



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH & WELFARE

Employee Benefits Summary

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare is pleased to offer competitive benefits that add an average value of 39% to employees' total compensation packages.

The comprehensive benefits package includes: excellent low-cost medical, dental and vision insurance; generous vacation and sick leave accrual beginning as soon as you start; ten paid holidays a year; participation in one of the nation's best state retirement systems; multiple savings plans; life insurance; wellness programs; ongoing training opportunities; and more.

Benefits information is provided by Human Resources and is current as of 8-1-2016.

Health Insurance and Employee Wellness

Medical, Dental, and Vision Insurance

Eligible employees can enroll themselves and their eligible dependents for medical coverage, and have the choice of a Blue Cross of Idaho Traditional, PPO, or High Deductible plan. Employee premium rates are competitive, and begin at only \$23.12 bimonthly for medical, dental, and vision insurance. Vision coverage is included with medical rates.

Health insurance coverage is effective on the first day of the month following date of hire.

FY2017 BIMONTHLY PAYROLL MEDICAL AND DENTAL RATES

Full-time Employee (30 - 40 hours per week)

	Employee Only	Employee and Spouse	Employee and Child	Employee and Children	Employee, Spouse, and Child	Employee, Spouse, and Children
PPO	\$23.50	\$59.50	\$41.00	\$55.00	\$74.50	\$85.50
Traditional	\$29.00	\$72.00	\$51.00	\$66.50	\$90.50	\$101.00
High Deductible	\$19.00	\$50.50	\$34.00	\$46.00	\$63.00	\$70.50
Dental	\$4.12	\$19.12	\$16.12	\$24.62	\$27.37	\$31.62

(Employer Portion - Medical: \$500.50, Dental: \$9.50)

Part-time Employee (20 - 29.9 hours per week)

	Employee Only	Employee and Spouse	Employee and Child	Employee and Children	Employee, Spouse, and Child	Employee, Spouse, and Children
PPO	\$105.20	\$141.20	\$122.70	\$136.70	\$156.20	\$167.20
Traditional	\$110.70	\$153.70	\$132.70	\$148.20	\$172.20	\$182.70
High Deductible	\$100.70	\$132.20	\$115.70	\$127.70	\$144.70	\$152.20
Dental	\$6.04	\$21.04	\$18.04	\$26.54	\$29.29	\$33.54

(Employer Portion - Medical: \$418.80, Dental: \$7.58)

Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

Blue Cross of Idaho contracts with ComPsych to provide no-cost EAP benefits in each of the state's medical plans. The EAP provides short-term counseling services for employees and dependents (up to five one-hour visits per person per benefit period with no copayment required). In addition to individual counseling, the EAP also includes Conflict Resolution and Critical Incident Stress Debriefing services.

Employee Wellness Programs

Available employee wellness programs include tobacco cessation, weight management, group fitness classes, health management, and more. Employees have online access to *Health Matters*, an employee newsletter and health promotion program designed to promote healthy lifestyles through a variety of programs and resources for state of Idaho employees.

Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA)

Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs) offer convenient and easy ways to save money for eligible medical and dependent care expenses. Employees may set pre-tax money aside in medical (max \$2,500/year) and/or dependent care (max \$5,000/year) accounts. New employees have a 30-day enrollment period at time of hire; current employees have open enrollment every year.

Bright Beginnings Pregnancy Program

Bright Beginnings is a prenatal program designed to promote healthy prenatal care through education to expectant mothers. Blue Cross of Idaho offers this program to any employee, or their spouse, who is pregnant. Members are provided with nutrition, exercise, prenatal care, and child care information to help maintain a healthy pregnancy and to deliver a healthy baby. Upon enrollment, expectant mothers receive the *Mayo Clinic Guide to a Healthy Pregnancy*. After successful program completion, the mother may choose to receive a \$50 gift card to Babies"R"Us, or reimbursement up to \$50 toward the purchase of a car seat. Mothers will also receive the book, *What to Expect - The First Year*.

Time Off Benefits

Vacation Accrual

Eligible employees earn vacation leave for every hour worked or paid. All benefitted employees are entitled to vacation leave based on their Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) employee designation.

