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BeneFit for Life

Your Federal Judiciary Benefits Program provides a wide range of benefits and choices so you can create a package to “BeneFit” your individual needs.

On day one and throughout your career, being informed about your Judiciary benefits is highly important, and there are useful resources available to help you learn more, compare choices, and make decisions that truly fit your personal situation.

This booklet is designed to give you an overview of all your Federal Judiciary benefits along with a “BeneFit Checklist” and Quick Reference to help you keep track of important deadlines so you can take full advantage of your benefits right from the start… and every step along the way.

For Newly Hired Judiciary Employees—Keep in mind that the enrollment clock starts ticking on your first day of employment, and there are certain benefits that require you take action sooner rather than later.

For All Judiciary Employees—Understanding the ins and outs of your benefits and keeping track of how they are performing throughout the year is key to making the most of your benefit program.

Note: Eligibility for certain benefits depends on your appointment type. Refer to the charts on pages 4-5 or check with the Benefits Coordinator at your location for details.
Defining Benefit Eligibility for certain benefits depends on your appointment type, with a specific benefit package for law clerks and staff attorneys. Refer to the charts on these two pages for a general overview.

### Table: Eligibility for BENEFITS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type of Appointment</th>
<th>Leave &amp; Insurance</th>
<th>Social Security &amp; Medicare</th>
<th>Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHB)</th>
<th>Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP)</th>
<th>Federal Employees Group Life Insurance Program (FEGLI)</th>
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When Actually Employed - Another Type of appointment in the Judiciary is When Actually Employed (WAE), and is used when an employee has no pre-determined work schedule and works intermittently. WAE employees can serve on permanent or temporary appointments; however, regardless of the type of appointment they are on, WAE employees are generally excluded from benefits. The only exception to this rule is when an employee holds such benefits in which the employee held such benefits prior to the appointment and to which the employee was entitled to from accruing leave. Additional information regarding WAE appointments can be found in the Human Resources Manual.

#### Temporary

- **1 year or less**: NTE date less than 90 days
- **More than 1 year**: NTE date more than 1 year

#### Permanent

- No established time limit

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- If the duration of the appointment is less than 90 days, the employee will earn annual leave at the rate of one anniversary day for each tour of duty served.
- If the duration of the temporary appointment is 90 days to 1 year or less, the employee will earn sick and annual leave starting the first pay period in which a complete biweekly tour of duty is served.
- Please refer to the HR FEHB Eligibility Chart in order to determine FEHB eligibility. Coverage is dependent on employee work schedule, length of appointment, and hours worked. FEHB coverage is available to permanent, temporary, and intermittent employees who are expected to work at least 130 hours per month for at least 90 days. Eligible employees who elect an FEHB plan receive the same government premium contribution as “full-time” permanent employees.
- FEDVIP, FEGLI, Retirement, Supplemental Benefits, and TSP are available only if transferring without a break in service from a previously covered position.
- Supplemental benefits include health and dependent care reimbursement accounts, commuter benefits, the Transportation Subsidy Program, and long-term care. If the employee is eligible for these benefits, each benefit is optional. Enrollment in any one of them is not required in order to elect any other supplemental benefit.

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Note: This chart does not apply to law clerks or staff attorneys. See the Law Clerks Benefits Chart or the Staff Attorneys Benefits Chart on the JNet, Human Resources Management, under Tools for HR Professionals. You can also find these charts on the new hire CD.
### Federal Employee Health Benefits (FEHB) Eligibility Matrix

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<th>Type of Appointment</th>
<th>Work Schedule</th>
<th>Appointment NTE (or series of appointments)</th>
<th>Standard Work Hours per Week</th>
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<th>Government Contribution</th>
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¹ FEHB eligibility for permanent, intermittent positions only applies to Land Commissioners.

² Court must certify employee is expected to work 130 hours or more per month in order to be eligible for FEHB and the government premium contribution. If actual hours are reduced after certification, no proration rules will apply. Court will provide certification of hours upon completion of new hire paperwork.

