

Central Michigan University

BENEFITS IN BRIEF – FIXED-TERM 10-MONTH FULL-TIME FACULTY 2017 – 2018 YEAR

This document is for reference only and not a contract document. The information in this summary is subject to policies, procedures, and contracts relating to each benefit plan, which are controlling as to the availability and amount of benefit coverage. Additional information about these benefit programs can be found in the **CMU Choices** plan document and benefit specific contracts, policies, certificates or summaries. For detailed information concerning coverages, premiums and University contributions, please refer to the Benefits & Wellness website at <https://www.cmich.edu/benefits>, contacting the Benefits & Wellness office (Rowe Hall 108) at (989) 774-3661, or emailing benefits@cmich.edu.

Through **CMU Choices**, if appointed full time for at least one semester, employees are eligible to participate in five benefit programs: medical/prescription drug, employee life insurance, dependent life insurance, dental and flexible spending account plan. The University will contribute toward the cost of the medical/prescription drug, dental and employee life insurance plans. Any dollars not spent on a specific plan will be available to be applied toward the cost of other benefit programs (including flexible spending account) or as payment to the individual as earnings. If the cost of the employee's choices exceeds the University contributions, the employee will pay the excess through salary reduction in semi-monthly installments over the eighteen (18) pays of the academic year for those on academic year appointments, regardless of the pay plan selected. Premiums, CMU contributions and employee costs are available online at: <https://www.cmich.edu/benefits>.

The “plan year” for **CMU Choices** is July 1 through June 30. New university contribution rates and premium costs are effective July 1, 2017. New fixed-term faculty appointed for the beginning of the fall semester will have all benefits effective as of date of hire, August 16, 2017. New fixed-term faculty appointed for spring semester only will have all benefits effective January 1, 2018. All benefits end December 31, 2017 for those who do not have a spring 2018 semester appointment. All employees who work through the end of the spring semester will be entitled to benefits through August 15, 2018.

Newly hired employees who begin employment at any time other than the start of a semester will not receive benefits until the start of the next semester. If employment ends during the semester, all benefits end on the last day worked. Employee can exercise COBRA rights for any eligible benefits they choose. **New employees must complete the online benefit enrollment process within 30 calendar days from the employment start date. For new faculty who begin employment at the beginning of an academic semester, your 30 day benefit enrollment window generally commences the first day of the pay period in which you start work (i.e. 1st or 16th of the month).** If not enrolled by this deadline, employee will be automatically enrolled in 1.5x employee life insurance and no coverage for medical/prescription drug, dental, dependent life insurance and flexible spending account. **CMU Choices benefit elections are irrevocable for the plan year unless you experience a qualifying status change event, and a completed status change form is received in the Benefits & Wellness office within 30 calendar days of the event.** Contact the Benefits & Wellness office for assistance with questions related to benefit status changes, as failure to meet these requirements will prevent you from enrolling eligible dependents in insurance and/or from changing certain elections for the remainder of the plan year.

BENEFIT	WHO PAYS	ELIGIBILITY	COVERAGE
Medical/ Prescription Drug	Central Michigan University & You	Date of Hire	<p>Eligible to enroll in one of three Preferred Provider Option (PPO) plans administered by Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) utilizing the Community Blue PPO network. The PPO 1 and PPO 2 plans have a \$20 co-pay on in-network office and urgent care visits and cover certain in-network preventive services at 100%. The PPO 1 plan covers most in-network services at 100% after a \$200 individual/\$400 family plan year deductible (deductible begins 07/01/2017). The PPO 2 plan covers most in-network services at 80% after a \$400 individual/\$800 family plan year deductible. A High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) with a Health Savings Account (HSA) is also available that covers in-network medical services at 100% after a \$1,300 individual/ \$2,600 family plan year deductible. The university will contribute to the HSA and employees are also able to make pre-tax contributions.</p> <p>The prescription coverage for the PPO 1 and PPO 2 plans is administered by CVS Caremark and there is no annual deductible. The HDHP prescription coverage is administered by BCBS and the annual deductible must be met before the prescription co-pays apply. The in-network co-pays for all plans range from 10% to 30% depending on the type of drug purchased. The plans mandate that generic drugs are used or higher co-pay is charged <i>plus</i> the cost difference between brand and generic. Some prescription drugs are restricted or excluded from coverage and specialty medications must be filled through the special pharmacy program. The plan has a \$2,000 individual/\$4,000 family out-of-pocket maximum on prescription drugs per plan year.</p> <p>“No coverage” is also an option if the employee is covered by medical insurance elsewhere.</p>

