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As a means of easing the burdens caused by the unexpected illness of a child, disruptions in a child's education or the need to care for a dependent that requires home/medical care, the County is offering a childcare/dependent care benefit to eligible employees. This benefit is available to all employees who are required to report on-site to perform their functions as directed by their Department Head. This benefit can be used by eligible employees to provide care for their child(ren) and/or adult dependents who require home/medical care and reside in their immediate household, as defined below.

## **ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES**

Employees, whose job functions require them to perform their core duties and/or provide services onsite as directed by their Department Head.

State employees who receive a County Supplement cannot participate.

### **COVERAGE PERIOD**

This benefit will be available until funding expires or the BOC discontinues this benefit.

## PERMITTED USE OF THE BENEFIT

Eligible employees will only be able to utilize this benefit so they can physically report onsite for their scheduled shift or redeployment.

## **TOTAL AVAILABLE BACK-UP CARE DAYS**

There will be a cap of ten (10) total care days within the 12-month period.

## CO-PAY

Eligible employees will be required to pay an applicable co-pay based on the type of care utilized:

- In home Child/Adult Back-up care \$3.00 per hour
- Out-of-Home Back up Child care \$15.00 per day/per child
- Personal Network Back-up Care \$3.00 per hour for in home/ \$10 per day per child Out of Home (co-pay will be applied against employee's reimbursement)

# **ELIGIBLE COVERED DEPENDENTS**

- Dependents age 12 and under who live in the same household as an eligible employee;
- Dependents, between age 13 18, who cannot be left alone in a rental unit and live in the same household as an eligible employee;
- Dependents, with a disability as defined in the Affordable Care Act, up to any age who live in the same household as an eligible employee; and
- Parents, grandparents, in-laws, spouse/partner of an eligible employee, who live in the same household of an eligible employee and require in home/medical care.

## **DISQUALIFICATION**

An employee will be disqualified from eligibility for the benefit and may be disciplined up to and including termination if its discovered that the employee has abused and/or provided false information to utilize the benefit.