

A Waiver General Purpose HRA will reimburse the employee or the employee’s dependents for certain medical expenses such as medical and prescription drug deductibles, co-payments and co-insurance, certain dental and vision services, and medical supplies. The Waiver Dental/Vision ONLY HRA will reimburse the employee or the employee’s dependents only for expenses related to vision and dental services.

12. Can I choose a Waiver Dental/Vision ONLY HRA if I do not have other group health plan coverage that provides minimum value?

Yes. You may waive KEHP health insurance coverage and choose a Waiver Dental/Vision ONLY HRA even if you do not have other group health plan coverage that provides minimum value. You are not required to sign a written declaration if you waive KEHP health insurance coverage and choose a Waiver Dental/Vision ONLY HRA.

13. Who is eligible for the Waiver Dental/Vision Only HRA?

Any active employee of a state agency, school board or certain quasi-governmental agency who is eligible for state-sponsored health insurance coverage may waive health insurance and enroll in the Waiver Dental/Vision Only HRA. Retirees who have returned to work and who are over age 65 may also waive health insurance and enroll in the Waiver Dental/Vision Only HRA.

14. Who is not eligible for the Waiver Dental/Vision Only HRA?

If you are a member of an agency that does not participate in KEHP’s HRA/FSA program, a retiree, or a retiree under age 65 who has gone back to work and elected coverage under the retirement system, then you are not eligible for the Waiver Dental/Vision Only HRA.

Tobacco Use

1. What is the non-tobacco user discount?

The Commonwealth of Kentucky is committed to fostering and promoting wellness and health in the workforce. As part of the KEHP wellness program, incentives are available for members who do not use tobacco products, including monthly premium discounts for non-tobacco users. You, the primary planholder, are eligible for the monthly non-tobacco user rates if you certify that neither you nor any other person to be covered under your plan has regularly used tobacco within the past six months. Certification of tobacco use or non-use is accomplished by reviewing the rules governing the Tobacco Use Declaration found in your Benefits Selection Guide or online at kehk.ky.gov and checking the appropriate boxes on your application for health insurance coverage through KEHP. Specifically, the questions on the Tobacco Use Declaration ask:

- a. “Within the past six months, have you used tobacco regularly?
- b. “Has your spouse, if covered under this plan, used tobacco regularly within the past 6 months?

- c. Have any children covered under this plan, age 18 or older, used tobacco regularly within the past 6 months?

2. What does “used tobacco regularly” mean?

“Regularly” means you (or a spouse or dependent 18 years of age or older) have used tobacco four or more times per week on average excluding religious or ceremonial uses.

3. What is considered tobacco?

“Tobacco” means all tobacco products including, but not limited to, cigarettes, pipes, chewing tobacco, snuff, dip, and any other tobacco products regardless of the method of use. Electronic cigarettes are not considered a form of tobacco.

4. Who is considered a dependent for the Tobacco Use Declaration?

“Dependent” means, for the purpose of the Tobacco Use Declaration, only those dependents who are 18 years of age or older and covered under your plan.

5. When can I qualify for the monthly employee insurance premium contribution discounts for non-tobacco users?

All KEHP members or prospective KEHP members have the opportunity to qualify for the monthly employee insurance premium contribution discounts for non-tobacco users upon application (new hires) for insurance coverage through KEHP and once each year at open enrollment (ongoing employees).

6. Can I change the tobacco use status during the plan year if I stop smoking?

Yes, provided all persons covered under your plan are non-tobacco users. KEHP Planholders certifying that there is a tobacco user covered under the Planholder’s insurance plan will be eligible for discounted premium contribution rates provided all persons covered under the plan stop using tobacco products regularly (four or more times per week on average) during the plan year. In order to qualify for the discounted premium contribution rates, the Planholder must sign a Tobacco Use Change Form certifying that neither the Planholder nor the Planholder’s spouse/dependent(s) regularly used tobacco products during the 6 months prior to completion of the Tobacco Use Change Form.

To the extent available, proof of completion of a tobacco cessation program or other proof of non-tobacco use will be required. The monthly discounted premium contribution rates will be applicable on the first of the month following the signature date on the Tobacco Use Change Form.

7. Do I continue to get the monthly discounted premium contribution rates for non-tobacco users if I or a spouse/dependent covered under my insurance plan begin using tobacco during the plan year?