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Dental	Central Michigan University & You	Date of Hire	<p>Eligible to enroll in one of two dental plans administered by Meritain Health. Both plans cover 100% of approved amount for Class I preventive services subject to the annual plan maximum. Optional Dentemax network available. The 100/50/50 plan has an annual benefit maximum of \$1,000 on all services and covers 50% of approved amount for Class II & III services after \$50/\$150 deductible (no orthodontia coverage). The 100/75/50/50 plan has no deductible and covers 75% of Class II and 50% of Class III services up to annual benefit maximum of \$1,500; this plan also covers 50% of orthodontia services for dependent children under age 19 up to a \$2,000 lifetime max.</p> <p>May waive dental coverage for payback of \$10 per month to cover the cost of other CMU Choices programs or to be paid to the employee in semi-monthly installments over the eighteen (18) pays of the academic year.</p>
Employee Term Life with Accidental Death & Dismemberment	Central Michigan University & You	Date of Hire	<p>Mandatory term life insurance policy (no cash value) through The Hartford. CMU will contribute a monthly amount per \$1000 of coverage equivalent to 1.5 times of base salary that will fully pay the premium for this level of coverage. Required to elect a minimum of one times base salary of coverage. Levels offered: 1, 1.5, 2, 3, or 4 times your regular annual salary. Guarantee of 3x your salary up to \$575,000 upon initial enrollment. Overall plan maximum is \$750,000 in coverage. Each coverage option contains an equal amount of additional benefit in the form of Accidental Death & Dismemberment AD&D coverage. Core coverage reduces by 50% at the end of the plan year in which you attain age 70. Value of life insurance coverage over \$50,000 is taxable income to the employee.</p>
Dependent Term Life with Accidental Death & Dismemberment	You	Date of Hire	<p>Term life insurance administered by The Hartford and available on a post-tax basis for spouse/OEI and unmarried dependent child(ren) through end of calendar year of 26th birthday. Costs depend on the coverage level and the age of the insured for spouse/OEI coverage and a flat rate is charged per coverage level for all eligible children covered. Guarantee of \$50,000 for spouse/OEI coverage upon initial enrollment. Spouse/OEI coverage terminates at the end of the plan year in which the spouse/OEI attains age 70. Each coverage option contains an equal amount of additional benefit in the form of Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D) coverage. This is optional coverage paid totally by the employee.</p>
Other Eligible Individual (OEI)	----	Date of Hire	<p>Employee may designate one (1) Other Eligible Individual (OEI) who will be eligible for designated benefit coverage, providing ALL of the following eligibility criteria are met: the OEI currently resides in the same residence as the employee and has done so for the last 18 continuous months, and is not a tenant; the OEI is not a spouse, dependent as defined by the IRS, or in-law or step-relative of the employee; and the OEI is not eligible to inherit from the employee under the laws of interstate succession in the State of Michigan. Children of the OEI are also eligible for coverage following the guidelines for children of the employee. The value of health coverage(s) provided to an OEI or her/his eligible child(ren) is taxable to the employee. An OEI designation form is required.</p>
Long Term Disability	Central Michigan University	Date of Hire	<p>Only full-time faculty with Lecturer II or Lecturer III designation on an academic or fiscal year appointment are eligible. Long term disability insurance through The Hartford. CMU will contribute to the full cost of this coverage. Coverage provides 67% of base salary (\$10,000 maximum monthly benefit). Benefits begin 180 days after being unable to work due to illness/injury.</p>
Funeral Leave	Central Michigan University	Date of Hire	<p>Pay for up to three (3) consecutive business days in the event of death of immediate family members or relative living in same household (including Other Eligible Individual (OEI) and Other Eligible Individual's child(ren)). Designated family members include a spouse or other eligible individual (OEI); a child; a brother, sister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law; or a parent, grandparent, parent-in-law.</p>
Travel Accident Insurance	Central Michigan University	Date of Hire	<p>Automatically covered under the University plan, which provides \$500,000 to beneficiary for accidental death while traveling on University business.</p>
Flexible Spending Account (FSA)	You	Within 30 days of hire or Open Enrollment	<p>Two types of pre-tax, employee contribution accounts administered by General Agency: health care and dependent day care. Maximum plan year election is \$5,000 for dependent day care and \$2,600 for health care and is not transferable between plans. Participants are issued a debit card for processing payments of eligible expenses at qualifying merchants or may pay for expense and submit receipts for reimbursement a biweekly basis. Eligible health care and dependent day care expenses must be incurred during the plan year (07/01/17– 06/30/18).</p> <p>Dependent day care account funds not reimbursed within 90 days of end of plan year (Sept. 30, 2018) are forfeited per IRS regulations. For health care accounts, up to \$500 in unused funds can be carried over into the next plan year.</p>