³ Part Time, Temporary employees who have accumulated more than a year in service are eligible to enroll in to the FEHB program, but must pay the full premium.
**Staying Healthy**

It’s true that you can’t put a price tag on good health, and the Federal Judiciary provides benefits to help you and your family stay healthy and keep fit.

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### Health Insurance

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<th>Program Name</th>
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<tr>
<td>What It Provides</td>
<td>Comprehensive medical benefits including hospitalization, surgery, doctor’s office visits, preventive care, and prescription drugs</td>
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<tr>
<td>Who Can You Cover</td>
<td>Yourself only or yourself and eligible family members</td>
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</table>
| Health Plan Choices   | • Fee For Service (FFS)  
                         • Health Maintenance Organization (HMO)  
                         • High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP)  
                         • Consumer-Driven Health Plan (CDHP) |
| Provider Choices      | Based on the state in which you live |
| Your Cost             | You pay approximately 30% of the total premium based on the plan you choose (More if you are employed on a part time basis) |
| Find Out More         | • J-Net Benefits pages: Health Insurance  
                         • OPM website at www.opm.gov |
| Plan Comparison Tools | On the OPM website and at www.plansmartchoice.com |
| How to Enroll         | Judiciary Benefits Center website at http://judiciary.adp.com |
| Deadline              | Enroll within the first 60 days of employment |
| When is it Effective? | The first day of the first pay period following the date your election is received by the Judiciary Benefits Center |

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You can change your health, dental, and vision coverage only during annual Open Season or if you experience a qualifying life event (see page 21).

The amount you pay for health, dental, and vision benefits is withheld from your bi-weekly or monthly paycheck on a pre-tax basis.
### Dental and Vision Insurance

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<tr>
<td><strong>What Dental Insurance Provides</strong></td>
<td>Coverage for most types of dental work, including cleaning, x-rays, crowns, and, in some cases, orthodontic services for dependents under age 19</td>
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<td><strong>What Vision Insurance Provides</strong></td>
<td>Coverage for eye exams, glasses, and contact lenses</td>
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<td><strong>Who Can You Cover</strong></td>
<td>Yourself only; yourself plus one eligible family member; or, yourself and all eligible family members</td>
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<td><strong>Dental Plan Choices</strong></td>
<td>Four national plans and three regional plans</td>
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<td><strong>Vision Plan Choices</strong></td>
<td>Three national plans</td>
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<td><strong>Provider Choices</strong></td>
<td>Based on the state in which you live</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Your Cost</strong></td>
<td>You pay 100% of the premium based on the plan you choose</td>
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| **Find Out More** | • J-Net Benefits pages: Dental/Vision Insurance  
• OPM website at www.opm.gov  
• BENEFEDS website at www.benefeds.com |
| **Plan Comparison Tools** | On the OPM website and at www.plansmartchoice.com |
| **How to Enroll** | BENEFEDS website at www.benefeds.com |
| **Deadline** | Enroll within the first 60 days of employment |
| **When is it Effective?** | The first day of the first pay period following the date your election is received by BENEFEDS |

Some medical plans under the FEHB offer “buy ups” for dental and/or vision coverage—that are not part of FEDVIP—for their members, and depending on the plan, even non-members. There are also carriers outside of both FEHB and FEDVIP that sometimes offer coverage options to federal employees. Payment for coverage outside of FEHB and FEDVIP is usually made directly to these carriers and in one lump sum payment. All questions for this type of coverage are also directed to the carriers.
Federal Employees Retirement System

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<th>Program Name</th>
<th>Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS)</th>
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<td><strong>What It Is</strong></td>
<td>A retirement plan with three components—FERS Basic Benefit, Social Security, and Thrift Savings Plan (TSP)</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Coverage</strong></td>
<td>Federal civilian employees first hired after 12/31/1983 are automatically covered under FERS (see eligibility charts on pages 4 and 5)</td>
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| **What It Provides** | Upon retirement:  
• FERS Basic Benefit—a monthly annuity based on years of service and high-3 average salary  
• Social Security—a monthly benefit beginning at age 62 (or later if you choose)  
• TSP—various income withdrawal options from your account such as single payment, monthly payments, annuity purchase, or a combination of options |
| **Your Cost**         | • You contribute a percentage of your salary for retirement benefits, which is split 3 ways:  
1. FERS Basic Benefit  
   - EOD before 2013: FERS 0.8% (LEOs 1.3%)  
   - EOD after 2012: FERS-RAE 3.1% (LEOs 3.6%)  
   - EOD after 2014: FERS-FRAE 4.4% (LEOs 4.9%)  
2. Social Security: Current national percentage  
| **Key Point**         | To receive a full FERS Basic Benefit, you need to meet specific age and service requirements |
| **FERS Annuity Formula** | www.opm.gov/retire |
| **Find Out More**     | • J-Net Benefits pages: Retirement  
• OPM website at www.opm.gov |
Thrift Savings Plan

