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Benefits Updates | February 3, 2026

(9) Nine-Month Faculty Benefits | Payroll Deductions for Summer Benefit Premiums

Benefit premiums for (9) nine-month faculty members who are *not* enrolled in the [Deferred Earnings Program](#) will be double deducted from paychecks issued between **February 6, 2026, and May 1, 2026**. This ensures continuous benefit coverage during the summer months (June through September).

Upon returning for the Fall Semester, **single deductions** will resume starting with the first paycheck in **September 2026**, covering premiums for **October 2026**. To view **FIU's Payroll Calendar**, visit: [FIU Payroll Calendars and Schedules](#).

Recent Updates from the Division of State Group Insurance (DSGI)

- ⇒ **Shared Savings Program update:** [Healthcare Bluebook](#) is now **Valenz Bluebook**
As of January 2026, Healthcare Bluebook is now called [Valenz Bluebook](#). Through Valenz Bluebook's "Go Green to Get Green" platform, members can find affordable high-quality providers and facilities in their area and have the opportunity to earn rewards ranging from \$25 to \$6,000 as part of [DSGI's Shared Savings Program](#).
- ⇒ **Download the new *myBenefits Florida Mobile App***
Employees enrolled in State Group Insurance plans can now manage their insurance benefits easier with the new [myBenefits Florida mobile app](#) powered by **Medefy**. Through the app, members can view their insurance benefits in one location, understand coverage details, and receive guidance on healthcare decisions. For more information, please visit: [myBenefits Florida Mobile App](#).

Educational Live Retirement Webinars

Planning for retirement and understanding the benefits available are important steps toward achieving financial security. The Florida Retirement System (FRS) is offering [free financial planning workshops](#) for all FRS-covered employees. These sessions are available virtually via Zoom and are designed to help participants better understand Social Security, retirement options, and available employee benefits.

To attend the upcoming sessions, registration can be completed by calling 1-866-446-9377 (Option 2, TRS 711) or by clicking the session links below:

Thursday, February 12, 2026	Friday, February 13, 2026
Using the FRS to Plan for Your Retirement 10:00am – 12:00pm	Using the FRS to Plan for Your Retirement (Spanish) 10:00am – 12:00pm
Income Tax Planning 1:00pm – 3:00pm	Nearing Retirement in the FRS (Spanish) 1:00pm – 3:00pm

In addition, be sure to explore the upcoming [FIU's educational live webinars](#) offered this **Spring 2026!** Don't miss the opportunity to attend these sessions, where you can engage with guest speakers and financial advisors, and get answers to all your questions.

Questions? Contact Benefits Administration at benefits@fiu.edu.