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Commission:

Here is what we received back from Risty Benefits for coverage options.

These would be an out-of-pocket (deducted from paycheck) amount as you are considered Part-time employees.

Please let me know if you would like to pursue either of these and I will get you the necessary paperwork to fill out.

Thank you,

Bobbie Janis

Bobbie Janis, Payroll

Commissioners on dental , vision Oglala Lakota county

1 message

Roger Risty <rristy@ristybenefits.com>

Wed, Mar 25, 2026 at 9:14 AM

To: Julie Tomlinson <payroll@olcounty.org>

Cc: Dan Johnson <djohnson@ristybenefits.com>, Roger Risty <rristy@ristybenefits.com>

Good morning

I have found an option for Oglala Lakota County for the dental and vision for commissioners 😊

Delta Dental will allow the commissioners to sign up for the Dental and the Vision if they want to. Please see the attached proposals.

Note, this is the only carrier I was able to confirm will waive the weekly hourly requirement, so this is the only option at this point. Please review and let me know if you have any questions.

The dental is more expensive – vision would be with eye-med –(you are now with VSP) so different providers

Thank you,

Celebrating 20 Years!!!



Roger R. Risty

Founder/Consultant

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All in the town were still asleep, when the sun came up with a shout and a leap. In the lovely streets unseen by man, a little dog danced as the day began. Begin each day with joy.

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From: Melodie Gale <Mel@groupsolutionsllc.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2026 4:19 PM
To: Roger Risty <rristy@ristybenefits.com>
Subject: RE: Oglala Lakota county

Hi Roger,

As of right now I do not have a carrier that will cover the commissioners. Is that a complete deal breaker? They just don't work enough to qualify for how the policies are filed with the state.

Thank you,

Mel

Melodie Gale

Group Solutions, LLC

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2026 Contributory Plans

Employer pays at least
50% of the single cost

	5030 <u>Base</u>	5040 <u>Standard</u>	5050 <u>Enhanced</u>	5060 <u>Premium</u>
Preventive Care (checkups and cleanings)	80%	100%	100%	100%
Fillings & Extractions	50%	50%	80%	80%
Root Canals & Gum Disease (periodontal cleanings)	50%	50%	50%	80%
Crowns & Prosthetics (bridges, dentures, and implants)	50%	50%	50%	50%
Braces & Teeth Alignment	0%	0%	50%	50%
One-time deductible (Applies to all services except orthodontics)	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Annual maximum benefit per person per calendar year	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$2,000*
Lifetime orthodontic maximum	None	None	\$1,500	\$2,000
Monthly rates				
Employee	\$43.70	\$52.70	\$58.20	\$63.90
Family	\$110.00	\$130.00	\$155.50	\$170.60
	<u>5031</u>	<u>5041</u>	<u>5051</u>	<u>5061</u>
Employee	\$43.70	\$52.70	\$58.20	\$63.90
Employee/Spouse	\$86.40	\$104.40	\$115.40	\$126.60
Employee/Children	\$83.40	\$101.40	\$117.40	\$128.80
Family	\$124.00	\$142.50	\$174.50	\$191.50

* Includes Maximum Bonus Account (MBA). \$250 of the members unused benefits may be placed in a special MBA account that can be carried over and added to the benefits available in future years.

The group must have a minimum of two enrolled employees to be eligible for these plans. To be eligible for the 4-rate structure the group must have a medical plan with a 4-rate structure or have 10 or more enrolled employees.

All plans include Health *through* Oral Wellness and Prevention Pays.

Dependents will be covered to age 26.

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2026 plans

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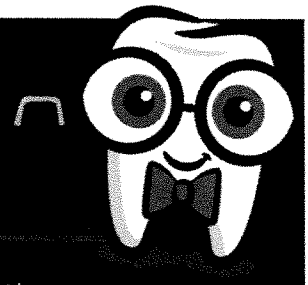


