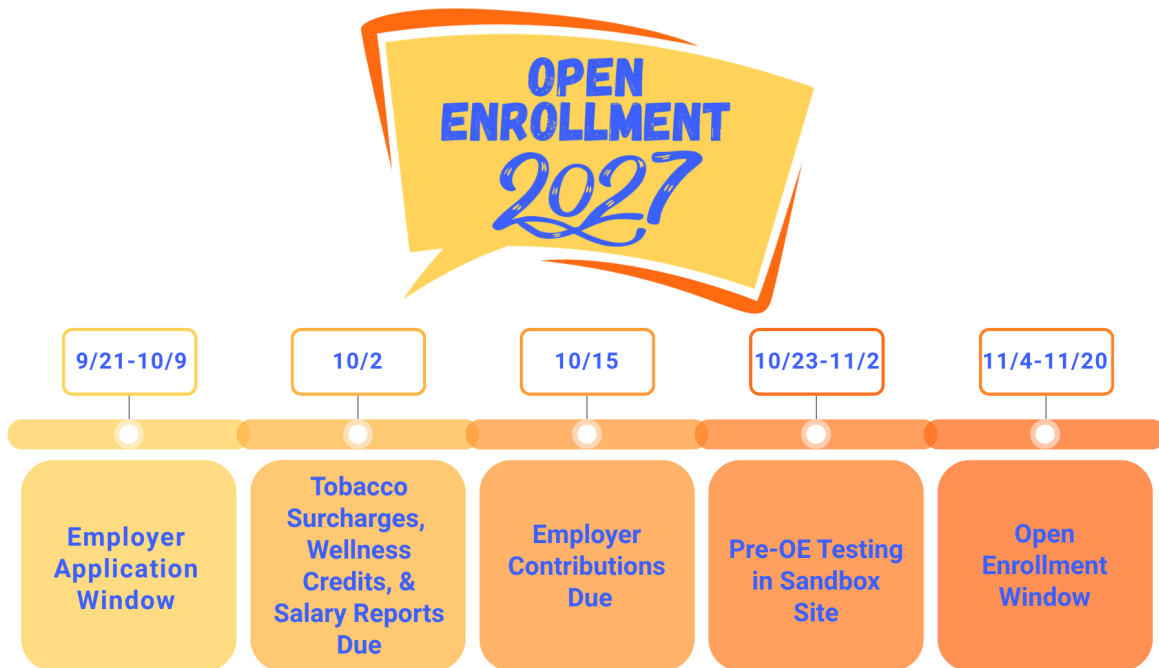


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OE RESOURCE SITE



Visit the [Open Enrollment Resource Site](#) for helpful tools, resources, and important updates throughout Open Enrollment!

NOW AVAILABLE

- Summaries of Benefits and Coverage (SBC)
- OE Employee Booklet Template
- OE Employee Presentation Template

FINAL REMINDER - DUE TODAY, OCTOBER 15th: EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

Your Employer Contribution amounts must be entered into bswift by the end of the day today. Instructions for entering these contributions can be found on your bswift administrator home page under the "What's New" section.

FINAL REMINDER - EMPLOYER ACTION REQUIRED BY TODAY, OCTOBER 15th: 2027 MEDICARE PART D CREDITABLE COVERAGE LETTER

You must customize and distribute the [Creditable Coverage Notice](#) to all employees and retirees by today. Electronic distribution is acceptable.

The Creditable Coverage Letter is a document containing information about the VBA Benefits Corp.'s prescription drug benefit and Medicare Part D. The notice will apply to employees and covered dependents who are 65 or older, employees with a disabled dependent and/or those who are thinking about retirement; however, it is recommended to distribute to all employees and retirees.

Please note for 2027, all of the VBA Benefits Corp.'s plans are creditable.

LIFE & AD&D PLAN UPDATES FOR 2027

Don't forget that we have several enhancements to the Basic, Supplemental, and Dependent Life & AD&D plans for 2027, which include:

- Extending Dependent **Child Life and AD&D** coverage to age 26 regardless of full-time student status
- Offering a one-time Guaranteed Issue opportunity during 2027 Open Enrollment. Eligible employees may elect up to \$500,000 or 5 times salary in **Supplemental Life** coverage without providing Evidence of Insurability (EOI).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE PRE-OPEN ENROLLMENT TESTING: STARTING OCTOBER 23rd

Every year we ask all administrators to test their Open Enrollment site in the bswift testing environment called [Sandbox](#) (not the regular bswift site). Payroll-integrated employers that access bswift via Single Sign On (SSO) should use their specific Sandbox URL to access their testing site. Please email us if you need help accessing your Sandbox site.

The bswift Sandbox site will be available for testing starting at noon on Friday, October 23rd and should be completed no later than Monday, November 2nd.

Guidelines and Testing Scenarios will be available soon on the OE Resource Site.



2026 Q4 WELL-BEING TOOLKIT: PRIORITIZING PREVENTIVE SCREENINGS

The Well-Being theme for Q4 2026 is "Prioritizing Preventive Screenings".

- Review the [Q4 Administrator's Toolkit](#) for turnkey well-being initiatives.
- Share the [Q4 Employee Stall Talk](#) electronically or in print.
- Share the [October](#) and [November](#) Wellworks For You Employee Newsletters.

WELLWORKS: REGISTRATION FOR 2027

If you are planning to use the Wellworks for You Platform in 2027 please complete the following form by **November 9th, 2026**: [Wellworks Implementation Intake Form 2027](#)
Wellworks will reach out to walk through your plans and how to best utilize the platform. As a reminder, the platform can be used to track challenges, PCP forms, learning modules completed and much more.



ANTHEM'S COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES

Anthem has introduced a new member support program called [Community Connected Care](#), which helps individuals access resources for needs such as housing, food, transportation, and financial assistance. These services are designed to address factors that can significantly impact overall health and well-being.

Members can connect with their Anthem Family Advocate to learn more about the program or call **844-429-1034** directly for assistance. We encourage you to share this information with employees who may find these resources helpful.

SUMMARY ANNUAL REPORTS - COMING SOON!

The 5500s for the VBA Group Medical & Dental Trust and SBA Group Insurance Trust were filed last week. The Bankers Benefit Solutions team should be receiving the Summary Annual Reports in the next few weeks and will send them to employers for distribution to participants.

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