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Retirement	Central Michigan University	Date of Hire	<p>Defined Contribution Plan: Employees are eligible for CMU's 403(b) Basic Retirement Plan. This is a defined contribution plan offering various investment options through TIAA and/or Fidelity Investments. CMU contributes 10% of CMU earnings to the employees account with the vendor selected and will continue to make a retirement contribution as long as continuing to be appointed at half-time or more for a semester. No employee contribution is required.</p> <p>Fixed-term faculty in continuous half-time or greater employment prior to September 1, 1996 receives a 12% contribution on CMU earnings. A returning employee with a 12% retirement contribution whose appointment is less than half-time for any semester (excluding summer), will not receive university retirement contributions for that semester. If reemployed in a benefit eligible status at a later date, the university contribution will be lowered to a 10% contribution.</p> <p>New employees will be pre-enrolled in TIAA and the university contribution commences with the date of hire. The university contribution will be remitted to TIAA and invested in a life cycle fund based on the employee's age. At any time, an employee may change the investment fund option with TIAA, or can elect to invest part or all of the university contribution with Fidelity Investments. Employees are strongly encouraged to discuss their retirement investment options with a TIAA and/or Fidelity investments counselor.</p> <p>Internal Revenue Code Section 401(a)(17) prohibits employers from making retirement plan contributions on the amount of annual earnings in excess of \$270,000 (2017). If you are in this category, you may see your 403(b) University contributions reduced and/or stopped within a calendar year. This limit may be indexed for inflation in \$5,000 increments, in future years.</p> <p>The IRS 415 limit on annual additions applies this plan; if an employee receives contributions to another 403(b) plan or a defined contribution retirement plan the employee is deemed to control (own more than 50%), the employee must report the contributions to the Benefits & Wellness office for determining compliance with this limit.</p> <p>Defined Benefit Plan: Eligible employees may choose Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System (MPERS) defined benefit plan, instead of participating in the defined contribution plan, only if previously participated in MPERS at one or more of the following Michigan universities prior to January 1, 1996: Central Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Ferris State, Lake Superior State, Michigan Technological, Northern Michigan, or Western Michigan. If an employee previously worked at CMU and made an irrevocable choice, he/she must be placed in the plan chosen.</p> <p>Fixed-term faculty who were formerly part-time and enrolled in MPERS who move to a full-time employment status for the first time at CMU must make an irrevocable choice within 90 days to remain in MPERS or to move to the 403(b) Basic Retirement Plan. Employees choosing the 403(b) plan will be eligible for a 10% university contribution. Employees who are eligible to make the irrevocable choice must request the paperwork from the Benefits & Wellness office. If you do not make a choice then you will automatically be left in the MPERS plan and <u>there will be no future opportunity to choose again.</u></p> <p>Social Security: The University also participates in the Social Security System.</p>
Tax Deferred Investments 403(b) & 457(b)	You	Date of Hire	<p>Two tax-deferred investment plans are available to employees who wish to supplement their retirement savings by deferring a percentage of earnings into one or both plans: a 403(b) plan with TIAA or Fidelity Investments and/or a 457(b) plan with TIAA only. Annual deferral limitations apply to the 403(b) and 457(b) plans separately.</p> <p>Elective deferral contributions made to certain outside plans, including 403(b), 401(k), 501(c)(18), SIMPLE, SEP and Roth plans, in addition to elective deferrals to CMU's 403(b) plan must be disclosed to the Benefits & Wellness office in order to determine your elective deferral limit for the year.</p>
Investment Advising and Investment Management Services	You	Date of Hire	<p>StraightLine is an investment research firm that provides investment advising and management, including financial planning, for employees participating in any of CMU's 403(b) and/or 457(b) plans. These services are offered in addition to the counseling available from TIAA and Fidelity. StraightLine offers two tiers of service, advice only or active investment management for the funds available from both TIAA and Fidelity through the perspective of an independent, third-party advisor fees for advice-only are \$250 annually. Fees for active investment management services are based on the accumulated assets in the retirement plan ranging from no fee for assets within \$0 - \$5,000 up to a cap of \$500 annually for assets at \$50,000 or greater. These costs are paid by the employee, and can be paid on a pre-tax basis as a deduction from the employee's assets or post-tax by cash/charge, etc. Additional information at www.myrplan.com/cmu. This is an optional benefit.</p>