During the plan year, KEHP Planholders must complete a Tobacco Use Change Form if the Planholder experiences any changes in the Planholder’s tobacco use or that of a spouse or dependent covered under the Planholder’s insurance plan. KEHP Planholders who certify that there are no regular tobacco users covered under the Planholder’s insurance plan are eligible for the monthly discounted premium contribution rates and are required to notify KEHP if either the Planholder or the Planholder’s spouse/dependent(s) become regular tobacco users.

8. What is the Tobacco Use Change Form?

The Tobacco Use Change Form is a form used to advise KEHP of any changes in Members' tobacco use status that occur during the plan year. A Member refers to each person covered under a KEHP insurance plan including employees and retirees and their spouses and dependents.

9. What happens if I do not accurately declare the tobacco use for persons covered under my KEHP plan?

KEHP Planholders who do not accurately declare the tobacco use for persons covered under the Planholder's insurance plan will be required to pay the difference between the tobacco-user and the non-tobacco-user premium contribution rates on a retroactive basis for the period during which the Planholder falsely certified eligibility for the non-tobacco-user monthly discounted premium contribution rates.

10. How can I get help to quit using tobacco?

KEHP has programs available to help you quit using tobacco such as the Quit Now Kentucky Line. Through these programs, KEHP Members can get over-the-counter Nicotine Replacement Therapy, without any cost for the life of the program. After the program is complete, KEHP Members can continue to receive over-the-counter Nicotine Replacement Therapy without any cost if prescribed by a physician. KEHP also offers a coaching program that will assist the Member with designing a personal plan to decrease dependency on tobacco products and manage withdrawal and cravings that accompany tobacco use cessation.

11. What are the alternative standards available for those who are unable to meet the non-tobacco use standard?

Members who request a reasonable alternative standard must complete the Go365[®] Health Assessment and enroll in a Coaching program. Through Coaching, the Member is assigned a "coach" that will assist the Member with designing a personal plan to decrease dependency on tobacco products and manage withdrawal and cravings that accompany tobacco use cessation. The coach will support the Member as they go through the steps of ceasing to use tobacco. When the Member completes their Go365[®] Health Assessment, the Member will be given a goal and will have access to the Coaching program.

Members who are unable to satisfy or have completed the Health Assessment and Health Coaching alternative standard will be required to enroll in either Quit Now Kentucky or Freedom from Smoking. Members who are unable to satisfy the Freedom From Smoking or Quit Now Kentucky alternatives must contact DEI for other reasonable alternatives such as the assignment of a personal nurse for support, advice, and information regarding smoking cessation.

To the extent feasible and to the extent the Member's physician has joined in the request for a reasonable alternative standard, KEHP will provide the Member an opportunity to comply with the recommendations of the Member's personal physician as a reasonable alternative standard to meeting the non-tobacco use standard. In any event, each Member seeking a reasonable alternative standard must complete the Go365[®] Health Assessment. KEHP will work with you (and, if you wish, with your doctor) to find a wellness program with the same monthly reward that is right for you in light of your health status.

KHRIS ESS – Online Enrollment/Employee Self-Service

1. How do I enroll through KHRIS ESS?

If you are an active employee, a TRS retiree, or a KCTCS retiree, you can go to khris.ky.gov to login and enroll in benefits.

2. What is my KHRIS User ID?

Your KHRIS User ID is a six-character identification provided to you in the KEHP Open Enrollment packet you should receive in late September. If you do not know your KHRIS ID, you can retrieve it by clicking “Forgot KHRIS User ID?” on the KHRIS login page.

3. How do I find my password?

You can go to khris.ky.gov and follow these steps:

- Click the “Forgot/Reset Password or New User” link.
- Enter your KHRIS User ID and click “Validate.” For security purposes, you must provide the following information: Last Name, Zip Code, Date of Birth, and Social Security Number. Click “Authenticate.” If your information has been validated, a new password displays. Write this down or copy it.
- Click “Return to KHRIS Logon.” Back at the main page khris.ky.gov, type your KHRIS User ID and new password.

Note: If you are an active employee who utilizes the Cross-Reference Plan Option with another active employee, the primary Planholder must enroll first and make health insurance elections for the whole family, and if desired, any optional Flexible Spending Account, dental or vision insurance coverage. Once the Primary Planholder has completed enrollment and logged out of KHRIS ESS, the Secondary Planholder, if desired, may then log in KHRIS ESS and enroll in any FSA, dental or vision optional insurance coverage.

