

2026 BENEFITS & WELLBEING SUMMARY

for UAB Postdoctoral Employees (21)



Healthcare Plans

As a postdoctoral employee, coverage under UAB's group medical, dental or vision plans begins on the date of employment. Postdoctoral employees who wish to enroll in UAB's healthcare plans may do so within 31 days of hire date or a qualifying life event. If you do not enroll during this time, you will be unable to join until the annual open enrollment period.

MEDICAL PLAN

Viva Health is the medical plan offered to postdoctoral employees. Effective January 1, 2025, postdoctoral employees will be required to pay a portion of their healthcare cost. A tobacco surcharge of \$50 will be deducted monthly for those who declare themselves tobacco users.

2026 MONTHLY MEDICAL PLAN DEDUCTIONS		
HEALTHCARE PLAN	SINGLE	FAMILY
Viva Health	\$95.44	\$300.49

DENTAL PLANS

UAB offers postdoctoral employees a choice of Basic or Comprehensive coverage, provided by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Alabama (BCBS). Under the Basic plan, preventive and diagnostic services are covered at 90 percent of usual, customary and reasonable (UCR) charges. Basic services are covered at 90 percent of UCR, subject to a \$25 deductible. In addition to the Basic dental benefits, the Comprehensive plan covers major services at 60 percent of UCR subject to the deductible. Orthodontic services are covered at 50 percent of UCR up to a \$1,000 per patient lifetime maximum.

VISION PLANS

The Vision Service Plan (VSP) plans offer coverage for routine eye exams, lenses and frames, contacts, and discounts for LASIK eye surgery. The Basic vision plan includes new replacement frames every other calendar year. The Premier vision plan includes new replacement frames every year. Both plans offer in-network and out-of-network coverage. UAB Eye Care, the University Optometric Group (private faculty practice group at UAB) and the UAB Department of Ophthalmology — Ophthalmology Services Foundation all participate in the VSP network.

2026 MONTHLY DENTAL/VISION PLAN DEDUCTIONS				
HEALTHCARE PLAN		EMPLOYEE	EMPLOYEE + CHILD(REN)	FAMILY
Dental Plans	BCBS Basic	\$18.78	\$32.17	\$44.38
	BCBS Comprehensive	\$35.74	\$61.12	\$86.10
Vision Plans	VSP Basic	\$5.68	\$10.74	\$18.05
	VSP Premier	\$9.96	\$15.50	\$32.43



Premium Assistance

UAB provides premium assistance to eligible active employees by giving a medical premium discount based on family size and total combined household income. To apply for this discount, active employees must submit the Premium Assistance Application and furnish acceptable proof of total annual household income based on their most recently filed Federal Income Tax Return. Application deadline is 60 days from January 1 each plan year, or 60 days from the effective date of enrollment in a medical plan for newly eligible employees. The amount of the discount provided is equal to the lowest cost single plan employee medical premium offered. Employee's regular medical premium will remain tax-sheltered.

2026 UAB MEDICAL PREMIUM ASSISTANCE (2 times federal poverty level)								
Total Family Size as reported on Federal Tax Return	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Annual Household Income as reported on Federal Tax Return	\$31,300	\$42,300	\$53,300	\$64,300	\$75,300	\$86,300	\$97,300	\$108,300

Voluntary Retirement Programs

403(B) PLAN

The 403(b) plan offered by TIAA is a voluntary, defined-contribution, tax-deferred as well as Roth after-tax plan governed by the Internal Revenue Code 403(b). Vesting in the 403(b) plan is immediate. The University matches the individual's contributions up to 5 percent of gross monthly pay not to exceed the IRS 401(a) annual compensation limit.

457(B) PLAN

UAB also offers a voluntary, defined-contribution, tax deferred as well as Roth after-tax plan governed by Internal Revenue Code 457(b). Similar to the 403(b) plan, the 457(b) plan offered by TIAA includes the same expanded investment options, convenient payroll deductions. There are no University matching contributions under this plan.



More information about benefit plan options can be found online in the UAB for Me Benefits Portal at uab.edu/hrintouch, or by contacting the UAB Benefits Department by email at benefits@uab.edu or by calling **205-934-3458**.

Voluntary Supplemental Plans

ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Accident protection is offered to employees and family members through both a Low and High plan option through AFLAC. AFLAC provides supplemental financial support to cover out-of-pocket expenses for items incurred as the result of a non-work related accident. Examples include ambulance, concussion, traumatic brain injury, coma, burns, emergency dental work and fractures.