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<td>What It Is</td>
<td>A retirement savings and investment plan—similar to a 401(k)—to which you and your agency make contributions</td>
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| What It Provides | • Before-tax contributions or after tax contributions  
                      • Tax-deferred investment earnings  
                      • A diversified choice of investment options  
                      • Federal Judiciary contributions of 1% of basic annual pay, whether or not you elect to contribute  
                      • Matching contributions—dollar for dollar on the first 3% of pay you contribute and fifty cents per dollar on the next 2% |
| Your Cost | • As a new hire, you will be automatically enrolled at a contribution rate of 3%. You can elect to contribute a different percentage or a specific dollar amount up to the IRC maximum deferral limit, or waive contributions altogether. |
| Key Points | • At age 50 or older, you can elect to make catch-up contributions in addition to your regular contributions  
                      • You can change your contribution amounts and fund allocations at any time |
| Find Out More | • J-Net Benefits pages: Thrift Savings Plan  
                       • TSP website at www.tsp.gov |
| TSP Calculators | https://www.tsp.gov/planningtools/shtml |
| How to Make Elections | Make, change, or stop elections by completing Form TSP-I and submit it to your local HR representative. (Watch for electronic elections via Employee Self Service in the future.) |

“Your Retirement Lifeline” is an easy-to-use resource to help you plan for your retirement. Designed specifically for Federal Judiciary employees, it provides the information you need to get informed and organized around financial planning for retirement. The “Retirement Lifeline” is available on the J-Net Retirement Benefits page.
Protecting Against the Unexpected

For those times when life delivers the unexpected—an illness, accident, injury, etc.—there are several Judiciary benefit programs available to provide peace of mind and financial protection for you and your family.

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<th>Program Name</th>
<th>Federal Employees’ Group Life Insurance (FEGLI)</th>
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<tr>
<td>What It Provides</td>
<td>Term life insurance at group rates</td>
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<tr>
<td>Who You Can Cover</td>
<td>Yourself, your spouse, and your eligible dependent children</td>
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</table>
| Basic Life Insurance | • Coverage is provided automatically  
  • Amount is your salary rounded to the next even thousand, plus two thousand  
  • Extra benefit for employees under age 45 at no additional cost |
| Optional Life Insurance | You can elect optional insurance  
  • Standard Option A: Amount is $10,000  
  • Additional Option B: Amount is equal to one, two, three, four, or five times your annual rate of basic pay (after rounding up to the next even $1,000)  
  • Family Option C:  
    – Your spouse: Amount is 5X multiples of $5,000 up to a maximum of $25,000  
    – Your children: Amount is 5X multiples of $2,500 up to a maximum of $12,500 |
| Your Cost | • Government pays one-third the cost of basic life and you pay two-thirds  
  • You pay the full cost of optional life |
| Key Points | • You must maintain basic life to carry optional life  
  • Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) coverage is an automatic part of basic life and Option A insurance |
| Find Out More | • J-Net Benefits pages: Life Insurance  
  • OPM website at www.opm.gov |

You are automatically covered by basic life insurance on your first day of employment. You can waive this coverage at any time. After your initial enrollment period, you may only increase coverage during a qualifying life event; upon approval after having a medical examination; or in rare instances, during a life insurance open season.
### Special Circumstances

