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Annual Benefits Fair set for Oct. 15

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With representatives from every organization that supplies benefit options to OU, the event gives employees the opportunity to get details about health care plans, physician choices, vision and dental coverage options, long-term disability, and retirement savings. The event comes just weeks before faculty and staff receive open enrollment packets for 2004 health care coverage.

"We've invited our various benefit providers to come to campus, talk to our employees, answer their questions and share information," said Benefit and Compensation Services Manager Barbara McGuire. "The fair gives OU employees a chance to meet directly with and collect information from our benefit vendors leading up to our open enrollment period (Nov. 3-14)."

Representatives from the following organizations will be on hand:

- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan
- Health Alliance Plan
- CO/OP Optical
- TIAA-CREF
- Fidelity Investments
- Delta Dental
- Mutual of Omaha, Oakland's accidental death and dismemberment insurance
- Unum Provident, provider of OU's long-term disability coverage

In addition, representatives from the OU Branch of the MSU Federal Credit Union, the Department of Campus Recreation, University Human Resources and OU's Wellness Committee will be on hand to provide information and answer questions.

Packets containing information on open enrollment will be mailed to all employees by the end of October. Beginning this year, employees will be able to enroll or make changes to their medical, dental, optical or life insurance online through the Oakland University Web for Employee SAIL Information System. Information on how to use the online system will be included in the packet.

For more information about your benefits, visit the **University Human Resources** Web site or contact them at (248) 370-4207 or benefits@oakland.edu.

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