



# YOUR BENEFITS GUIDE 2025 – 2026 PLAN YEAR

DAEMEN  
— UNIVERSITY —

# Benefits Basics

## ELIGIBILITY

As a full-time Daemen employee, you are eligible for benefits. Benefits are effective on the first day of the month following your date of hire for staff and admin, and effective the *date* of hire for faculty. You may enroll your eligible dependents for coverage once you are eligible. Your eligible dependents include your legal spouse, domestic partner, and / or your children up to age 26.

Once your benefit elections become effective, they remain in effect until the end of the benefit year. You may only change coverage within 30 days of a qualified life event or during Open Enrollment in the spring.



## QUALIFYING LIFE EVENTS

Generally, you may change your benefit elections only during the annual enrollment period. However, you may change your benefit elections during the year if you experience a qualified life event, including:

- Marriage
- Divorce or legal separation
- Birth of your child
- Death of your spouse or dependent child
- Adoption of or placement for adoption of your child
- Change in employment status of employee, spouse or dependent child
- Qualification by the Plan Administrator of a child support order for medical coverage
- Entitlement to Medicare or Medicaid

**You must notify Employee Engagement within 30 days of the qualified life event.**

Depending on the type of event, you may be asked to provide proof of the event. If you do not contact HR within 30 days of the qualified event, you will have to wait until the next annual enrollment period to make changes (unless you experience another qualified life event).

# Medical Coverage

## *Daemen promotes good health!*

*Daemen offers medical coverage for employees, spouse and children, including coverage for prescription drugs and free preventive care services. Please remember to get your free annual wellness exam every year.*



### MEDICAL COVERAGE

Daemen University offers employees health insurance through either **Univera Signature Hybrid 1** or the **Univera Signature Deductible 3**. Employee share of premium is calculated annually and open enrollment takes place in April with changes effective June 1st. Dependent children may be covered until age 26 regardless of full time student status. Domestic partners are covered. The Plan requires all covered employees to select a participating primary care physician for each family member enrolled.

### PREMIUMS

The employee share of the premium is deducted from the bi-weekly paycheck, the first two paychecks of every month. If there are 3 pay periods in a month, the 3rd pay day will not include deductions for medical benefits. If an employee receives a salary increase during the plan year which results in them moving to a new tier, their contribution rate will be adjusted accordingly.



### DEDUCTIBLE

You must meet an annual deductible before the medical plan begins to cover a portion of your costs with the exception of copay services. Once the deductible is met, the medical plan begins to pay for a percentage of covered expenses (this is called coinsurance).

### OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUMS

Out-of-pocket maximums apply in-network and out-of-network. This is the maximum amount you will pay for health care costs in a calendar year. Once you have reached the out-of-pocket maximum, the plan will fully cover eligible medical expenses for the rest of the benefits plan year. If you see an out-of-network provider, you may be responsible for out-of-pocket costs that are considered above the "reasonable and customary" fees.

### WELLNESS YOUR WAY

The Daemen medical plans provide a \$250.00 wellness card to be used during the Plan year to purchase vitamins and supplements from a participating health food store; as credit towards gym membership, chiropractic co-pays or massages. You can register and claim the rewards in one of two ways. Online, log into your Univera account, and go to Health and Wellness > Rewards & Incentives > Wellness Your Way. Or, call 1-800-327-7130, and use option 1 for Member.

## MEDICAL PREMIUMS PER SALARY BAND

Employee Cost Share for Univera Signature Hybrid 1		
Annual Salary \$0,000-\$49,999	Single Coverage	\$113.02 per pay
	Family Coverage	\$170.96 per pay
Annual Salary \$50,000-\$64,999	Single Coverage	\$144.72 per pay
	Family Coverage	\$238.63 per pay
Annual Salary \$65,000-\$79,999	Single Coverage	\$178.49 per pay
	Family Coverage	\$313.98 per pay
Annual Salary \$80,000 and up	Single Coverage	\$212.25 per pay
	Family Coverage	\$389.33 per pay

Employee Cost Share for Univera Signature Deductible 3 (WNY Only) *		
Annual Salary \$0,000-\$49,999	Single Coverage	\$13.73 per pay
	Family Coverage	\$26.42 per pay
Annual Salary \$50,000-\$64,999	Single Coverage	\$43.13 per pay
	Family Coverage	\$93.59 per pay
Annual Salary \$65,000-\$79,999	Single Coverage	\$79.07 per pay
	Family Coverage	\$168.45 per pay
Annual Salary \$80,000 and up	Single Coverage	\$111.42 per pay
	Family Coverage	\$243.33 per pay