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To learn more about our sources, please visit:

southdakota.deltadental.com/references

2026
DeltaVision
benefit summary

	ESSENTIAL PLAN		CLASSIC PLAN		SUPREME PLAN	
	IN NETWORK	OUT OF NETWORK	IN NETWORK	OUT OF NETWORK	IN NETWORK	OUT OF NETWORK
Eye Exam Once per calendar year	\$10 copay	\$30 allowance	\$10 copay	\$30 allowance	\$0 copay	\$30 allowance
Frames	\$130 allowance every other calendar year	\$65 allowance every other calendar year	\$150 allowance every other calendar year	\$75 allowance every other calendar year	\$200 allowance every calendar year	\$100 allowance every calendar year
Eyeglass lenses Once per calendar year <small>*\$25 single vision, \$40 bifocal, \$55 trifocal</small>	\$25 copay	\$25-\$55* allowance	\$25 copay	\$25-\$55* allowance	\$0 copay	\$25-\$55* allowance
Standard progressive lenses	\$90 copay	\$40 allowance	\$90 copay	\$40 allowance	\$0 copay	\$55 allowance
Contact lenses In place of glasses once per calendar year	\$130 allowance	\$104 allowance	\$150 allowance	\$120 allowance	\$200 allowance	\$160 allowance



2026 Monthly rates

Rates are guaranteed through December 31, 2026

Voluntary rates

Employer pays less than 50% of the single cost

	ESSENTIAL	CLASSIC	SUPREME
Employee	\$6.56	\$7.75	\$14.20
Family	\$22.58	\$26.67	\$48.90

Contributory rates

Employer pays 50% or more of the single cost

	ESSENTIAL	CLASSIC	SUPREME
Employee	\$5.25	\$6.20	\$11.36
Family	\$18.06	\$21.34	\$39.12



Calendar year is defined as January through December when a member has active coverage. Dependents are covered to age 26. The group must have a minimum of two enrolled employees to be eligible. To be eligible for the 4-rate structure the group must have a medical plan with a 4-rate structure or have 10 or more enrolled employees. DeltaVision is offered in partnership by EyeMed® and Wellness 605, Inc., a wholly owned company of Delta Dental of South Dakota. Delta Dental and DeltaVision are Registered Marks of Delta Dental Plans Association.



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2-18-2026	49976	16.1	CO12594	DR
2-20-2026	49914	12.4	CO12594	DR
2-26-2026	50169	12.6	CO12594	DR

81.70

Fw: Mag Chloride Dust Control

1 message

E-mail Service <olchwy@hotmail.com>
To: Auditor Office <agenda@olcounty.org>

Sat, Apr 4, 2026 at 11:27 AM

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S24 FE, an AT&T 5G smartphone
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From: Alan Sarver <asarver@zandsdust.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2026 12:02:00 PM
To: olchwy@hotmail.com <olchwy@hotmail.com>
Subject: Mag Chloride Dust Control

LynxP Betttelelyoun

Price for Mag Chloride would be \$1.85 per gallon picked up at our Rapid City location.

Price for us to deliver and spray would be \$ 1.95 per gallon in truckload quantities'.

Thank you for the opportunity to quote you.

Alan Sarver

President

Z&S Dust

Oglala Lakota County

Howard, Rhett <Rhett.Howard@state.sd.us>

To: "em.coy@frcounty.org" <em.coy@frcounty.org>, "em.baker@frcounty.org" <em.baker@frcounty.org>

Tue, Apr 7, 2026 at 6:48 AM

Cc: "Howard, Rhett" <Rhett.Howard@state.sd.us>

Good morning, gentlemen,

I was thinking about our discussion of trying to get Oglala Lakota County onboard with a Hazmat Emergency Response Plan.

I just received the updated list of active LEPC's from DANR, and Oglala Lakota County does not have an active LEPC, meaning they do not qualify for the HMEP Grant opportunity.

I am sorry, but the State of South Dakota cannot assist them with this HMEP grant until they have an organized and active LEPC.

Have a good rest of your week!

Respectfully,

Rhett

Rhett Howard

S.D. Dept. of Public Safety-Office of Emergency Management

State Planner-HMEP Grant Administrator

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LARRY RHODEN | GOVERNOR

Oglala Lakota County Commission
c/o Sue Ganje
906 N River
Hot Springs, SD 57747-1398

Dear County Commissioners,

At the end of the 2026 Legislative Session, I signed two bills into law that combined will result in the largest property tax cut in South Dakota history. One of those bills requires action at the local level to provide relief: Senate Bill 96.

This legislation gives the people in each county the option to reduce their property taxes through a half-cent local option sales tax. Whether it's adopted by a county commission, referred to a public vote, or initiated by the people themselves, it puts the decision in the hands of the folks who know their communities best.

The voters and commissioners in each county need to decide if this new option is right for them. In many of our fastest-growing counties, where property taxes have risen the most, tourism plays a major role in the local economy. Should the residents of your community choose to implement this option, visitors would help shoulder the burden and help provide real relief for homeowners.