2026 MONTHLY ACCIDENT INSURANCE DEDUCTIONS			
SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN	EMPLOYEE	EMPLOYEE + CHILD(REN)	FAMILY
AFLAC Group Accident — Low	\$5.08	\$10.65	\$14.19
AFLAC Group Accident — High	\$10.13	\$21.24	\$28.31

CRITICAL ILLNESS INSURANCE

Critical illness protection offered to employees and family members through AFLAC provides a lump-sum cash benefit to help cover medical bills and other expenses if you are diagnosed with a covered critical illness. Examples include heart attack, stroke, kidney failure, cancer, COPD, advanced Alzheimer's, advanced Parkinson's, ALS, multiple sclerosis, and Crohn's disease. AFLAC Critical Illness Insurance offers coverage amounts up to \$30,000 for UAB employees, up to \$15,000 for spouses, and up to \$15,000 for dependent children. **Premiums are based on employee age, tobacco use and coverage amount.**

IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION

Allstate Identity Protection Pro Plus is a comprehensive identity theft protection program offered to employees and family members with a Social Security number. Allstate Identity Protection Pro Plus provides identity theft and credit monitoring services featuring a 24/7 U.S. based customer care center, dark web, financial activity monitoring, social media monitoring, lost wallet, credit alerts and credit lock. Mobile app available.

2026 MONTHLY ID THEFT PROTECTION DEDUCTIONS		
SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN	EMPLOYEE ONLY	EMPLOYEE + FAMILY
Identity Theft Protection	\$9.95	\$17.95

PET BENEFIT SOLUTIONS

Pet Benefit Solutions total pet plan provides a veterinary discount plan and a prescription savings plan to participants with single or multiple pets. Also included is access to a pet help line staffed by veterinary experts and a lost pet recovery service for cats and dogs.

■ Pet Assure Veterinary Discount Plan

Pet Assure is a discount plan that can provide 25 percent savings on in-house medical services when using network veterinarians. Eligible services range from well visits and immunizations to dental cleaning or emergency or surgical care. Because Pet Assure is not insurance, there are no forms to fill out, no waiting for reimbursements and no denials of coverage — even pets with pre-existing conditions are accepted — and no age limits apply. See a list of Birmingham-area participating veterinarians online.

■ PetPlus Prescription Savings Plan

Receive members-only pricing on brand-name scripts, flea/tick products, vitamins/supplements, heartworm preventatives and prescription food.

2026 MONTHLY PET BENEFIT SOLUTIONS DEDUCTIONS		
SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN	SINGLE PET	UNLIMITED PETS
Pet Benefit Solutions	\$11.75	\$18.50

Life, Accidental Death/Dismemberment & Disability

LIFE INSURANCE

■ Sponsored Life Insurance

Sponsored group term life insurance is provided at no cost to the eligible employee; coverage varies with salary as indicated below.

ANNUAL SALARY	COVERAGE
up to \$23,999	\$30,000
\$24,000 to \$29,999	\$37,500
\$30,000 to \$39,999	\$50,000
\$40,000 and above	125% of Salary with Maximum Insurance Coverage of \$300,000

■ Voluntary Life Insurance

Rates for voluntary life insurance through the Standard vary based on age. The maximum employee coverage is up to five times your basic annual earnings, or in \$50,000 increments to a maximum of the lesser of five times basic annual earnings or \$1.4 million. Guaranteed issue is the lesser of three times your basic annual earnings or \$500,000; must be elected during the first 60 days of employment without evidence of insurability.

The spouse life coverage and guaranteed issue is elected by you in multiples of \$10,000 up to \$150,000 not to exceed 100 percent of employee coverage. Guaranteed issue of \$30,000 must be elected during the first 60 days of employment without evidence of insurability. The guaranteed issue for unmarried children is \$10,000 for children from live birth until age 26. Employee coverage is required for spouse and unmarried children issue.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH & DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE

■ Sponsored AD&D

Sponsored AD&D insurance through the Standard is provided at no cost to the eligible employee — \$22,500 for accidental death; dismemberment coverage varies.

■ Voluntary AD&D

Rates for voluntary AD&D rates through the Standard vary based on coverage level. Maximum coverage is the lesser of 10 times your basic annual earnings or \$500,000. Employee must enroll within 31 days from date of hire, qualifying life event, or during the annual open enrollment period.

DISABILITY INSURANCE

■ Long-Term Disability Insurance, Sponsored

Sponsored long-term disability insurance through the Standard is provided at no cost to the employee. After a 90-day waiting period, 66 2/3 percent monthly salary (not to exceed \$10,000 per month) for the first 90 days of disability; after 90 days, 60 percent monthly salary (not to exceed \$10,000 per month).