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<th>What It Provides</th>
<th>Find Out More</th>
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| **Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)**  | Up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave per year for certain family or medical reasons:  
• Birth of a son or daughter  
• Placement of a child for adoption or foster care  
• Caring for a family member with a serious health condition  
• If you suffer a serious health condition  
Paid leave may be substituted, as applicable | J-Net Human Resources pages: Employee Relations Resources |
| **Sick Leave**                            | Time off that you accrue for when you are:  
• Sick  
• Caring for a sick family member  
• Making arrangements and/or attending a funeral  
• Adopting a child | J-Net Human Resources pages: Employee Relations Resources |
| **Leave Transfer Program**                | Ability to donate your unused annual leave to an employee with an approved personal or family medical emergency; or, become the recipient of such donated leave when you experience such a circumstance | J-Net Human Resources pages: Employee Relations Resources |
| **Disability Retirement**                 | If you are eligible for retirement under CSRS or FERS and you experience a disabling condition, you can apply for disability retirement.  
• A claim for disability retirement must be filed with OPM before separation or within one year after separation  
• If approved, you receive a monthly annuity | J-Net Benefits pages: Retirement |

**Deadline**

Enroll within the first 60 days of employment
Taking the Long View

Long-term care provides the assistance you need if you can no longer perform everyday tasks. Two different insurance programs are available to help protect you against the high costs of long-term care.

Federal Judiciary Long-Term Care Insurance Program

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<th>Program Name</th>
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| What It Provides | • Program developed specifically for the Federal Judiciary  
• Two plan choices—Preferred Features Plan and FedPlus Plan  
• Administered by CNA |
| Your Cost | • You pay the entire premium for long-term care insurance, which can be payroll deducted  
• Premiums based on your age at time of application |
| Key Points | • You can apply any time—but after 90 days, you will need to complete a medical questionnaire and coverage will be subject to approval by CNA  
• Your spouse, parents, parents-in-law, grandparents, and grandparents-in-law can apply—medical questions are asked and reviewed by CNA  
• Certain medical conditions, or combinations of conditions, will prevent some people from being approved for coverage |
| Find Out More | • J-Net Benefits pages: Long Term Care Insurance  
• CNA website at www.ltcbenefits.com (password: judiciaryltc) |
| Premium Calculator | CNA website at www.ltcbenefits.com (password: judiciaryltc) |

* You can enroll at any time, but you receive guaranteed issue (no medical questions asked) if you enroll within 90 days of receiving your enrollment kit.

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Federal Judiciary Long-Term Care Insurance Program continued on next page
How to Enroll

Complete the enrollment form and submit it to CNA

Deadline

To receive guaranteed issue (no medical questions asked)—enroll within the first 90 days of receiving your enrollment kit

A point-by-point comparison chart of the various plans is available on the J-Net Benefits pages under Long Term Care Insurance.

Federal Long-Term Care Insurance Program

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<tr>
<th>Program Name</th>
<th>Federal Long-Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP)</th>
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| What It Provides | • Four pre-packaged plans plus the ability to customize a plan  
• Administered by Long Term Care Partners, a subsidiary of John Hancock |
| Your Cost | • You pay the entire premium for long-term care insurance, which can be payroll deducted  
• Premiums based on your age at time of application |
| Key Points | • Newly eligible employees can apply within 60 days with abbreviated underwriting  
• Your spouse, adult children, parents, parents-in-law, and stepparents can apply—medical underwriting is required  
• Certain medical conditions, or combinations of conditions, will prevent some people from being approved for coverage |
| Find Out More | • J-Net Benefits pages: Long Term Care Insurance  
• FLTCIP website at www.ltcfeds.com  
• 1-800-LTC-FEDS (1-800-582-3337) |
| Premium Calculator | FLTCIP website at www.ltcfeds.com |
| How to Enroll | Apply online or download an application at the FLTCIP website |
| When to Enroll | You can apply any time but will need to pass medical underwriting |

* You can enroll at any time, but you receive abbreviated medical underwriting if you enroll within the first 60 days of employment.

Long-term care expenses are not covered by traditional medical insurance plans such as FEHB.
Helping Reduce What You Pay
You can reduce the amount you pay in taxes and increase your spendable income by taking advantage of the Flexible Benefit Program, which includes the Premium Payment Plan and the Flexible Spending Account (FSA) Plan.

