



**Make the most of your
State of Rhode Island
Anchor medical plan benefits**



Your State of Rhode Island Anchor medical plan benefits include programs and services to help you feel your best, physically and emotionally. This guide outlines your three plan options and highlights resources that are available to you regardless of which plan you select.

Understanding your health plan options

You can select **Anchor**, **Anchor Plus**, or **Anchor Choice with HSA**. All three plans:

- ✓ Cover the same medical services.
- ✓ Cover preventive care at 100% without having to meet a deductible when you visit an in-network provider.
- ✓ Use the same extensive Blue Cross Blue Shield national network.
- ✓ Require you to pay 10% of the cost (your coinsurance) for covered medical expenses when you visit a network provider, after you've met your deductible.

The main differences among the plans are the **co-share** (or premium) and **deductible** (your out-of-pocket cost) and whether the plan includes a health savings account (HSA).*



For more information about your medical benefits and the programs featured here, please visit employeebenefits.ri.gov.

Anchor



has a lower co-share and higher deductible than Anchor Plus.

There is no HSA.

Anchor Plus



has a higher co-share than Anchor but a lower deductible.

There is no HSA.

Anchor Choice with HSA



has the lowest co-share and the highest deductible of the three plans.

Plus, you get a tax-advantaged HSA.

*In some cases, State employees will be required to select a primary care provider (PCP) as part of their specific health plan design.

Anchor Choice with HSA

A health plan with something extra

This medical plan offers the same level of benefits as Anchor and Anchor Plus, along with the opportunity to open a health savings account (HSA). An HSA offers some very compelling benefits:

- ✓ You can use HSA funds to pay for deductibles, copays, coinsurance, and other qualified out-of-pocket expenses now, or you can save the money and use it for qualified medical expenses anytime in the future, including retirement.
- ✓ You can make tax-free payroll deduction contributions to your HSA up to the IRS annual limit.
- ✓ Once your HSA balance reaches \$1,000, you can invest your funds, which means even more potential for earnings.
- ✓ All HSA funds are yours to keep, even if you leave State employment or retire.
- ✓ HSAs offer three distinct tax savings opportunities:
 - The contributions you make to your HSA aren't taxed—and they help reduce your taxable income.
 - You're not taxed on HSA withdrawals for qualified healthcare expenses.
 - You earn tax-free interest on your HSA balance and any investment earnings.
- ✓ The State will make an annual contribution to your account (half in January and half in July),** which increases your spending and saving power. The 2027 annual contributions will be:
 - **\$1,750** for individual plans
 - **\$3,500** for family plans

This total contribution will cover the entire annual deductible for your Anchor Choice with HSA plan or can be saved for the future.



**Contributions are made biannually with half deposited in January and the other half deposited in July. The State's HSA contributions are not pro-rated for employees who enroll after those dates.



See what you could save

This example shows the difference in spendable income for an individual who contributes to an HSA and uses it to pay for qualified healthcare expenses.

	NO HSA CONTRIBUTION	WITH HSA CONTRIBUTION
Salary	\$50,000	\$50,000
Contribution	—	\$3,850
Taxable Income	\$50,000	\$46,150
Taxes	\$14,000	\$13,034
Healthcare Expenses	\$3,450	\$3,450
Spendable Income	\$32,550	\$33,116
Remaining Account Balance	—	\$400

NOTE: For illustrative purposes. Your tax situation may be different. Consult a tax advisor.


\$966
in savings, with money
to spare in your HSA!



Healthcare support that's built around you

BlueCare Connect integrates your available Anchor medical plan benefits—plan information, health programs, even your HSA if you have one—and makes them accessible through an online member portal and mobile app. Everything is personalized to your health needs, including timely care reminders and health and well-being tips.

You can chat person to person with a Care Guide if you have questions about coverage, claims, or open enrollment, or if you need help locating a doctor and scheduling an appointment. Registered nurses and health coaches are available as well, along with BCBSRI Care Management.



You can still call the **State of Rhode Island Employee CARE Center**. It's part of BlueCare Connect, so you'll enjoy the friendly service and personal assistance you've come to expect—plus so much more.

How to get started with BlueCare Connect

Register your member account at **BlueCareConnectRI.com**.

Download the BlueCare Connect app for added convenience. (Look for RI in the app name.)

Go to **BlueCareConnectRI.com** or use the app to log in to BlueCare Connect anytime.

How to reach the State of Rhode Island Employee CARE Center

Call **(401) 429-2104** or **1-866-987-3705**

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Your health and wellness program

It pays to get healthy

Your State of Rhode Island Anchor medical plan offers programs and services to help you feel your best, physically and emotionally. Read on to learn more about available resources.