■ Short-Term Disability Insurance, Voluntary

Voluntary short-term disability insurance through the Standard pays 60 percent of your current salary (up to a maximum of \$3,500 per week) if you become temporarily disabled and unable to work for a short period of time due to illness, pregnancy or accident. Rates for voluntary short-term disability insurance vary based on salary and age using this formula: **Weekly Earnings (not to exceed \$5,833) x 0.60 x Your STD Premium Rate (see chart below) / 10 = Estimated Monthly Premium.**

SHORT-TERM DISABILITY PREMIUM RATE						
AGE	<55	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75+
OPTION 1 (14-day waiting period)	\$0.198	\$0.264	\$0.319	\$0.341	\$0.385	\$0.429
OPTION 2 (29-day waiting period)	\$0.143	\$0.187	\$0.231	\$0.253	\$0.286	\$0.308

Paid Time Off

VACATION TIME

All postdoctoral employees are eligible for 10 paid working days per year. Vacation days do not accrue and cannot be carried over from year to year. All requests for vacation leave should be made in writing and must be approved by the direct supervisor. Postdoctoral scholars and their supervisors are responsible for maintaining appropriate records.

SICK LEAVE

Sick leave is provided by UAB for the income protection of employees when they must take time away from work for medical reasons. Postdoctoral employees accrue sick leave at the rate of 10 paid working days per year. Sick leave should not be used as vacation. Sick days do not accrue and cannot be carried over from year to year.

MATERNITY/PATERNITY LEAVE

Postdoctoral employees are eligible for 22 paid successive working days immediately following or just prior to birth or adoption of a child. If both spouses are employed as postdoctoral fellows, each one is eligible for a consecutive term of maternity/paternity leave. Additional, non-paid leave, following the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act, must be requested and approved by the supervisor. Review the complete and current postdoctoral leave policy online at uab.edu/postdocs.



Educational Assistance for Employees & Families

Educational assistance benefits are available to eligible UAB employees and their spouses and/or dependent children. A brief summary of each benefit is outlined below. Eligible coursework must be taken at UAB for UAB academic credit and is subject to grade point average requirements. See the full policy and certification requirement under Section 319 of the UAB Policies and Procedures Library.

PROVIDED TO	AVAILABLE	BENEFIT
UAB employees	After six months full-time regular employment	100% in-state tuition for all undergraduate, graduate and professional program courses at UAB
Unmarried dependent children and children of sponsored adults of UAB employees (up to age 26)	Employee must be full-time regular status and have one year of continuous service*	50% in-state tuition assistance for all undergraduate credit courses at UAB (limited to 50% even if both parents are full-time UAB employees)
Spouses and sponsored adults of UAB employees	Employee must be full-time regular status and have one year of continuous service*	50% in-state tuition assistance for undergraduate credit courses at UAB up to 18 semester hours
Unmarried dependent children and children of sponsored adults of UAB retirees (up to age 26)	Employee must have been in full-time regular status at time of retirement	50% in-state tuition assistance for all undergraduate credit courses at UAB

Waiting period is waived for children and spouses of full-time regular faculty members.



Health & Wellbeing

UAB EMPLOYEE WELLNESS

UAB Employee Wellness provides resources and opportunities to help employees live well — from a dynamic schedule of wellness programs and initiatives to online and on-campus tools, classes and screenings that make it easy to make healthy choices in the workplace. Available services include...

- **My Health Rewards** is a no cost, voluntary program that rewards eligible employees for participating in healthy behaviors such as completing age/gender specific screenings, participating in care-management programs, logging physical activity and more. Participants can earn up to \$350 a year. uab.edu/myhealthrewards
- **Wellscreens**, a free biometric health screening, is offered annually to eligible employees. The 15-minute screening measures blood pressure, total cholesterol, LDL cholesterol, HDL cholesterol, blood sugar, BMI, triglycerides and cholesterol ratio/cardiac risk. uab.edu/wellscreens

UAB EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE & COUNSELING CENTER

The UAB Employee Assistance & Counseling Center (EACC) offers free, confidential support services designed to help identify, understand and resolve work-related and personal issues and maintain a successful work/life balance. The EACC offers up to 12 free counseling sessions per year to eligible employees and members of their immediate household; individual, couples and family counseling are available. Additional services include...

- Financial counseling
- Life coaching
- Tobacco cessation
- Art therapy
- Play therapy
- Alcohol and drug abuse aftercare
- Eldercare services
- EMDR
- Critical incident stress management services
- Case management services
- Supervisory training and consultation
- Career counseling, and more

Visit UAB Employee Wellness online at uab.edu/wellness; visit the UAB Employee Assistance & Counseling Center online at uab.edu/eacc.

This summary of benefits is for general guidance only and is not a contract. All benefits are subject to the terms, conditions and limitations of the contracts governing them; therefore, employees should refer to the governing documents for full and accurate information specific to each benefit. Benefit eligibility may differ for employees working other than full-time regular positions. More information about benefit plan options can be found online in the UAB for Me Benefits Portal at uab.edu/hrintouch.