### Premium Payment Plan (Pre-Tax Deduction Option)

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<td>Tax savings on the amount you pay for your health, dental, and/or vision insurance</td>
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<td><strong>How It Works</strong></td>
<td>Pre-tax option—the cost of premiums is deducted from your gross pay before taxes are withheld</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Your Savings</strong></td>
<td>You do not pay federal, Social Security (FICA), and, in most cases, state or local income taxes on the amount of your premiums</td>
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<td><strong>Find Out More</strong></td>
<td>• J-Net Benefits pages: Flexible Benefit Program</td>
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<td>• Judiciary Benefits Center website at <a href="http://judiciary.adp.com">http://judiciary.adp.com</a></td>
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<td><strong>Enrollment</strong></td>
<td>Pre-tax option is automatic, unless waived in writing</td>
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### Health Care Reimbursement Account

To pay your premiums on an after-tax basis, you must elect the after-tax option within the first 60 days of employment.

**NEW!** FSA Decision Support Tool: Interactive tool available online at https://judiciary.adp.com to help guide you in making your health care elections for the Plan Year.

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<td><strong>What It Provides</strong></td>
<td>Tax savings on eligible health care expenses that are not paid through the medical, dental, and/or vision plan</td>
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<td><strong>How It Works</strong></td>
<td>• You set aside pre-tax dollars from your paycheck to pay for out-of-pocket health care expenses</td>
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<td>• You submit claims as services are incurred</td>
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<td>• Submit claims online, by fax or mail</td>
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<td>• Reimbursements are made via electronic funds transfer to the same account as your pay</td>
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Health Care Reimbursement Account continued on next page
### Health Care Reimbursement Account continued

| Your Cost | 
| --- | --- |
| • You calculate how much to contribute to the HCRA, and this amount is divided by the number of pay periods for the year | 
| • This pay-period amount is withheld on a pre-tax basis | 
| • You may elect to contribute up to $2,550 per year | 

| Your Savings | 
| --- | --- |
| You do not pay federal, Social Security (FICA), and, in most cases, state or local income taxes on your contributions to the account | 

| Key Point | 
| --- | --- |
| You have access to the total amount you elected right from the start | 

| Find Out More | 
| --- | --- |
| • J-Net Benefits pages: Flexible Benefit Program | 
| • Judiciary Benefits Center website at http://judiciary.adp.com | 

| How to Enroll | 
| --- | --- |
| Judiciary Benefits Center website at http://judiciary.adp.com | 

| Deadline | 
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| Enroll within the first 60 days of employment | 

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## Dependent Care Reimbursement Account

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<td>What It Provides</td>
<td>Tax savings on daycare expenses for eligible dependents (Children's coverage generally ends on 13th birthday)</td>
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| How It Works | 
| --- | --- |
| • You set aside pre-tax dollars from your paycheck to pay for daycare expenses | 
| • You submit claims as services are incurred | 
| • Submit claims online, by fax or mail | 
| • Reimbursements are made via electronic funds transfer to the same account as your pay | 

| Your Cost | 
| --- | --- |
| • You calculate how much to contribute to the DCRA, and this amount is divided by the number of pay periods for the year | 
| • This pay-period amount is withheld on a pre-tax basis | 
| • You may elect to contribute up to $5,000 per year ($2,500 if you are married and file separately) | 

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**60 ENROLL WITHIN FIRST 60 DAYS OF EMPLOYMENT**

Plan your contributions to Flexible Spending Accounts carefully to avoid forfeiting funds due to the “Use-it-or-Lose-it” rule.
### Professional Liability Insurance Reimbursement Program

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<td><strong>What It Provides</strong></td>
<td>Reimbursement for one-half the cost of your annual premium</td>
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<td><strong>Who Is Eligible</strong></td>
<td>• Judges&lt;br&gt;• Probation and pretrial services officers and officer assistants&lt;br&gt;• Court unit executives&lt;br&gt;• Other designated managers and supervisors</td>
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The Judiciary offers another reimbursement program, for those eligible, that provides significant savings when professional liability insurance is purchased.
Like to save money on what you spend getting to work—or parking—each day? It’s easy. Just enroll in the Commuter Benefit Program and reduce the amount you pay in taxes.

