



THE BRANCH 324 BUZZ



November 2022



Open Season officially begins on November 14th and runs through December 12th, 2022.



USPS Open Season Virtual Benefits Fair

Please mark your calendars for the Open Season Virtual Benefits Fair. The fair provides an opportunity to visit health care provider booths, attend webinars and download informative materials on your personal computer or mobile device.



The Open Season Virtual Benefits Fair will have information on the following benefit programs:

- Federal Employee Health Benefits Centers
- USPS Health Benefit Plan for Pre-Career Employees
- Retirement (Programs) Planning
- CHECKBOOK's Guide to Health Plans for Federal Employees
- Thrift Savings Plan (TSP)
- Flexible Spending Accounts
- Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program
- Medicare
- Social Security
- Employee Assistance Program (EAP)
- University School Partnerships
- Employee Deals
- Benefits and Wellness representatives

The fair will be held virtually on the following dates:

November 14 th	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. EST
November 22 nd	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. EST
November 30 th	1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. EST
December 6 th	3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. EST

There will be live and on-demand presentations, live chats, and Q&A sessions with experts. Visit <https://2022uspsopenseasonbenefits.fairs.com> to register. Participation is voluntary. Non-exempt employees may only participate off the clock or during authorized breaks.



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Just a few things to remember:

◆ Health Insurance

If you like your current plan and don't want to make any changes, there is nothing you need to do.

◆ Vision / Dental through Benefeds

If you like your current plans and don't want to make any changes, there is nothing you need to do during Open Season.

◆ Flexible Spending Accounts

Be sure make any changes to your flexible spending accounts and sign up to put funds in these accounts if needed. If you don't sign up each Open Season, it will not automatically select the amount from the previous year.

These accounts can be used for health services but also daycare needs. Be sure to checkout USPS Liteblue for more details.



NALC
Health Benefit Plan



Interested in Stepping Up?

Have you thought about being more involved in your local union and filling an officer position? What about being a steward for your local office? Elections will be at the December meeting and any vacant positions will be filled by appointment. If you want to make a difference in your local union, contact NALC Branch 324 President Rick Byrne and inquire for additional details.

www.nalcbranch324.com

Are you a CCA who passed up enrolling for your insurance during your hiring process? Now is the time to sign up during open season. Don't find yourself with no coverage if you need medical attention outside of work. It's not worth the cost to you and your family.

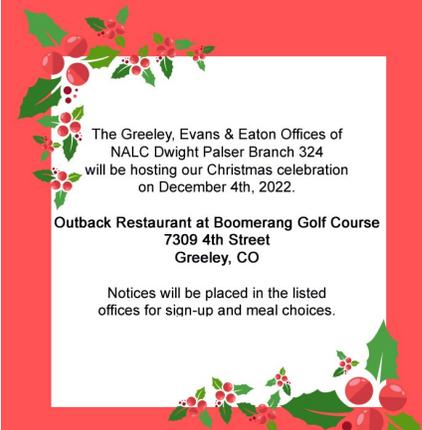
Your Share of the Premiums Per Pay Period

2022	CCA
Self Only	\$47.50
Self Plus One	\$108
Self and Family	\$153

Opportunities to Enroll or Increase Coverage

You can enroll or increase your coverage tier during the following opportunities:

- the annual Open Season
- Within 60 days of when you are hired or newly eligible for the USPSHB Plan
- Within 60 days of a Qualifying Life Event



The Greeley, Evans & Eaton Offices of NALC Dwight Palser Branch 324 will be hosting our Christmas celebration on December 4th, 2022.

Outback Restaurant at Boomerang Golf Course
7309 4th Street
Greeley, CO

Notices will be placed in the listed offices for sign-up and meal choices.

There will be a Christmas celebration for the Fort Morgan & Brush offices. The details are still being worked out and details will be sent and posted in the offices once they are finalized. The Sterling Office holds their celebration dinner after the first of