# Medical Coverage

	Univera Signature Hybrid 1	Univera Signature Deductible 3
Physician Copay	\$30	20% after Deductible
Specialist Copay	\$30	20% after Deductible
Hospital Copay	\$500	20% after Deductible
Outpatient Surgery Copay	\$75	20% after Deductible
Emergency Room	\$100	20% after Deductible
Urgent Care	\$50	20% after Deductible
Prescription Drug	\$10/\$50/\$100 2 Copays / 90 Day Supply	\$10/\$50/\$100 after Deductible 2.5 Copays / 90 Day Supply
Dependent Rider	26 / 26	26 / 26
Domestic Partner Coverage	Included	Included
Wellness Benefit	\$250 Wellness Rider	\$250 Wellness Rider
In-Network Deductible Coinsurance Out-of-Pocket Maximum	\$500 / \$1,000 \$6,350 / \$12,700	\$2,000 / \$4,000 (True Family) 80% / 20% \$5,000 / \$10,000
Out-of-Network Deductible Coinsurance Out-of-Pocket Maximum	\$1,000 / \$2,000 (Embedded) 60% / 40% \$6,350 / \$12,700	\$2,000 / \$4,000 (True Family) 60% / 40% \$5,000 / \$10,000



The Daemen Flexible Spending Account is administered by Benefit Resource. FSAs are available to enrollees of the Univera Signature Hybrid 1 Plan. Flexible spending accounts allow covered employees to pay for certain premiums, medical and dependent care expenses on a pre-tax basis. Paying for these expenses with pre-tax dollars saves money by lowering taxable income. Please be aware that Social Security benefits may be reduced in the future when funding a Flexible Spending Account. A tax advisor can assist with determining how the tax savings will compare to possible reductions in future benefits. The minimum contribution to enroll in the flexible benefit plans is \$400 and the plan year runs June 1st – May 31st. The medical expenses account allows for \$500 to be rolled over without forfeitures. Maximum contributions, covered expenses and dependent eligibility and forfeiture rules are governed by IRS regulations. Newly hired eligible employees may enroll within thirty days of their hire date and must re-enroll annually thereafter.

## Example of How to Save on Your Taxes with an FSA

The chart below is an example of how much you can save when you use the FSAs to pay for your predictable health care and dependent care expenses throughout the year.

	With FSA	Without FSA
<b>Your taxable income</b>	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Pre-tax contribution to Health Care and Dependent Care FSA</b>	\$2,000	\$0
<b>Federal and Social Security taxes*</b>	\$11,701	\$12,355
<b>After-tax dollars spent on eligible expenses</b>	\$0	\$2,000
<b>Spendable income after expenses</b>	\$36,299	\$35,645
<b>Tax savings with the Medical and Dependent Care FSA</b>	<b>\$654</b>	N/A

*\*This is an example only, and may not reflect your actual experience. It assumes a 25% federal income tax rate marginal rate and a 7.7% FICA marginal rate. State and local taxes vary, and are not included in this example. However, you will also save on any state and local taxes as well.*

For additional information regarding the FSA go to:  
**[www.benefitresource.com](http://www.benefitresource.com)**

The Daemen Health Spending Account is administered by Lakeshore Savings Bank. Health spending accounts are available to enrollees of the Univera Signature Deductible 3 Plan and allow covered employees to pay for certain medical, dental, and vision expenses on a pre-tax basis. Paying for these expenses with pre-tax dollars saves money by lowering taxable income. Daemen contributes annually in June to participant HSA accounts. In addition, Employees can set up their own pre-tax contributions through payroll deductions. The plan year runs June 1st – May 31st and any funds remaining on May 31st are rolled over without forfeitures. Maximum contributions, covered expenses and dependent eligibility and forfeiture rules are governed by IRS regulations. Newly hired eligible employees may enroll within thirty days of their hire date and must re-enroll annually thereafter. The pro-rated share of the annual employer contribution will be deposited into employee's HSA accounts each quarter. The employer contribution is pro-rated for those who enroll in the plan after the June 1st Open Enrollment date.