The option will be available after July 1, but preparations can start today. The Department of Revenue (DOR) has resources available on their website at dor.sd.gov to help your commission implement this option. DOR Secretary Mike Houdyshell will be joining the monthly County Association webinar in May to provide further information and answer your questions.

In the meantime, the DOR Business Tax Division can be reached at 1-800-829-9188 or BTAccounting@state.sd.us.

Thank you for your leadership in considering this new option for property tax relief.

Sincerely,

Larry Rhoden
Governor



Re: SPECIAL INVITATION: South Dakota Mines Uranium Summit - May 2

1 message

Allyssa Comer <clyssa96@gmail.com>
To: Auditor Office <commissioners@frcounty.org>

Fri, Apr 3, 2026 at 11:32 AM

I would be interested in going to this.
Thank you for sharing
Allyssa

On Fri, Apr 3, 2026, 11:00 AM Auditor Office <commissioners@frcounty.org> wrote:

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **President Tande - South Dakota Mines** <president@sdsmt.edu>
Date: Wed, Apr 1, 2026 at 10:44 AM
Subject: SPECIAL INVITATION: South Dakota Mines Uranium Summit - May 2
To:

Uranium Summit a 4M Expo Event

This summit will build a shared understanding of uranium's role in meeting South Dakota's future energy needs.

On behalf of South Dakota Mines and the South Dakota Mineral Industry Association, you are cordially invited to attend the **Uranium Summit** at South Dakota Mines!

Please register by April 25, 2026 at <https://uraniumsummitatsdmines.eventbrite.com>

Saturday, May 2, 2026 | 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Christensen Hall of Fame in the King Center

Free Parking. No permits required.

Visit the [website](#) for further details!

Agenda:

10:00 AM - 10:30AM Dr. Kathy Johnson, Barr Engineering – ISR Method and Hydrology

10:30AM – 11:00AM Boyd Eisenbraun, Barr Engineering – Uranium processing

11:00AM – 11:20AM Networking Break

11:20AM - 11:50AM Brandi O'Brien, Wyoming DEQ – Permitting and Government Regulations

11:50AM – 12:20PM Tom Glanzer, Northwestern Energy (BHE)

12:20PM - 12:50PM Networking & Lunch

12:50PM – 1:30PM Paul Goranson – Uranium Industry Outlook

1:30PM - 2:30PM Panel Discussion

2:30PM - 3:00PM Networking Reception



March 23, 2026

Organization:

Makoce Agriculture Development
1751 Mahpiya Maza Ln
Porcupine, SD 57772
(605) 407-4744
www.makoceag.org

Requested Funding: \$88,625

Mission Statement:

Develop Indigenous Agriculture & Food Systems designed to regenerate equitable healthy communities, economies, and our environment.

Organization Background & Summary:

Makoce Agriculture Development's (Makoce) origin story is rooted in relationships and the life of our tribal members that only decades ago had a sustainable local food system. Oglala Lakota people once lived off the homelands and developed sustainable economies through connective and regional food systems that connected and sustained a nation and its allies. After three generations of disconnection from our local food and agricultural lifeways, we have adopted a western model of dependency on imports into our homelands, which has created unsustainable and unhealthy practices for our people. Makoce is an Oglala Lakota-led, community-driven, and place-based nonprofit organization based on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation (Pine Ridge), home of the Oglala Lakota Oyate, in South Dakota. Makoce was established after our founder, Nick Hernandez, recognized the need for a new approach towards rebuilding a local food system on Pine Ridge. Makoce's mission is to develop Indigenous Agriculture and Food Systems designed to regenerate equitable healthy communities, economies, and our environment. Makoce's vision is healthy growing homelands.

By embracing traditional and local foods through a scalable, sustainable food system rooted in cultural self-determination, Makoce is dismantling food apartheid to reimagine Oglala Lakota food systems, returning to the food oasis centered on local and traditional foods that our community thrived from for hundreds of years. Makoce, through a practitioner-led approach, is creating a shared analysis of the impact of the US CFR, dismissal of treaty rights, and forced disconnection from Oglala Lakota kinship systems to develop shared power and community-led solutions that reconnect each relative to one another, to our plant and animal relatives, and to Oceti Sakowin Nation philosophy. Makoce honors the Oglala Lakota food and economic practices that thrived for hundreds of years by focusing on a return to a community-driven local

and regional food system. A local food system is entwined with layers of systems including: infrastructure, land development, policy development, economic opportunity, education and training while the regional focus is to open back up historical trade routes and connections. To rebuild a resilient and regenerative food system, Makoce addresses each gap or layer of systems infrastructure through five strategic initiatives: 1) Food Systems Institute 2) Food Hub 3) Biobased Solutions 4) Wóyute Regenerative Production Farm 5) Oceti Sakowin Food Systems Alliance.