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Wellness Program	----	See Description	<p>Your Health – It’s Central is the CMU employee wellness program. As part of this program, benefits eligible staff and fixed term-faculty, including CMED faculty and Global Campus employees and employees who opt out of the insurance program may participate in the online wellness rewards program by Virgin Pulse. The program allows eligible employees and their spouses/OEIs to earn quarterly rewards by participating in a wide variety of wellness activities.</p> <p>Gain-sharing – Employees who are enrolled in a CMU Blue Cross Blue Shield medical plan from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 and who meet the established wellness requirements are eligible for a gain-sharing payment if CMU’s medical/prescription drug plans have a positive balance at the end of the fiscal year.</p>
Paid Sick Leave	Central Michigan University	As Accrued	<p>Eligible for an accrual of 10 days per calendar year, prorated according to percentage of appointment. The maximum accrual is 130 days. Employees may use own sick leave accrual for illness of immediate family members. Accrual balances are retained unless an employee has three (3) consecutive semesters without CMU service.</p> <p>Sick leave cannot be charged to cover absences from supplemental activities, i.e. those activities done for CMU in addition to the faculty member’s regularly assigned duties. These may include, but are not limited to, overload assignments, summer assignments, and Global Campus activities.</p>
Necessity Leave	Central Michigan University	Date of Hire	<p>Only faculty with Lecturer I, Lecturer II or Lecturer III designation are eligible. Necessity leave is leave for which no other designation is appropriate. Faculty appointed at one-half (1/2) time or greater receives one (1) necessity leave day per semester.</p>
Military Leave	----	Date of Hire	<p>Approved leave of absence to employees who belong to the National Guard, Officers Reserves Corps, or similar military organization for active duty not to exceed fifteen (15) consecutive days in a calendar year. CMU will pay the difference between the military pay and regular pay if the military pay is less. CMU’s long-term military leave policy outlines administration of leaves in excess of 15 days.</p>
Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA)	----	After 12-months of employment and 1250+ hrs. of work	<p>Employees with a qualifying medical reason or exigency are eligible for a family medical leave (FML) if they have been employed by CMU for at least twelve (12) months and have worked at least 1,250 hours during the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding the date on which the leave commences. FML runs concurrently with other leaves (personal, sick, vacation, Workers’ Compensation, etc.). Employees may elect to leave up to forty (40) hours of vacation time banked prior to taking unpaid FML. Otherwise, employees are required to use all paid vacation (and all sick leave for the employee’s own serious health condition) prior to a FML without pay.</p>
Tuition Benefit Plan	Central Michigan University	Must be in an active pay status on the first day of classes	<p>Fixed-term faculty with at least three-quarter (3/4) time appointment on the first date of the semester (e.g. fall, spring) are eligible to receive pro-rated tuition credit up to twenty-four (24) credit hours per benefit year at on-campus, Michigan resident, undergraduate or graduate tuition rates. Tuition credit coverage for College of Medicine courses will be at an amount not to exceed the regular, on-campus, Michigan resident doctoral credit hour rate. Any enrollment fees, special course fees, etc. are not covered by this plan.</p> <p>Tuition benefit amounts for graduate courses taken by the employee in excess of \$5,250 in a calendar year are considered taxable income to the employee. The employee’s spouse, Other Eligible Individual (OEI) and/or IRS dependent child(ren) of employee and Other Eligible Individual (OEI) may use the employee’s unused tuition waiver benefit and may be reported as taxable income to the employee in some cases.</p>
CONNECT CMU Cellular Services	You	Date of Hire	<p>CONNECT CMU Cellular Services provides wireless plans with Verizon, AT&T and Sprint at a significant lower rate than retail providers. These services are available to the CMU community, including staff, faculty, alumni, retirees, students and parents. CONNECT CMU manages all processes from upgrades, changes, troubleshooting, and other wireless transactions.</p>
CMU Health Primary & Specialty Services Clinic	You	Date of Hire	<p>Central Michigan University faculty and staff with a one-time medical need — or who may be interested in establishing a long-term health care relationship — can visit the CMU Health Primary and Specialty Services clinic. Patients from the local community and family members of CMU faculty and staff will also be accepted. Services include same-day appointments, routine care and physicals, allergy injections, immunizations, full-service lab testing, gynecological exams, sports physicals and sports medicine, basic cardiac screening, and an easy-to-use online patient portal. The Primary and Specialty Services clinic is conveniently located on the southwest side of campus at 2600 Three Leaves Drive in a quiet, easily accessible setting with free parking. To make an appointment, call 989-774-7585.</p>