Annual Preventive Exam Incentive

Receive an annual preventive exam in 2027 and earn \$250 in credit toward your co-shares. Earn an additional \$250 in credit toward your co-shares if your spouse or domestic partner receives an annual preventive exam in 2027.¹ The credits will be automatically applied to your bi-weekly medical plan premium (your co-share) on five consecutive pay days during the second half of 2028.² Qualifying exams are an annual physical exam, annual gynecological exam, or prenatal obstetric exam.



Rewards for Wellness 2027–2028

This unique program makes it easier to get the care you need—and rewards you for doing it. As a State employee, you can earn up to \$500 in wellness credits by participating in a variety of activities of your choosing.³ Here's a look at how much you can earn:

- For members of the Anchor Plus and Anchor Choice with HSA plan – **Up to \$500 in wellness credits**
- For members of the Anchor plan– **Up to \$700 in wellness credits**⁴

The credits are automatically applied to your bi-weekly medical plan premium (your co-share) on 10 select pay days during the first half of 2028.⁵

Earn wellness credits through your BlueCare Connect account

As part of Rewards for Wellness, you can complete activities through BlueCare Connect and earn wellness credits—up to \$400 per year, plus an additional \$75 for completing the health assessment. These credits will be applied automatically to your bi-weekly medical plan premium (your co-share) in 2028.⁶

Visit employeebenefits.ri.gov/employee-wellness in late December for more details on Rewards for Wellness.

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The 2027-2028 Rewards for Wellness brochure will be mailed to your home in late December.

^{1,2} To receive \$250 in credits for a spouse's annual preventive exam, the spouse must have been covered as a dependent on the employee's family plan both when they received a qualifying annual preventive exam and when the incentives are paid out.

^{3,6} Only active State of Rhode Island employees who are paying State medical co-share premium payments at the time of the incentive payout(s) are eligible to receive co-share credit incentives. Please note the following groups are eligible to earn the \$500 incentive but are not eligible to earn the \$700 incentive: certain University of Rhode Island non-classified unions.

More program details are available at employeebenefits.ri.gov/wellness and from your Wellness Champion.

Enjoy online fitness benefits with Wellbeats

Wellbeats is an on-demand program that includes more than 1,000 fitness, nutrition, and mindfulness classes for every age, interest, and ability. You can receive personalized recommendations and workout plans, track your progress, find new recipes, and more.

You can earn points through BlueCare Connect for participating. Complete four Wellbeats classes—or 80 total minutes of Wellbeats class time per quarter—and earn \$25 per quarter.

How to get started with Wellbeats

1. **Log** in to your BlueCare Connect account.
2. **Click** Benefits.
3. **Click** All Benefits.
4. **Select** Wellbeats.
5. **Create** a quick member profile.



DID YOU KNOW?

Wellbeats classes are included with your State of Rhode Island medical coverage, so there's no additional cost for you to enjoy them.



Chronic condition management support

BCBSRI Care Management Programs*

A chronic health condition can feel overwhelming at times. Consider a care management program. The BCBSRI team of nurses, pharmacists, dietitians, and other care specialists can help you:

- Understand your condition
- Learn how to manage it as effectively as possible
- Use available tools and resources
- Work with your doctor and other care team members

Programs include support for asthma, diabetes, high blood pressure, congestive heart failure (CHF), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), obesity, and behavioral health concerns.

How to get started with BCBSRI Care Management Programs

Contact the **State of Rhode Island Employee CARE Center** at **(401) 429-2104** or **1-866-987-3705** and ask to speak with a BCBSRI care manager.

Teladoc Health: online support for managing diabetes and hypertension*

Teladoc Health combines advanced technology with digital coaching to support individuals with diabetes and/or hypertension. It's self-managed and does not replace physician-directed medical care. The program includes:

- **Connected devices** – Depending on your health goals, you could receive a free blood glucose meter, blood pressure monitor, and/or smart scale. The devices can send readings to your private account on an easy-to-use app.
- **Support when you need it** – Expert coaches are available to answer questions on nutrition, medications, or anything else related to your health.
- **Digital behavioral health support** – Get 24/7 access to practical tips and techniques that can help you better manage stress, sleep, anxiety, depression, and more.



How to get started with Teladoc Health

Visit **employeebenefits.ri.gov** for more details or call the **State of Rhode Island Employee CARE Center** at **(401) 429-2104** or **1-866-987-3705** to learn how you may qualify.

*Both BCBSRI care management services and the Teladoc Health program are available at no added cost to Anchor medical plan enrollees who meet specific health criteria. Teladoc Health is an independent company contracted by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island (BCBSRI) to provide chronic condition management and other health benefit programs.

