



# PEEHIP

## Optional Insurance Plans

Dental | Cancer | Hospital Indemnity | Vision



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# OPTIONAL COVERAGES

There are four optional plans offered through the Public Education Employees' Health Insurance Program (PEEHIP). Claims administration is provided through Southland Benefit Solutions. All optional coverages must be retained for the entire plan year, (October 1 through September 30). New employees employed during the Open Enrollment period cannot enroll in the optional plan(s) on their date of employment and cancel the plans October 1 of that same year. Members enrolled in family optional plan(s) cannot change to individual optional plan(s) outside of the Open Enrollment period unless **all** dependent(s) become ineligible due to age, death or divorce.

## Dental Plan

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This plan covers diagnostic and preventative services, as well as basic and major dental services. Diagnostic and preventative services (oral examinations, cleaning of teeth, fluoride applications for insured children to age 19, space maintainers, x-rays, and emergency office visits) are covered at 100% of Alabama reasonable and customary charges and are not subject to a deductible. Routine cleaning visits are limited to two per plan year. Basic and major services (fillings, general anesthetics, oral surgery not covered under a medical benefit, periodontics, endodontics, dentures, bridgework, and crowns) for individual coverage are covered at 80% of Alabama reasonable and customary charges with no deductible, and family coverage is covered at 60% of Alabama reasonable and customary charges with a \$25 deductible per person for up to three family members.

**The dental plan administered by Southland will continue to offer a dental network program known as "DentaNet." Under the DentaNet program members have the opportunity to use network dentists and save money. However, members enrolled in the dental plan still have the freedom to use any dentist.**

**All dental services** are subject to a maximum of \$1,250 per year for individual coverage and \$1,000 per person per year for family coverage. **Dental coverage does not cover pre-existing dentures or bridgework, neither does it provide orthodontia benefits. The dental coverage does not cover the replacement of natural teeth removed before a member's coverage is effective.** This plan does not cover temporary partials, implants and temporary crowns.

## Cancer Plan

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This plan covers cancer disease only. Other diseases and accidents are not covered. Benefits are provided regardless of other insurance. Benefits are paid directly to the insured unless assigned. Coverage provides \$250 per day for the first 90 consecutive days of hospital confinement, \$500 per day thereafter. Actual surgical charges are paid up to the amounts in the surgical schedule. The lifetime maximum benefit for radiation and chemotherapy coverage is \$10,000. This benefit covers actual charges for cobalt therapy, x-ray therapy, or chemotherapy injections (excluding diagnostic tests). Benefits are also provided for hospice care, anesthesia, blood and plasma, nursing services, attending physician, prosthetic devices, and ambulance trips. Leukemia to pay a maximum of \$5,000 per year for blood and plasma.

## Hospital Indemnity Plan

This plan provides a per day benefit when the insured is confined as an in-patient in the hospital. In-hospital benefits (per day) under this plan do not cover charges for out-patient, same day surgery unless the insured is admitted on an in-patient basis and charged for a private or semi-private room, or for an observation room for a period of more than 24 continuous hours. The in-hospital benefit is \$150 per day for individual coverage and \$75 per day for family coverage. It also provides a per day benefit for intensive care (\$300/\$150), and convalescent care (\$150/\$75). In addition, there is supplemental accident coverage. **The reimbursement for accident(s) is limited to a maximum of \$1,000 per plan per year for each covered individual.**

Inclusive in the \$1,000 maximum benefit, per covered individual per plan year, are covered charges due to, or for, treatment of accidental injury by adjustment or manipulation of the spine or soft tissues.

- a. \$25 per visit
- b. Two visits in any seven consecutive days (all accidental injuries and qualified practitioners combined):
- c. Thirty visits per plan year (all accidental injuries and practitioners combined).

In-hospital benefits are limited to 365 days. Convalescent care benefits are limited to a lifetime benefit of 90 days. This plan does not cover assisted living facilities. Cancer and maternity admissions are covered as any other illness.

Ambulance benefits are limited to \$100 per trip to or from a hospital where the insured is confined as an in-patient. There is no lifetime maximum.

Benefits for treatment of mental or nervous disorders and alcoholism and/or drug addiction treatment are limited to a maximum of 14 days confinement in a hospital as an in-patient per plan year. Alcoholism and/or drug addiction treatment is further limited to a maximum of one admission of not more than 14 days confinement as an in-patient per plan year. This benefit is further limited to a lifetime maximum of two admissions of not more than 14 days per admission for the treatment of substance abuse.

## Vision Care Plan

This plan provides coverage for one examination in any plan year (actual charges up to \$40), one new prescription or replacement prescription for lenses per plan year (up to \$50 for single vision, \$75 for bifocals, \$100 for trifocals), one new prescription or replacement of contacts per plan year (up to \$100 for contact lenses), and one new or replacement set of frames per plan year (up to \$60). The policy will pay for either glasses or contacts, but not both in any plan year. The PEEHIP Vision Care Plan is not a network plan; therefore, members are able to utilize any eyecare professional and receive the same level of benefits.

## **IMPORTANT**

This is a Summary of Benefits.

Members should refer to the PEEHIP booklet for detailed information and limitations.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

**Plan Administrator:** The Plan Administrator for the optional plans is Southland Benefit Solutions - PO Box 1250 Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35403. (1-800-476-0677) “**PLAN YEAR**” means a period which begins October 1st through the next September 30th. This applies to all plans.

**Coordination of Benefits:** The Hospital Indemnity and Cancer Supplemental plans do not have a coordination of benefits provision. However, benefits are coordinated under the Dental and Vision plans. PEEHIP dental benefits will be secondary to all other dental coverages available to a claimant. If an enrolled member is covered under more than one group plan or is entitled to any other source, the total amount that is payable under all plans will not be more than 100% of the maximum allowable expenses.

Hospital Indemnity, Cancer, Dental and Vision excludes expenses for which the individual is not required to make payment, including but not limited to, reductions or readjustments to the charges made by the health care provider.

**Insurance Commences:** Insurance commences upon the application and final approval by the administrative staff of the Public Education Employees’ Health Insurance Program.

**I.D. Card:** Southland Benefit Solutions will provide as quickly after enrollment as possible.

**Claim Forms:** Claim forms can be downloaded from our website, [www.southlandpeehip.com](http://www.southlandpeehip.com).

**PAYMENT AND CLAIM FILING LIMITATION:** All claims must be submitted in writing and must be received by the Plan Administrator no later than 365 days following the date covered expenses are incurred. If a claim is not submitted and received by the Plan Administrator within this period, the claim for that benefit will not be paid.

**Website Address:** [www.southlandpeehip.com](http://www.southlandpeehip.com)

## WHY YOU SHOULD USE THE “DENTANET” NETWORK OF DENTISTS...

DentaNet, the dental network provided by Southland Benefit Solutions, offers PEEHIP members and their families the largest independent statewide network of preferred dentists. Although members can choose any dentist they like, using a DentaNet dentist saves PEEHIP members money.

DentaNet dentists do not balance bill PEEHIP members the difference between the DentaNet negotiated fee schedule and what they normally charge. Additionally, services that require a co-pay are also based on the DentaNet negotiated fee schedule...so PEEHIP members will save all the way around.

Visit [www.southlandpeehip.com](http://www.southlandpeehip.com)  
to find a network dentist near you and start saving today.

Note: In order to obtain the DentaNet network savings described above, you must have PEEHIP Dental Plan Coverage.