### Employer HSA Contribution

Coverage Level	(HSA)
Single	\$1,500
Family	\$3,000

#### **Daemen Contribution to Health Spending Account (HSA) – Univera Signature Deductible 3 Plan**

* Single Plan HSA Annual Contribution	\$1,500	(\$375/quarter)
* Family Plan HSA Annual Contribution	\$3,000	(\$750/quarter)

***The HSA pro-rated employer contribution is deposited quarterly the first pay period of June, Sept., Dec., Mar.***

***(The annual employer contribution is pro-rated based on date of enrollment)***

***\*Note: you cannot have an FSA and HSA at the same time***

# DENTAL COVERAGE

Dental coverage is administrated by Guardian. The Plan is a preferred provider arrangement but employees may elect to see a non-participation dentist that will be reimbursed at the Guardian negotiated rate for all services rendered. The Plan includes an orthodontic rider for children under the age 19. Maximum benefit of \$1000.00 per enrolled family member per calendar year. Coverage begins the first of the month after date of hire. Coverage is extended to age 26 for dependent children. The employee share of the premium is deducted from the bi-weekly paycheck, the first two paychecks of every month. If there are 3 pay periods in a month, the 3rd pay day will not include deductions for dental benefits.

Coverage Level	Bi-Weekly Cost
Single	\$4.24
Family	\$10.60

## Your Dental Plan

## PPO

Your Network is	DentalGuard Preferred	
Calendar year deductible	In-Network	Out-of-Network
Individual	\$0	\$0
Family limit	Not Applicable	
Waived for	Not applicable	Not applicable
Charges covered for you (co-insurance)	In-Network	Out-of-Network
Preventive Care	100%	100%
Basic Care	80%	80%
Major Care	60%	60%
Orthodontia	50%	50%
Annual Maximum Benefit	\$1000	\$1000
Lifetime Orthodontia Maximum	\$1000	
Dependent Age Limits	26	

### Manage Your Benefits:

Go to [www.Guardianlife.com](http://www.Guardianlife.com) to access secure information about your Guardian benefits including access to an image of your ID Card. Your on-line account will be set up within 30 days after your plan effective date.

### Find A Dentist:

Visit [www.Guardianlife.com](http://www.Guardianlife.com)  
Click on "Find A Provider"; You will need to know your plan, which can be found on the first page of your dental benefit summary.

### Need Assistance?

Call the Guardian Helpline (888) 600-1600, weekdays, 8:00 AM to 8:30 PM, EST. Refer to your member ID (social security number) and your plan number: 00324707

**Please call the Guardian Helpline if you need to use your benefits within 30 days of plan effective date. Please note, self-serve options over the phone or online at Guardian Anytime are not available until the case is fully implemented, please wait to speak to a live agent when calling the Guardian Helpline.**

# VISION COVERAGE

Low group rates are available for full vision insurance products utilizing either the VSP or Davis Vision networks administered by Guardian Life Insurance. Family coverage includes children to age 26. Employee pays 100% of the cost for this benefit with a pre-tax, biweekly payroll deduction. If there are 3 pay periods in a month, the 3rd pay day will not include deductions for vision benefits.