VACATION ACCRUAL RATES AND LIMITS

Employee Designation	Hours of Service	Accrual Rate Per Hour	Accrual Rate per Pay Period for FTE*	Accrual Limit
Covered	0 - 10,400	0.04615	3.7 hours	192 hours
Covered	10,401 - 20,800	0.05769	4.6 hours	240 hours
Covered	20,801 - 31,200	0.06923	5.5 hours	288 hours
Covered	31,201 or more	0.08077	6.5 hours	336 hours
Administrative/Professional/Computer Worker				
Administrative/Professional/Computer Worker	0 - 10,400	0.05769	4.6 hours	192 hours
Administrative/Professional/Computer Worker	10,401 - 20,800	0.06923	5.5 hours	240 hours
Administrative/Professional/Computer Worker	20,801 - 31,200	0.08077	6.5 hours	288 hours
Administrative/Professional/Computer Worker	31,201 or more	0.08077	6.5 hours	336 hours
Executive				
Executive	0 - 10,400	0.09615	7.7 hours	200 hours
Executive	10,401 - 20,800	0.09615	7.7 hours	240 hours
Executive	20,801 - 31,200	0.09615	7.7 hours	288 hours
Executive	31,201 or more	0.09615	7.7 hours	336 hours

* Rates are based on full-time employment (FTE). One year is based on 2,080 hours. Amounts are rounded to the nearest tenth.

Sick Leave Accrual

Employees earn paid sick leave at 0.04615 per hour paid, or 3.7 hours per pay period for full-time employment. Sick leave accrues without limit and may be used for funeral or illness of family members. Upon retirement, state employees can arrange for portions of unpaid sick leave to be used to pay premiums on certain employer-maintained insurance, including health, dental, vision, long-term care, prescription, or life insurance.

Holiday Leave

State of Idaho employees enjoy ten paid holidays throughout the year, including: New Year's Day, Idaho Human Rights Day, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

Other Types of Special Leave

In addition to sick and vacation leave benefits, other miscellaneous leave benefits may be available to employees. Special leave may include: funeral leave, military leave, organ and bone marrow donation leave, court and jury services, and Red Cross Disaster leave.

Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)

FMLA is a federal law that entitles eligible employees to unpaid, job protected leave, under qualifying circumstances, as follows: (1) for a qualifying health condition of the employee or a family member; (2) for the birth or adoption of a child; and (3) for specific purposes to family members of qualifying military service members. Eligible employees may take up to 12 weeks of FMLA leave in a 12-month period.

Annual leave may also be donated from one benefitted employee to another in the event of a serious illness or injury of the employee or family member, which necessitates absence from work.

Military Duty/Veterans

DHW and the state of Idaho are committed to our veterans and military members. Employees who are members of the U.S. Armed Forces or the National Guard and receive federal military orders requiring them to be absent from work, shall be entitled each calendar year to 120 hours of paid military leave. Any employee who voluntarily, or upon demand, leaves a position to enter upon prolonged federal active duty with the military will be returned to their same or similar position upon their return from such leave. Employees will receive regular employee benefits for 30 calendar days after departure. Any employee who voluntarily, or upon demand, leaves a position to enter state active duty with the Military Division will be granted military leave without pay, and will be returned to their same or similar position upon their return from such leave.

Retirement Plans and Tax Shelters

Public Employees Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI) Base Plan

State of Idaho employees are automatically enrolled in the PERSI Base Plan, a defined benefits plan. When an employee retires, PERSI Base Plan will pay them every month for as long as they live; employees can also designate a contingent annuitant to receive the benefits after their death. Current contribution rates are 6.79% of gross wages for employees; the state of Idaho contributes an impressive 11.32%. Employees are vested after 60 months of employment. PERSI is a nationally-recognized state retirement system.

Multiple PERSI retirement and financial management workshops and resources are available for all state employees. Retirement educators are also available to answer questions regarding a variety of retirement related topics.

PERSI Choice - 401(k)

The Choice 401(k) Plan is an optional PERSI account. It contains any gain sharing contributions state employees receive, any voluntary contributions employees make, any rollovers requested from other plans, and any employer contributions on an employee's behalf, as well as the earnings on those funds. The Choice 401(k) Plan is a defined contribution plan, meaning the amount employees receive at retirement is based on the contributions and earnings in the plan.

Idaho College Savings Program (IDeal) 529 Plan

Employees can participate in an IDeal 529 plan, a program that helps families save for higher education. Earnings grow tax-deferred and qualified withdrawals are tax free.

457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan

State employees may participate in a 457(b) deferred compensation plan, a retirement plan created to allow public employees to put aside money from each paycheck toward retirement.

Roth 457 Plan

State employees may also participate in a Roth 457 after-tax deferred compensation plan.

Federal Treasury Savings Bonds

Employees can set this up as a payroll deduction.

Life and Disability Insurance

Basic Life Insurance

The state pays the premium for this coverage; there is no cost to employees. Term life insurance is equal to 100% of an employee's annual salary rounded up to the next \$1,000 (minimum of \$20,000), and includes dependent coverage at no charge. Coverage is effective at the beginning of the month following hire.

Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance (AD&D)

AD&D pays a percentage of employees' annual salaries for certain serious physical losses, including loss of life, due to a covered accident. AD&D benefits are part of the basic life insurance benefits, and are in addition to any benefits paid by basic or other state life insurance plans.

Short-Term Disability

Benefits are equal to 60% of pre-disability salary for the first 26 weeks of disability. Waiting period is the longer of: 30 continuous days of Total Disability, or 30 continuous days of Residual Disability, or the expiration of all accrued sick leave earned at the date of disability. Coverage is included at no cost to employees.

Long-Term Disability

Benefits are equal to 60% of pre-disability salary when totally disabled. Waiting period is the longer of: 26 continuous weeks of Total Disability or Residual Disability, or the exhaustion of all sick leave earned as of the date of Total Disability or Residual Disability. Coverage is included at no cost to employees.

Voluntary Term Life Insurance

Employees may purchase additional coverage in the amount of one, two, or three times annual salary (rounded up to the next \$1,000) with a minimum benefit of \$20,000 and a maximum benefit of \$500,000. Premium cost is age/salary based. Coverage for spouse and children is available when coverage purchased for self. New employees have a 30-day enrollment period at time of hire; current employees have open enrollment every year.

Decreasing Term Life Insurance – National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems (NCPERS)

Employees may purchase low-cost, group decreasing term life insurance with a \$16 per month premium, regardless of age. This plan has some coverage for dependents (as defined by tax code). New employees have a 90-day enrollment period at time of hire; current employees have open enrollment every year.

Workers Compensation

Provides financial protection for on-the-job injuries and illnesses. Employees must notify HR and see a preferred provider.

Unemployment Insurance

Provides financial assistance for out-of-work employees.

Social Security

Provides financial assistance at retirement, disability, or death.

Other State Employee Benefits and Policies

Pay Days and Direct Deposit

All state employees are paid on a bi-weekly schedule. The state requires direct deposit; paperless pay stubs are available online. Paychecks are deposited every other Friday.

Employee and Supervisory Training Opportunities

DHW offers over 200 trainings for employees through our online Learning Management System and classroom settings. Classes and online courses may be required for some positions, and a variety of optional trainings are available for employees interested in learning more about themselves (self-discovery) and mastering new skills (self-improvement). CEUs are available for some courses.

Supervisors participate in the DHW Supervisor Training and Resource (STAR) Program, and attend a series of courses to develop and strengthen their leadership and management skills. State employees may also apply for the Certified Public Manager® (CPM) program, a nationally recognized training and development program administered through Idaho's Division of Professional-Technical Education.

State Employee Discounts

State employees are eligible for numerous discounts on participating services, including fitness centers, vision correction, and cell phone plans. Discounted tickets may be available for fun activities such as amusement parks, concerts and shows, and sporting events.

About Us

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare is Idaho's largest state government agency, and employs nearly 2,850 individuals statewide. Our employees work to provide Idahoans with health and human services, access to health insurance programs, support for families and children, and hospitalization services for mentally and developmentally disabled patients.

We have offices throughout Idaho and operate four hospitals/residential facilities and a state laboratory. Last year, our agency served almost 340,000 people - one out of every four Idahoans. Our programs and services are designed to help people live healthy and be productive, by strengthening individuals, families and communities. We strive to promote and protect the health and safety of Idahoans, from birth throughout life.

IDHW is organized into regions to provide programs that foster a productive, healthful and independent quality of life for Idaho citizens. Statewide administrative offices are located in Boise. Each region serves several counties.

The state of Idaho is an equal opportunity employer. Hiring is done without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age or disability. In addition, preference may be given to veterans who qualify under state and federal laws and regulations.



Additional Information

- IDHW website: www.dhw.idaho.gov
- IDHW careers page: www.careers.dhw.idaho.gov
- Idaho Division of Human Resources: www.dhr.idaho.gov
- State Employee Portal: www.employee.idaho.gov
- Office of Group Insurance: ogi.idaho.gov
- Public Employees Retirement System (PERSI): www.persi.idaho.gov
- Blue Cross of Idaho: www.bcidaho.com
- Vision Services Plan: www.vsp.com
- ComPsych (EAP): www.guidanceresources.com
- Navia Benefits (FSA): www.naviabenefits.com/participants
- Nationwide Retirement Solutions: www.idahodc.com
- Idaho College Savings Program: www.idsave.org

Ready to Apply?

All IDHW job openings are posted on the Idaho Division of Human Resources website: www.dhr.idaho.gov.

You can create a job seeker account, see current openings, set up an alert to be automatically emailed when we post new jobs that match your interests, and apply online.

Join our team...
Make a difference!

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