4. I’m having trouble with KHRIS ESS after I have logged into the site, what do I need to do?

You can review the KHRIS Technical Requirements and make any necessary changes. Keep in mind these tips for accessing the Open Enrollment portion of KHRIS ESS:

Browser Versions recommended for the KHRIS portal:

Microsoft Internet Explorer version 11* or higher, including Windows Edge browser.

Chrome most versions

Safari on tablets - all versions

Safari on Mac - all versions

Android internet application on tablet - most versions **

Firefox all versions

Mobile Operating Systems recommended for the KHRIS portal:

IOS

Android later versions **

Pop-up Blockers:

Pop-up blockers MUST be TURNED OFF to use KHRIS.

Pop-up blockers prevent pop-up windows from opening. This protects you from unwanted advertising solicitations. If your pop-up blocker security settings are set to "on" some content may also be inadvertently blocked. From Internet Explorer, click Tools > slide mouse down to Pop-up Blockers > Choose Turn-off Pop-up blockers

Tablets and mobile devices vary regarding how to turn off pop-up blockers, please refer to your devices user guide.

Screen resolution:

If your resolution is below 1280 x 960, some items may not fit on the screen.

Zooming your screen to more than 100% may cause issues, therefore, it is recommended to keep your screen at 100%.

Viewing forms within KHRIS (Confirmation Statement, etc):

The most recent version of Adobe Reader should be installed to correctly view/display forms.

* Internet Explorer 11 users may need to include KHRIS.ky.gov as a trusted site. To do so, follow this path. Open Internet Explorer 11 > Click Tools > Click Internet Options > Click the Security tab > Click on Trusted Sites > Click the Sites button > Type KHRIS.ky.gov then click the Add button > Close all windows and the browser then try again.

** May experience limited KHRIS functionality.

KEHP Health and Wellness Programs

1. What is KEHP's health and wellness program?

LivingWell is KEHP's voluntary wellness program available to all persons who enroll in a KEHP health insurance plan. The program is administered according to federal rules permitting employer-sponsored wellness programs that seek to improve employee health or prevent disease. Those federal rules include the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, as applicable, among others. If you choose to participate in the wellness program, you will be asked to complete a voluntary health assessment or "HA" that asks a series of questions about your health-related activities and behaviors and whether you have or had certain medical conditions (e.g., cancer, diabetes, or heart disease). In lieu of completing an HA, you may complete a biometric screening, which will include a blood test to check your cholesterol and blood glucose levels. You are not required to complete the HA or to participate in the biometric screening or any other medical examination. However, employees who choose to participate in the LivingWell wellness program will receive an incentive in the form of discounted employee premium contributions for your health insurance coverage. Although you are not required to complete the HA or participate in the biometric screening, only employees who do so will receive the discounted health insurance premiums.

Additional incentives in the form of gift cards, consumer goods, and other prizes may be available for employees who participate in certain health-related activities such as walking challenges or quitting smoking. In addition, KEHP offers discounted, monthly employee premium contribution rates to non-tobacco users. Each KEHP member has at least one opportunity per Plan Year to qualify for the monthly premium contribution discount.

KEHP is committed to helping you achieve your best health. Incentives for participating in KEHP's LivingWell wellness program are available to all persons who enroll in a KEHP health insurance plan. If you are unable to participate in any of the health-related activities, or you think you might be unable to meet a standard to earn an incentive under the LivingWell wellness program, you may request a reasonable accommodation or an alternative standard. Contact the Department of Employee Insurance, Member Services Branch at (888) 581-8834 or (502) 564-6534 and we will work with you (and, if you wish, with your doctor) to find a wellness program with the same incentive that is right for you in light of your health status.

2. How is the information gathered through the wellness program used?

KEHP is required by law to maintain the privacy and security of your personally identifiable health information. KEHP does not collect or retain personal health or medical information through its LivingWell wellness program; however, KEHP may receive and use aggregate information that does not identify any individual in order to design programs based on health risks identified in the workplace and that are aimed at improving the health of KEHP members. KEHP will never disclose any of your personal information either publicly or to your employer, except as necessary to respond to a request from you for a reasonable accommodation needed to participate in the wellness program, or as expressly permitted by law. Medical information that personally identifies you that is provided in connection with the wellness program will not be provided to your supervisors or managers and may never be used to make decisions regarding your employment.