Each initiative at Makoce contributes toward our short and long-term goals. The Wóyute Regenerative Production farm is expanding poultry production by raising and processing 3 flocks of chicken and adding a turkey flock for the first time. The Food Hub Director is leading the development of systems for local food procurement and sales into the local community (schools, grocery stores, Elder food boxes). The Oceti Sakowin Food Systems Alliance is prioritizing the completion of a draft food code for the Oglala Sioux Tribe to consider for resolution and adoption, as well as expanding the Convergence into a multi-day conference through partnerships with local organizations and producers. The Biobased Solutions team is leading due diligence and planning for a land purchase, which would provide a long-term home for aspects of Makoce's work across all initiatives with an emphasis on the farm and biobased solutions. Community education and engagement, a core component of each initiative at Makoce, ensures that we continually listen to community and partner input in our planning and implementation processes. For example, the Food Systems Institute Coordinator will be engaging a planning team of community members to expand a food sovereignty curriculum into a food systems curriculum and the Community Engagement Manager will be conducting Tribal Elder interviews and launching several new podcast episodes that provide community education and honor Elder stories.

Key strategies for Makoce's work were developed as part of our strategic plan in December 2023, with modifications in early 2025 to shift the food hub priorities for now to a non-asset based model rather than construction of a physical hub and business district. In December 2025 and January 2026, the Makoce team convened for two 2-day retreats to develop work plans and priorities for 2026. Organizational goals that emerged included an emphasis on hiring a Human Resources Manager and developing standard operating procedures across all initiatives and departments. The team developed their initiative/department specific work plans for the year. Since this is the last year of Makoce's current strategic plan, the organization is also preparing a community engaged process for developing our next 3 year strategic plan. Makoce continues to focus on both internal and external processes that strengthen our capacity to reimagine and rebuild a local food system that honors traditional knowledge and restores traditional food lifeways.

Project Description:

Makoce is requesting funding to support a project that will grow our impact in four key ways: 1) scaling up the number of youth internship opportunities in food systems change work; 2) increasing the depth of training through development of a paid workforce development certificate program for roles needed across Pine Ridge's food system; 3) increased depth of knowledge and training for youth interested in food systems roles; 4) direct training for youth

who are emerging young adults seeking opportunities in the workforce locally rather than being driven out of the community.

SMARTIE Goal 1: By the end of 12 months, Makoce will design and implement a comprehensive youth intern program across 5 initiatives with training in food systems in alignment with food system workforce development opportunities across Pine Ridge Reservation.

SMARTIE Goal 2: By the end of 12 months, Makoce will recruit, hire, and train 16 summer youth interns in food systems roles to increase youth food justice participation across Pine Ridge Reservation.

Pine Ridge Reservation does not currently have job opportunities, nor people trained for job opportunities, necessary for rebuilding our local food and agriculture systems. However, Makoce's initiatives are addressing the need for both an emerging, trained workforce of youth leaders prepared to contribute to local food systems change by entering these job opportunities as youth and later young adults. Meanwhile, Makoce is working with partners locally and regionally to develop new logistics for our local food system. By scaling up the youth intern opportunities, Makoce will train youth across five key areas of food and agriculture system development. Interns hired on the Wóyute Regenerative Production Farm will have an opportunity to learn through hands-on experiences how to manage a regenerative production farm, with a focus on poultry. Interns working with the Makoce Food Hub staff will have an opportunity to learn about supply/cold chain and trucker/transportation logistics that are necessary in order to move local producers from farm to stores, institutions, and consumers. The Food Systems Institute interns will organize and host community education classes and events. The Biobased Solutions interns will have an opportunity to deepen their understanding of our local ecosystem and the uses and impact of hemp production for biobased solutions and climate resilience. The Oceti Sakowin Food Systems Alliance interns will work with local Oglala Lakota leaders to draft food codes. Additionally, Makoce will hire 2 interns to work with the Community Engagement and Communications team. This team of interns will learn about community outreach, education, and how to recruit participants for local food system events and programs. These opportunities will provide youth with hands-on experience as well as education through weekly team meetings.