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Parking	You	Date of Hire	May purchase a CMU parking permit for a single vehicle. There is no University contribution toward the cost of a permit. Contact the parking bureau through CMU Police for more information at (989) 774-3083.
Electronic Pay	----	Date of Hire	Employees may choose to receive their pay through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct deposit – paycheck is sent directly to bank account(s) of employee’s choice at any financial institution in the United States. • Money Network Card – this is a stored value debit card that is accepted at millions of locations nationwide that accept MasterCard debit cards.
Employee Assistance Program (EAP)	Central Michigan University	Date of Hire	This program provides confidential support for any issues that may impact work or personal life (financial, marital, family, stress, substance abuse, and psychological, etc.) at no cost to the participants. Eligibility for these support services extends to the employee, his/her spouse or Other Eligible Individual (OEI) and dependents residing in the household. The confidential support services are provided via telephone, face-to-face or online. For more information contact Encompass at 1-800-788-8630 or www.encompass.us.com.
Michigan Education Savings Plan	You	Date of Hire	A tax-advantaged IRC section 529 education savings plan administered by the Michigan Department of Treasury and managed by TIAA-CREF. Employees can set-up an account(s) for child, grandchild or niece/nephew and make contributions through payroll deduction.
Discount Program	----	Date of Hire	YouDecide online discount program: Third party employee discount program provider, YouDecide.com ; acts as a portal for obtaining personal services and insurance information. The following services are available: Auto and Home Insurance, Auto and Home Loans, Real Estate Advantage Program, On-Line Banking Financial Planning, Tax Preparation & Planning, Legal Services, Long Term Care, Critical Illness, Pet Insurance and more.

University and employee contributions are applied in semi-monthly installments. All faculty are paid semi-monthly on the 15th and last day of the month, or on the last workday preceding those dates. Benefits end on the date of termination unless the 10-month faculty member has worked the entire spring semester, in which case, he/she will be entitled to insurance coverage through August 15th of current year.

The monthly employee premium cost share is available online at www.cmich.edu/benefits. Click on “Benefit Costs” under the “HR Benefits & Wellness” section on the right side of the webpage.