### Commuter Benefit Program

| Program Name | • Mass Transit Reimbursement Account  
| • Parking Reimbursement Account |

| What It Provides | • Tax savings on the amount you pay for eligible mass transit or vanpooling expenses  
| • Tax savings on the amount you pay for eligible expenses related to parking at or near your place of employment or where you board mass transit to commute to work |

| How It Works | • You elect the monthly amount to be withheld from your pay on a pre-tax basis up to IRC limit  
| • You submit claims as eligible expenses are incurred  
| • Reimbursements are made via electronic funds transfer to the same account as your pay |

| Your Savings | You do not pay federal, Social Security (FICA), and, in most cases, state or local income taxes on the amount you elect |

| Key Points | • The monthly amount you elect carries over month to month, year to year until you change it  
| • Any balance in your account rolls over month to month, year to year |

| Find Out More | • J-Net Benefits pages: Commuter Benefit Program  
| Judiciary Benefits Center website at http://judiciary.adp.com |

*Commuter Benefit Program continued on next page*
Transportation Subsidy Program

Many courts offer a Transportation Subsidy Program that provides—as a tax-free fringe benefit—parking and/or public transportation subsidies in addition to pay. The total tax-free benefit you can receive (Transportation Subsidy Program + Commuter Benefit Program) is limited to the IRC maximums for mass transit and parking. Check with the Benefits Coordinator at your location.
Helping with Issues Large and Small

Program Name | Employee Assistance Program (EAP) | Work/Life Services (WorkLife4You)
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**What It Provides** | • Confidential, free, reliable resource to help you and your family deal with life’s challenges  
• Free face-to-face, short term counseling by a licensed or credentialed professional for you or your family member  
• Financial and Legal Services - Free initial consultation and discounted services thereafter  
• Free identity theft assistance  
• Supervisor and Risk Management Consultation  
• Critical Incident Response | • Childcare and Parenting services: 24/7 telephonic and online support for adoption, child care, nontraditional families, and more  
• Adult Care and the Aging: Assistance for caregivers issues and concerns; Free in-home assessments and facility reviews  
• Education resources and qualified referrals for many issues, e.g., Family, Health, Wellness, Education and Life Maintenance  
• Free Worklife Kits: Be-Well Kit, Adult Care Kit, Prenatal Care Kit, Child Safety Kit, College Kit  
• Free Relocation Packages

EAP and WorkLife4You: Call toll-free 1-800-222-0364

**How It Works**
- Website www.foh4you.com  
- Website: www.WorkLife4You.gov/  
  (Registration Code: FEDJUD)

**Key Point**
- Completely confidential  
- Simplify your life

**Find Out More**
- J-NET’s Total Wellness page  
  http://jnet.ao.dcn/human-resources/benefits/total-wellness

**Coverage**
- Access for both EAP and WorkLife4You are automatic.
Finding Time to Recharge
We can all use a break from the daily demands of work to spend some time devoted to personal interests. Through government holidays and the annual leave program, Federal Judiciary employees can take the opportunity to refresh and recharge.

### Annual Leave Program

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<td><strong>What It Provides</strong></td>
<td>Paid time off that you accrue for vacations, rest and relaxation, personal business, or emergencies</td>
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| **How It Works** | • You accrue a set number of hours each pay period based on your years of service  
• Leave accrual charts for each year are on the J-Net Human Resources pages: Leave Administration |
| **Key Point** | Annual leave may be accumulated and carried over to the next leave year up to a maximum of 240 hours |
| **Find Out More** | • J-Net Human Resources pages: Employee Relations Resources |

#### Government Holidays
Government holidays also provide Judiciary employees with time off.
The 10 holidays each year are:

- New Year’s Day
- Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Birthday
- Washington’s Birthday
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Columbus Day
- Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day
Changing Your Choices

Your benefit needs can change based on any number of factors. That’s why each year you have the opportunity to make changes to help ensure your benefit program fits the needs of you and your family.

