

# Benefits Newsletter

Staying in Touch with your Benefits

Do you find health benefits confusing? Don't know where to go to find your benefits information? I can help with that!!!

*Knowledge is Power!*

It's easy to get started.

Use your member ID card to create a BAM account at [bcbstx.com](http://bcbstx.com), or text **BCBSTXAPP** to **33633** to download our mobile app.\*



GISD Employees have multiple benefit resources at their fingertips available 24/7.

## Benefit Quick Tips:

[GISD Benefits Page](#) : this link takes you to the GISD website, where you can locate information regarding the current year benefits guide (medical & supplemental benefits), qualifying life events, virtual healthcare, mental healthcare resources, bereavement leave, catastrophic leave and financial wellness options

[Higginbotham](#)- my benefits HUB : this link takes you to the benefits hub (if you are an active fulltime employee) where you can locate your specific benefits information. You can log in to see what you are enrolled in, plan details, benefit premiums, claim forms, 1095c tax forms and where you go annually during open enrollment to make changes to your benefits

[Blue Access for Members](#): this link takes you to the Blue Cross Blue Shield website to register for your medical, dental & [vision portal](#) account. You can locate providers, plan specific details on what's covered/not covered, review pending/paid claims, review your deductible & out of pocket maximums, request new ID cards. There is also a mobile app available!

Did you know that annual physicals, well woman exams, mammograms, colonoscopies & endoscopies are considered **Preventative Care** and are available for \$0? (Exclusions apply if procedure is being performed to specifically diagnose a medical condition)

**Wellness Benefits**, many of the supplemental benefits such as the Cancer care plan, Critical Illness plan, the hospital indemnity plan and the Accident plan all pay YOU when you complete a Preventative Care exam. (1 per person covered, once per calendar year)

Planning an in hospital procedure? Check to see if you are enrolled in the **Hospital indemnity** plan to help with expenses.

Planning on expanding your family? Look into enrolling in the **Long Term Disability** plan & the **Hospital Indemnity** plan.

Do you have a family history of cancer? Look into enrolling in the **Cancer care** plan

Do you have a family history of other critical illnesses? Look into enrolling in the **Critical Illness** plan

# Important Contacts

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## *Important Contacts*

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### **Accident**

Chubb  
888-499-0425  
[educatorclaims@chubb.com](mailto:educatorclaims@chubb.com)

### **Cancer**

Chubb  
888-499-0425  
[educatorclaims@chubb.com](mailto:educatorclaims@chubb.com)

### **Critical Illness**

Unum  
800-445-0402  
[www.unum.com](http://www.unum.com)

### **Dental**

Blue Cross Blue Shield  
800-521-2227  
[www.bcbstx.com](http://www.bcbstx.com)

### **Educator Disability**

The Hartford  
866-547-4205  
[www.thehartford.com](http://www.thehartford.com)

### **Flexible Spending Account**

National Benefit Services  
855-399-3035  
[www.nbsbenefits.com](http://www.nbsbenefits.com)

### **Emergency Transport**

MASA  
800-643-9023  
[www.masamts.com](http://www.masamts.com)

### **Health Savings Account**

ECCU  
817-882-0800  
[www.eecu.org](http://www.eecu.org)

### **Hospital Indemnity**

Lincoln Financial Group  
800-423-2765  
[www.lfg.com](http://www.lfg.com)

### **Identity Theft**

Experian  
855-797-0052  
[www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)

### **Individual Life**

Texas Republic Life  
512-330-0099  
[www.texasrepubliclife.com](http://www.texasrepubliclife.com)

## **Life/AD&D**

**Chubb**

**972-776-6518**

**[educatorclaims@chubb.com](mailto:educatorclaims@chubb.com)**

## **Medical**

**Blue Cross Blue Shield**

**800-521-2227**

**[www.bcbstx.com](http://www.bcbstx.com)**

## **Retirement Plan**

**RAMS**

**800-943-9179**

**[www.amsretirement.com/](http://www.amsretirement.com/)**

**telewealth**

## **Vision**

**Blue Cross Blue Shield**

**800-521-2227**

**[www.bcbstx.com](http://www.bcbstx.com)**