



2027 OE NEWSLETTER

We're pleased to bring you the first edition of the 2027 Open Enrollment Newsletter! We are busy preparing your rate information and reviewing the plan designs. Be on the lookout soon for this information.

BANKERS BENEFIT SOLUTIONS LAUNCH



VBA Benefits Corporation is rebranding as Bankers Benefit Solutions to reflect our expanded role within Virginia and beyond.

For more information, please see Laurie Milligan's email from August 24th. Contact the [Benefits Team](#) with any questions.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Mon., September 7th:** The VBA will be closed in observance of Labor Day.
- **Wed., September 9th:** September bswift invoice ready for download with a draft date of Sept. 11th.
- **Mon., September 14th:** Deadline to complete the October Walking Challenge [Employer Registration Intake Form](#)
- **Thur., September 17th:** [2027 OE Webinar](#)
- **Mon., September 28th:** [In-Person Fall Meeting](#)
- **Thur., October 1st:** [Virtual Fall Meeting](#)

NEW WEBSITE LINKS

To enhance security and improve navigation, we have updated our website to include only general information. Our Health & Welfare and Retirement content has now been moved to private sites created specifically for our HR Administrators, not the general public. Please be sure to bookmark these new links:

- [Health & Welfare Site](#)
- [OE Resource Site](#)
- [Retirement Site](#)

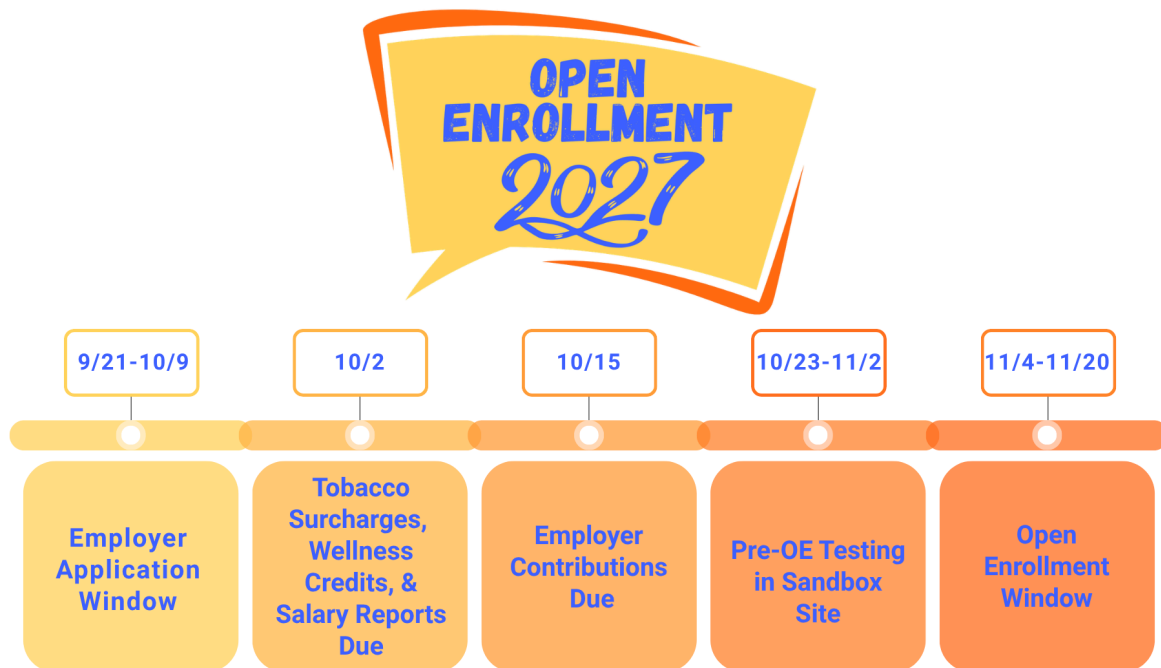
ANTHEM AND SENTARA NETWORK CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Anthem has been notified that Sentara may end its in-network participation on January 1 if a new agreement is not reached. The potential change would affect Sentara Eastern Virginia hospitals and provider practices across Virginia.

Anthem and Sentara continue negotiations, and we are hopeful an agreement will be reached. Employees can find the latest updates here: [Anthem Negotiations with Sentara Health](#)

OPEN ENROLLMENT 2027

2027 OPEN ENROLLMENT TIMELINE



DUE OCTOBER 2nd: TOBACCO SURCHARGES, WELLNESS CREDITS & SALARY REPORTS

Below are the templates needed for employers offering a Tobacco Surcharge and/or a Wellness Credit for their employees in 2027. If applicable, please download, complete, and email your completed template(s) to benefits@vabankers.org by October 2nd:

- [Tobacco Surcharge Template](#)
- [Wellness Credit Template](#)
- **Salary Report:** New for 2027 OE, we will be asking each employer to upload their Salary Report to a secure SharePoint link. The Benefits Team will then import your salaries into bswift on your behalf! Due to this change, we are asking each employer to upload their report no later than Fri, Oct 2nd. Instructions will be provided in the Sept. 17th newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Register for the Open Enrollment Webinar and one Fall Meeting! View the [Upcoming OE Events Flyer](#) or the links below for more information and registration.

- [Open Enrollment Admin Webinar](#): September 17th at 10am.
- [In-Person Fall Meeting](#): September 28th at 10am.
- [Virtual Fall Meeting](#): October 1st at 2pm.



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 wellbeing initiatives.
- Share the [Q4 Employee Stall Talk](#) electronically or in print.
- Share the [Wellworks For You September Employee Newsletter](#).

OCTOBER 1st - 31st: VENTURE THROUGH VA - PART 2

[Venture Through Virginia: Part 2 – Eastern Virginia](#) runs through the month of October, taking participants on a virtual route from Richmond to the Virginia Beach Boardwalk.

Interested in participating? Complete the [Employer Registration Intake Form](#) by September 14th. Registered employers will receive promotional materials for employees, and the Wellworks portal can be customized to include an incentive program.

ABS FOR AUGUST CHALLENGE - RESULTS

We are pleased to share the results of the Abs for August challenge! With 10 participating employers, we had roughly 100 participants successfully complete the challenge.

Congratulations to our top three employers with the most participants:

1. F&M Bank
2. First National Bank
3. Chesapeake Bank

Visit our [Well-being site](#) for more tools and resources.



PET BENEFIT SOLUTIONS IS NOW WISHBONE



Pet Benefit Solutions is now Wishbone, and the Total Pet Plan is now called the Wishbone Total Pet Plan.

The plans, coverage, and support will remain the same; only the name and look have changed. [Explore their new website](#).

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