Once enrolled in certain benefits, you are able to make changes only during Open Season, or if you experience a qualifying life event.

This applies to the following benefits:
- Health Insurance (FEHB)
- Dental and Vision Insurance (FEDVIP)
- Health Care Reimbursement Account (HCRA)
- Dependent Care Reimbursement Account (DCRA)
- Federal Employees’ Group Life Insurance (FEGLI)
- Premium Payment Plan (PPP)

Changes to enrollment for a qualifying life event (QLE) can generally be made 31 days before the event and up to 60 days after. QLEs generally relate to:
- Change in family status—such as marriage; birth or adoption of a child; a child losing dependent status; separation or divorce
- Change in employment status—such as you or a family member losing benefit coverage

*Actual annual Open Season dates are announced by the Office of Personnel Management in early fall. The annual Open Season applies to FEHB, FEDVIP, HCRA, and DCRA. Open Season for FEGLI is announced by the Office of Personnel Management in rare circumstances.
Use the chart below to track the course of your Federal Judiciary benefits throughout the year... and throughout your career. Remember that benefit programs are flexible and can be adjusted to fit your needs. By keeping your benefits top-of-mind during the year, you will be better prepared to make informed decisions when the time comes to make changes.

Quick Reference

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- Health Insurance (FEHB)
- Dental and Vision Insurance (FEDVIP)
- Health Care Reimbursement Account
- Dependent Care Reimbursement Account
- Thrift Savings Plan (TSP)
- Life Insurance (FEGLI)
- Long-Term Care Insurance
- Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS)
- Employee Assistance Program (EAP)
- Work/Life Services (WorkLife4You)
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- Leave and Related Programs
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Anytime

- Thrift Savings Plan (TSP)
- Life Insurance (FEGLI)
- Long-Term Care Insurance
- If you are a FERS employee, contribute at least 5% to take full advantage of the matching contributions from the Federal Judiciary. If you are a CSRS employee, contribute to the TSP to enhance your retirement income.
- Use the TSP calculators on the website to plan and manage your account.
- Consider revisiting your life insurance needs if you are getting married, having a child, buying a home, funding college for your children, supporting aging parents, or getting close to retirement.
- Keep track of your out-of-pocket expenses. Having a clear picture of your recurring costs will allow you to make needed adjustments to your medical, dental, and/or vision coverage, as well as your health care and/or dependent care reimbursement accounts.
- Use plan comparison tools to help with your enrollment decisions.
- Be sure to make changes to your benefits from 31 days before a qualifying life event up to 60 days after.

Note: Eligibility for certain benefits depends on your appointment type. Refer to the charts on pages 4-5 or check with the Benefits Coordinator at your location for details.
Your total compensation package at the Federal Judiciary includes not only the numbers you see on your paycheck but also the “hidden value” provided by your employee benefits. These benefits can help in a variety of ways with your finances, your family and yourself, so be sure to take advantage of all they have to offer.

BeneFit Checklist for Newly Hired Employees

The enrollment deadlines for certain benefit programs are linked to your date of employment. Filling in the dates on this checklist will highlight your personal deadlines. Then it’s up to you to review the benefits listed and make enrollment decisions that fit your needs… before time runs out.

My date of employment

60 days from my date of employment

Before this date—Review my choices and enroll in:
- FEGLI: Optional Life Insurance
- FEHB: Health Insurance
- FEDVIP: Dental Insurance
- FEDVIP: Vision Insurance
- HCRA: Health Care Reimbursement Account
- DCRA: Dependent Care Reimbursement Account

90 days from my date of employment

☐ Federal Judiciary Long-Term Care Insurance Program (to receive guaranteed issue)

Anytime after my date of employment

Review my choices and make new elections for:
- TSP: Thrift Savings Plan
- Commuter Benefit Program
- Long-Term Care Insurance (medical underwriting required)

A good way to get acquainted with your benefits is by reviewing the Online Orientation Module. You can access the module via the J-Net Benefits pages.

After you enroll, check your earnings statement to make sure the deductions from your pay match the benefit elections you signed up for.