Coverage Level	Option 1	Option 2
Single	\$5.13	\$3.66
Family	\$11.04	\$7.87

Your Vision Plan	Option 1: Full Feature		Option 2: Full Feature - Designer	
<b>Your Network is</b>	VSP Network Signature Plan		Davis Vision	
<b>Your Monthly premium</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>		<b>\$ 7.13</b>	
You, Spouse/Domestic partner and Child(ren)	\$ 21.52		\$ 15.34	
<b>Copay</b>				
Exams Copay	\$ 10		\$ 10	
Materials Copay (waived for elective contact lenses)	\$ 25		\$ 25	
<b>Sample of Covered Services</b>	<i>You pay (after copay if applicable):</i>		<i>You pay (after copay if applicable):</i>	
	<i>In-network</i>	<i>Out-of-network</i>	<i>In-network</i>	<i>Out-of-network</i>
Eye Exams	\$0	Amount over \$50	\$0	Amount over \$50
Single Vision Lenses	\$0	Amount over \$48	\$0	Amount over \$48
Lined Bifocal Lenses	\$0	Amount over \$67	\$0	Amount over \$67
Lined Trifocal Lenses	\$0	Amount over \$86	\$0	Amount over \$86
Lenticular Lenses	\$0	Amount over \$126	\$0	Amount over \$126
Frames	80% of amount over \$130 <sup>1</sup>	Amount over \$48	80% of amount over \$135 <sup>*2</sup>	Amount over \$48
Contact Lenses (Elective)	Amount over \$130	Amount over \$120	N/A	N/A
Contact Lenses (Elective and conventional)	N/A	N/A	85% of amount over \$135 <sup>*</sup>	Amount over \$105
Contact Lenses (Planned replacement and disposable)	N/A	N/A	85% of amount over \$135 <sup>*</sup>	Amount over \$105
Contact Lenses (Medically Necessary)	\$0	Amount over \$210	\$0	Amount over \$210
Contact Lenses (Evaluation and fitting)	15% off UCR	No discounts	No discounts	No discounts
Cosmetic Extras	Avg. 30% off retail price	No discounts	Avg. 40-60% off retail price	No discounts
Glasses (Additional pair of frames and lenses)	20% off retail price <sup>A</sup>	No discounts	Courtesy discount from most providers	No discounts
Laser Correction Surgery Discount	Up to 15% off the usual charge or 5% off promotional price	No discounts	Up to 25% off the usual charge or 5% off promotional price	No discounts
<b>Service Frequencies</b>				
Exams	Every calendar year		Every calendar year	
Lenses (for glasses or contact lenses) <sup>‡‡</sup>	Every calendar year		Every calendar year	
Frames	Every two calendar years		Every two calendar years	

# EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

## Employee Assistance Program

We all need a little support every now and then.

Guardian's Employee Assistance Program gives you and your family members access to confidential personal support, across everything from stress management and nutrition to handling legal or financial issues.

The services available include consultations with experienced professionals, as well as access to resources and discounts designed to help you in a variety of different ways.

### How to access

To access the WorkLifeMatters Employee Assistance Program, you'll need a few personal details.



**Visit**

[worklife.uprisehealth.com](https://worklife.uprisehealth.com)



**Access Code**

worklife

For more information or support, you can reach out by phoning **1 800 386 7055**. The team is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week<sup>1</sup>.

### How it can help



Consultative services are available to provide direct support and assistance



Work/life assistance that can help you save money and balance commitments



Access legal and financial assistance and resources – including WillPrep Services



## LIFE AND AD&D INSURANCE COVERAGE

All full-time employees working at least 30 hours per week are covered by a \$50,000 Life Insurance Policy and Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) Insurance through Lincoln Life. This benefit is fully paid for by Daemen.

## SUPPLEMENTAL LIFE INSURANCE

You may choose to elect additional life insurance. If the amount you selected during OE is over the Guarantee Issue amount, an approval will be required, and you will be asked to collect an Evidence of Insurability (EOI) and submit it to your employer. Your full election amount will not be approved until this document is received.

The Guaranteed Issue amount for new voluntary life insurance is up to \$150,000 for employee only this 2022 plan year, and newly elected spouse/child(ren) coverage is \$10,000. Any amount chosen over this will require you to complete an Evidence of Insurability form, which must be reviewed and approved by Lincoln before you are accepted for that insurance amount over the guaranteed issue amount.

## SHORT TERM DISABILITY

This plan is offered at no cost after six months of full-time employment. Salary is continued for the first ninety days upon receipt of a completed and validated New York State disability form. There is a seven-day waiting period from the date of disability before benefits become effective. This plan is administered through Guardian.

## LONG TERM DISABILITY

This plan is offered at no cost to all full-time employees after ninety days of employment. The Plan provides for replacement of salary at 2/3 for length of disability or normal retirement age whichever is less. There is a ninety-day elimination period before benefits begin. This plan is administered through Guardian.

	Short-Term Disability	Long-Term Disability
Benefits Begin	7 Days after Disability	91 Days after Disability
Percentage of Income Replaced	100% salary continuation	66.67% salary
Maximum Benefit	3 Months	Length of disability or normal retirement age, whichever is less

## GROUP TRAVEL ACCIDENT

This Plan provides benefits for both domestic travel greater than one hundred miles from your legal residence as well as international travel. There is no elimination period of cost for this benefit. Travel must be business related.

## RELOCATION EXPENSE

Upon approval of the appropriate Dean or Vice-President, the university pays up to one-half the cost of moving normal household goods (not to exceed \$3000.00 and excluding charges for packaging, storage or insurance). Actual receipts are required; photocopies are not accepted.