Virtual care solutions

Hinge Health: online support for muscle or joint pain

Musculoskeletal (MSK) pain—whether it's your back, knees, hip, or something else—can make everyday activities challenging. Hinge Health is a virtual MSK care solution that offers personalized programs to help you overcome your pain. It is not intended to replace in-person physical therapy. It's an optional program that can supplement your existing physical therapy treatment if you have one, or provide you with physical therapy support if you are not already getting it.

You don't need a referral and there is no cost to you as the member. Everything is managed through an easy-to-use app. Hinge Health includes:



A personalized program – Developed by a physical therapist, your program includes exercises and stretches tailored to your needs, goals, and ability.

A care team – You meet virtually each month with your physical therapist. They demonstrate the exercises, review your form, and suggest modifications if needed. Health coaches are also available.

Anytime, anywhere convenience – Complete your exercises whenever and wherever you like. Most sessions only take about 15 minutes (3x per week is recommended), so they can easily fit into your busy life.

How to get started with Hinge Health

Visit employeebenefits.ri.gov for more details or contact the **State of Rhode Island Employee CARE Center** at **(401) 429-2104** or **1-866-987-3705**.

Hinge Health is an independent company that has contracted directly with Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island to provide musculoskeletal services for eligible BCBSRI members. Hinge Health is not available to the following groups: certain University of Rhode Island non-classified unions.

BCBSRI Doctors Online

When seeing a doctor in-person isn't an option, use BCBSRI Doctors Online. You can video-chat with a healthcare professional about routine, non-emergency medical issues 24/7 from almost anywhere. You can even schedule appointments with a licensed therapist or psychiatrist for non-emergency behavioral health issues.

How to get started with Doctors Online

Log in to your BlueCare Connect member account and select Doctors Online. Follow the registration steps.



Doctors Online is a telemedicine service provided by American Well®, an independent company that administers Doctors Online on behalf of Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island (BCBSRI).



Help with life's challenges

Carelon Wellbeing Employee Assistance Program

Your employee assistance program (EAP) provides 24/7 support for many of life's most significant challenges, including:

- Marital and family concerns
- Managing anxiety and depression
- Child and elder care issues
- Substance use concerns
- Stress management
- Financial planning and legal issues

Services include counseling, professional referrals, and online tools and resources. All state and federal privacy laws are observed, and there is no added cost for services.

The EAP is available to you, your dependents, and all members of your household—even those who are not enrolled in your State Anchor medical plan. Each eligible individual receives up to eight visits per year per issue.

How to get started with Carelon Wellbeing

1. Visit the Carelon Wellbeing website specifically for State of Rhode Island employees at: **carelonwellbeing.com/stateofrhodeisland**
2. Call the **State of Rhode Island Employee CARE Center** at **(401) 429-2104** or **1-866-987-3705**, option 2, to reach a Carelon Wellbeing representative

Carelon Wellbeing is an employee assistance program provided by Carelon Behavioral Health, an independent company that administers Carelon Wellbeing on behalf of Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island (BCBSRI).

Mental health support

Mental health refers to our overall emotional, psychological, and social well-being. BCBSRI and its network of providers can help with many mental health concerns, including anxiety disorders, depression, eating disorders, and substance use disorder.



Your primary care provider

Your Anchor medical plan does not require you to get a referral for outpatient counseling and medication services. However, if you or someone you care for may benefit from psychotherapy or another form of mental health and/or substance use disorder treatment, the best place to start is with a primary care provider (PCP). Discuss symptoms with your PCP and ask for a recommendation.

Care management

Independently licensed mental health and substance use disorder professionals work with individuals and coordinate care with your team of providers to get you access to the resources and services you need.

They also review any medications you are taking and make sure you understand what they are for and how to take them. Call **1-844-427-2205** to get started.

Doctors Online

Licensed therapists and psychiatrists are available by appointment through Doctors Online. See page 9 for details on how to create an account with Doctors Online.

BH Link

To reach this 24/7 crisis intervention service, call **(401) 414-LINK (5465)** or visit the 24/7 Triage Center at 975 Waterman Avenue in East Providence.

Kids' Link RI

24/7 crisis line to connect children and youth to care and resources. Call **1-855-543-5465**.

How to find a program/provider

Call the **State of Rhode Island Employee CARE Center** at **(401) 429-2104** or **1-866-987-3705** if you need help locating a program or provider.



Blue365 – Healthy living for less

Find member-only savings on everything from fitness gear and apparel to meal services and personal care. New offers are added regularly, and there's no limit to how many you can redeem. Visit **blue365deals.com** to get started.

Rhode Ahead – your online health and wellness resource

From healthcare basics to exercise tips to delicious recipes, the Rhode Ahead is filled with helpful advice and smart ideas to help you feel your best. You'll find it at **rhodeahead.com/sori**.

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