Your health information will not be sold, exchanged, transferred, or otherwise disclosed except to the extent permitted by law to carry out specific activities related to the wellness program. You will not be asked or required to waive the confidentiality of your health information as a condition of participating in the wellness program or receiving an incentive. Anyone who receives your information for purposes of providing you services as part of the wellness program will abide by the same confidentiality requirements. The only individuals who may receive your personally identifiable health information are persons employed by Go365 (KEHP's wellness administrator) and Anthem (KEHP's third-party medical administrator). This may include nurses in Anthem's disease management program and health coaches in Go365's health coaching program. Disclosure of your personally identifiable health information to these persons is necessary in order to provide you with services under the wellness program.

In addition, all medical information obtained through the wellness program will be maintained separate from your personnel records; information stored electronically will be encrypted; and no information you provide as part of the wellness program will be used in making any employment decision. Appropriate precautions will be taken to avoid any data breach. In the event a data breach occurs involving information you provide in connection with the wellness program, we will notify you as soon as it is feasible after discovery of the breach.

You may not be discriminated against in employment because of the medical information you provide as part of participating in the LivingWell wellness program, nor may you be subjected to retaliation if you choose not to participate.

3. What is Go365?

Go365 is KEHP's incentivized wellness program that allows you to earn points for rewards such as movie tickets, hotel stays, sports equipment and other items. Go to LivingWell.ky.gov for more details.

Affordable Care Act, Preventive Care and Other Questions

1. What is the "Marketplace"?

In an effort to give individuals access to affordable, comprehensive health insurance coverage, the ACA established the Health Benefit Exchange or the "Marketplace." The Marketplace offers one-stop-shopping for health insurance coverage. Through the Marketplace, individuals can shop, compare, and apply for coverage. They can also apply for premium tax credits that can be used to reduce the cost of coverage.

2. How can I find out more information about the Marketplace?

You can learn more about the Marketplace by reviewing the Marketplace notice at kehpn.ky.gov under "Legal Notices." You can also go to Healthcare.gov for more information.

3. Will employees eligible for coverage through KEHP be eligible for premium tax credits through the Marketplace?

No. If an employee has an offer of health coverage from their employer that meets certain affordability and minimum value standards, the employee will not be eligible for a tax credit through the Marketplace. KEHP will ensure that plan(s) available for participating groups will meet the affordability and the minimum value tests. It is likely that not all plans offered through KEHP will meet the test for every employee, but at least one plan that meets both tests will be available for every employee. No employer action is required to ensure the coverage offered through KEHP meets the affordability and minimum value tests, provided the employer does not make any changes to the employer or employee contributions established by KEHP. If an employer group participating in KEHP offers employer or employee contributions different than those established by KEHP, the employer will need to conduct its own analysis to determine if the minimum essential coverage is affordable.

4. Can I waive health insurance and buy coverage from the Marketplace?

Yes. However, if an employee has an offer of health coverage through KEHP from their employer, the employee will not be eligible for a tax credit through the Marketplace. Also, the employer premium contribution as well as the employee's premium contribution for KEHP coverage is excluded from income for Federal and State income tax purposes. Payments for coverage through the Marketplace are made on an after-tax basis.

5. What is preventive care and what is covered under the preventive care benefits?

Preventive care helps you stay healthy - it includes annual exams for children and adults, immunizations, and screenings such as mammograms and colonoscopies. In 2015, all four KEHP health plan options will provide members with extensive preventive care benefits.

Coverage for children's preventive health services will include autism screening, blood pressure screening, developmental screening, hearing and vision screening, immunization vaccines, and many other tests and screenings. For women, preventive services will include contraception, breastfeeding supplies and counseling, well-woman visits, breast cancer mammography screening, and many other tests, counseling, and screening services. For adults, preventive services include cholesterol screening, diabetes screening, depression screening, immunizations, obesity screening, diet counseling, and many other tests and preventive services.

Will I have to pay a co-payment, co-insurance, or deductible for preventive care?

No, in 2019, preventive care will be paid for under all four KEHP health plan options without any member cost sharing. That means KEHP members will be able to get preventive care without paying a co-payment, co-insurance, or a deductible for those services. To take advantage of the preventive care without cost-sharing, in-network providers must provide the preventive services.