

# If You Take a Leave of Absence

Plan participants who go on employer-approved leave with or without pay are covered for up to 24 months for the following supplemental benefits:

- Prescription Drugs
- Dental
- Vision
- Hearing Aid
- Disability
- Death
- Extended Medical (if basic health coverage is GHI-CBP)

The Extended Medical benefit is available only if the basic GHI coverage is in place.

The Medco Prescription Drug benefit from the Welfare Fund is available only if basic health coverage is maintained.

If CUNY does not provide basic health coverage for any portion of the 24-month period, it must be obtained via [COBRA](#) or other direct payment in order to qualify for full Welfare Fund benefits coverage. **Participants taking a leave of absence must provide the Welfare Fund with a letter stating how their basic health coverage is being maintained while on leave.**

If basic health coverage is in place, benefits are available to participants during a leave of absence to the same extent as they were prior to a leave. Benefits continue to apply to eligible dependents.