## RETIREMENT PLAN

All benefit-eligible employees may participate in the Retirement Plan the first of the month following their date of hire. After one year of service, the university contributes 8% for all employees that contribute 5% on a pre-tax basis. Employees may join the plan immediately after hire with match if they have completed one year of full-time service at another college or university in the twelve months prior to hire. The Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association (TIAA) administers this plan.

*\* Twelve months of full-time service in higher education immediately prior to employment at Daemen will be counted towards the waiting period, as long as a letter from the previous college's or university's HR department is provided upon hire.*



## STAFF VACATION ACCRUAL

Daemen University provides full time employees with paid vacation time. Hours begin accruing with the first full two-week pay period and the employee may begin taking accrued time after three months of employment. Employees may accrue up to thirty days of vacation.

Full time **hourly employees** accrue two weeks vacation per year. Hourly vacation accrual increases to three weeks per year after five years of service and four weeks per year after ten years of service.

Full time **salaried employees** accrue four weeks vacation per year.

## HOLIDAYS

The University observes the following holidays. Most full-time employees are excused from work with pay on these days:

- New Year's Eve
- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King Day
- President's Day
- Good Friday
- Easter Monday
- Memorial Day
- Juneteenth

- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Indigenous People's Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Friday after Thanksgiving
- Christmas Eve
- Christmas Day

There may be times when it becomes more advantageous for both the University and the employee to have the day AFTER Christmas and New Year's off instead of the day before. In addition, the University may occasionally change the Holiday Schedule as circumstances require. When this occurs, you will be informed accordingly.

The University typically closes during the week between Christmas and New Year's. This will be announced during the Fall of each year. If the University closes, full time employees are excused from work with pay, except for some essential staff.

## SICK/PERSONAL TIME

Full and part time **hourly employees** will accrue leave time at a rate of 1 hour per 30 hours worked upon hire. This benefit time rolls over each year to a maximum of 56 hours and is not paid out upon separation of employment.

Full time **salaried employees** (including Faculty) receive paid sick leave in case of any injury, illness, medical condition or any of the reasons covered by NYS Sick Leave. Sick leave will accrue at a rate of 3.5 hours per pay period to a maximum of 84 hours. Sick time will rollover each year to a maximum of 84 hours. Sick leave is not paid out upon separation of employment.

## DAEMEN TUITION WAIVER BENEFIT

Full time employees are eligible for 100% tuition waiver for undergraduate classes at Daemen University the semester after hire. This benefit is also available to the employee's spouse/same sex domestic partner and dependent children.

100% tuition waiver for graduate level courses at Daemen University are available to full time employees and the spouse/same sex domestic partner of the employee. Dependent children of the employee are eligible for a 50% tuition waiver.

## CIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Full time employees and their dependents as defined by IRS regulations are eligible to apply for tuition benefits through the CIC networks of schools. Charges covered by this program are determined by the host institution but generally cover full tuition. This benefit is available the semester after hire and covers undergraduate courses only.



## TUITION EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Applications for Tuition Exchange scholarships are accepted for dependent children of full-time employees after five years of service. There are over 500 colleges and universities nationwide participating in the Tuition Exchange Program and scholarships are not guaranteed.

## IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Plan	Contact	Phone Number	Website
Medical Plan	Univera	800-499-1275	<a href="http://www.univerahealthcare.com">www.univerahealthcare.com</a>
Dental	Guardian	888-600-1600	<a href="http://www.guardianlife.com">www.guardianlife.com</a>
Vision	Guardian	888-600-1600	<a href="http://www.guardianlife.com">www.guardianlife.com</a>
Flexible Spending Accounts	Benefit Resource	800-473-9595	<a href="http://www.benefitresource.com">www.benefitresource.com</a>
Health Savings Account	LakeShore Savings	716-898-2101	<a href="http://lakeshoresavings.com">lakeshoresavings.com</a>
Life & AD&D Insurance	Guardian	888-600-1600	<a href="http://www.guardianlife.com">www.guardianlife.com</a>
Employee Assistance Program (EAP)	Guardian	888-600-1600	<a href="http://www.guardianlife.com">www.guardianlife.com</a>
403(B) Retirement Plan	TIAA	800-842-2252	<a href="http://www.tiaa.org/">http://www.tiaa.org/</a>



**Please contact [hr@daemen.edu](mailto:hr@daemen.edu)  
for benefit questions.**