Anticipated outcomes by the end of the 12 month project period:

- A food systems youth internship training curriculum
- 16 youth complete 12-week internship program
- 16 new summer opportunities in food systems for the Pine Ridge community youth
- 16 youth co-create 12-week internship program through input and design during their weekly meetings
- 12 youth internship program meetings for co-creation of training curriculum
- Certificate curriculum to be shared at local and regional events, such as Oglala Lakota Education Conference (OLEC)

Anticipated outputs by the end of the 12 month project period:

- Increased access to place-based summer jobs for youth

- 16 youth increase knowledge of rebuilding Lakota food systems
- 16 youth increase knowledge of co-creation youth-led internship programs
- Increased food systems workforce development training for local youth
- Increased knowledge of workforce opportunities after K-12 education among youth
- 6 youth increase knowledge of regenerative production farming
- 2 youth increase knowledge of developing biobased solutions with hemp production
- 2 youth increase knowledge of food systems communications and community outreach
- 2 youth increase knowledge of developing local food hubs
- 2 youth increase knowledge of community cultural foods and food system workforce event planning
- 2 youth increase knowledge of food code development

Makoce will measure these goals through two processes: two talking circles (focus group), one for staff and partners then one for youth interns, and a survey for youth interns. The talking circles and survey will provide qualitative and quantitative evaluation results to measure impact of the program and provide crucial insight into changes that may need to be made for future years of the program.

Requested Funding Budget:

Makoce seeks funding to support development of food systems youth internships on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Funding requested supports budget gaps for the project, which is partially funded with support from Newman’s Own Foundation.

Funding Item & Justification	Total Cost
Youth Program Coordinator: Seasonal position full-time for 6 months of the year to recruit, interview, hire, onboard, and manage 16 youth internship positions that will work with Makoce staff for hands-on experiential learning.	\$25,000
Project Director: CEO & Founder will serve as Project Director. 10% FTE based on annual salary of \$125,000 + 25% fringe; \$12,500 + \$3,125; manage project timeline, reporting, and supervise directors.	\$15,625
Intern Equipment: Makoce will purchase 16 laptops for interns to utilize during their internships. These will be utilized to document their work within their respective roles. The cost for laptops is \$1,199 x 16 = \$19,184. Makoce will purchase 16 DJI cameras for the interns to utilize during their internships. The camera will be utilized to take photo and video of the ecosystem as they map the watershed, to be integrated into the educational materials created as a result of their experiential environmental education. DJI Osmo Pocket 3 (or similar) \$598 x 16 = \$9,568. These expenses are one-time costs that will last for years to come for interns each year to utilize to document their work, conduct outreach through their respective roles, and share their experience through Makoce’s many communication platforms.	\$28,752

<p>Intern Supplies: Makoce will purchase short-sleeve t-shirts (\$10/each x 16 = \$160), long-sleeve t-shirts (\$13/each x 16 = \$208), jackets (\$30 x 16 = \$480), water bottles (\$10 x 16 = \$160), and reusable food containers (\$12 x 16 = \$192) for each intern. These supplies will ensure that interns are identified as Makoce staff when engaging in the community through their roles. Furthermore, the reusable water bottles and food containers will ensure minimal waste when interns eat meals/snacks at Makoce or out in the community. Makoce will purchase AppleCare+ (\$65 x 16 = \$1,040) for intern laptops in case of damage or problems with the equipment. Makoce will develop and print an intern handbook, as well as purchase basic office supplies (sticky notes of various sizes, pens, markers, etc) for bi-monthly intern team meetings. \$8/handbook x 16 = \$128 + \$20/intern for supplies = \$320 for \$448.</p>	\$2,688
<p>Convergence: Makoce requests \$5,000 toward youth recruitment and engagement at our annual conference. a community-focused event that educates and empowers attendees to actively participate in and contribute to food autonomy and sovereignty. This year's Convergence will be a four-day gathering consisting of a producer day, two days focused on wellness with community-led breakout sessions and conversations, and the last day being a collaboration day with Tanka Fund, focusing on buffalo producers and buffalo teachings. Makoce seeks funding toward days 2-4 to engage youth as presenters and participants. This year's Convergence will be centered around the theme "Healing at the Table," which focuses on the understanding that food is deeply connected to our overall wellness. Healing at the Table invites producers, youth, families, and partners to explore how land stewardship, cultural food systems, and shared meals contribute to mental, emotional, spiritual, and physical well-being. Through shared learning, conversation, and community, we aim to explore how food systems, agriculture, and wellness intersect and how healing begins at the table.</p>	\$5,000
<p><i>Subtotal</i></p>	\$77,065
<p><i>Indirect - 15% total proposal budget</i></p>	\$11,560
<p>Total</p>	\$88,625

