

PEBB Extended Dependent Certification

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Guidelines for extended dependent approval

To be considered for enrollment in Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB) Program health plan coverage as an extended dependent, the following conditions must be met:

- The extended dependent must not be your child through birth, adoption, marriage, or a state-registered domestic partnership
- You, your spouse, or your state-registered domestic partner are the legal guardian or have legal custody of the child.
- The extended dependent's official residence is with the guardian or custodian.
- You have provided the PEBB Program with a valid court order showing that you, your spouse, or your state-registered domestic partner have legal custody or guardianship.
- The extended dependent is not a foster child unless you, your spouse, or your state-registered domestic partner has assumed a legal obligation for total or partial support in anticipation of adoption.

The PEBB Program will determine eligibility using the information you submit on this form and the legal documents you submit with it. Follow the instructions on the next page to certify or recertify an extended dependent. The form begins on page 3.

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First-time certification instructions

Employees

Submit this certification form, a *PEBB Employee Enrollment/Change* form, and a copy of a valid court order showing legal custody or guardianship to your payroll or benefits office.

Your payroll or benefits office must receive these within the following timelines:

Newly eligible employees: No later than 31 days after becoming eligible for PEBB benefits.

Currently eligible employees: No later than the last day of the PEBB Program's annual open enrollment, or 60 days after a qualifying event creates a special open enrollment. For a list of these events, see *Change your coverage* on the PEBB webpages at hca.wa.gov/pebb-employee. Search for "special open enrollment."

Retirees or PEBB Continuation Coverage (COBRA and Unpaid Leave) subscribers

Submit this certification form, the appropriate PEBB election or change form, and a copy of a valid court order showing legal custody or guardianship. Address information is on the next page.

The PEBB Program must receive these within the following timelines:

New retirees: No later than 60 days after your employer-paid, COBRA, or continuation coverage ends.

Elected and full-time appointed officials: No later than 60 days after the date you leave public office.

Current retirees and continuation coverage subscribers: No later than the last day of the PEBB Program's annual open enrollment, or 60 days after a qualifying event creates a special open enrollment. For a list of these events, see *Change your coverage* on the PEBB webpages at hca.wa.gov/pebb-retirees or hca.wa.gov/pebb-continuation. Search for "special open enrollment."

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Recertification instructions

If your extended dependent is enrolled and must recertify

Recertification is when the PEBB Program checks whether a currently enrolled extended dependent is still eligible under your PEBB coverage. The PEBB Program reviews the eligibility of enrolled extended dependents annually. However, we reserve the right to review an extended dependent's eligibility at any time.

The PEBB Program must receive this certification form **by the PEBB health plan coverage termination date** listed on the recertification request letter mailed to you. You are required to recertify your extended dependent as requested, regardless of whether you receive the recertification reminder letter.

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Important notes

- You must provide a copy of a valid court order granting legal custody, guardianship, or temporary guardianship with this certification form.
- If this is a first-time certification, submit this form and a copy of a valid court order with your completed *PEBB Enrollment/Change* form. Submit documents as instructed below.
- Make a copy of the forms for your records.
- If this child's status as your extended dependent changes at any time after you submit this form, you must submit written notice **no later than 60 days** from the last day of the month your child is no longer eligible. Employees must notify their payroll or benefits office. All others must notify the PEBB Program.

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To return this form

For first-time certifications

Employees: Submit this form and any required documents to your payroll or benefits office.

Retirees or PEBB Continuation Coverage subscribers (COBRA, and Unpaid Leave): Mail or fax your forms and any required documents to the PEBB Program. See contact information below.

For recertifications

Mail or fax your forms and any required documentation to:
Health Care Authority
PEBB Program
PO Box 42684
Olympia, WA 98504-2684

Fax: 360-725-0771

HCA is committed to providing equal access to our services. If you need an accommodation, or require documents in another format or language, please contact the following. **Employees:** Contact your payroll or benefits office. **Retirees and PEBB Continuation Coverage subscribers:** Call the PEBB Program at 1-800-200-1004 (TRS: 711).

HCA's Privacy Notice: HCA will keep your information private except as allowed by law. To see our Privacy Notice, visit the HCA website at hca.wa.gov/erb.

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Type or print clearly in dark ink and use all capital lettering in the spaces provided. Example: **J O H N** Inaccurate, incomplete, or illegible information may delay coverage.

1 Subscriber information

Social Security number _____ Last name _____

First name _____ Middle initial _____ Suffix _____

Phone number _____ Alternate phone number _____

Street address _____

Address line 2 _____

City _____ State _____

ZIP/Postal code _____ Country _____

Mailing address (if different) _____

Mailing address line 2 _____

City _____ State _____

ZIP/Postal code _____ Country _____

2 Extended dependent information

Social Security number _____ Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ Sex assigned at birth¹ _____

Last name _____ Male _____ Female _____ Gender identity _____

First name _____ Male _____ Female _____ X² _____ Middle initial _____ Suffix _____

Relationship to subscriber: _____



¹ This field is required for health care services.
² Gender X means a gender that is not exclusively male or female. This field is optional and will be kept private to the extent allowable by law. To learn more, visit the HCA website at hca.wa.gov/gender-x.

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Subscriber's last name

Social Security number

Extended dependent information (continued)

Is this extended dependent a foster child?

Yes No

If you answered **yes**, has the subscriber, the subscriber's spouse, or the subscriber's state-registered domestic partner assumed a legal obligation for total or partial support in anticipation of adoption of the child?

Yes No


If the answer to the first question was **yes**, and the answer to the second question was **no**, the child does not qualify for coverage as an extended dependent.

What kind of certification is this?

New enrollment Recertification

If this child is age 26 or older, does this child have a disability?

Yes No

 If **yes**, also complete the *PEBB Certification of a Child with a Disability* form (available on the HCA website at hca.wa.gov/erb) and submit it to the address on the form.

Is the child's official residence with the guardian or custodian?

Yes. If **yes**, when did the child begin living with the subscriber? (mm/dd/yyyy)

No. If **no**, who does the child live with?

Last name, first name

Street address

City

State

ZIP/Postal code

Country

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Signature

By submitting this form, I declare that the information I have provided is true, complete, and correct. If it isn't, or if I do not update this information within the PEBB Program's required timelines, I must repay any claims paid by my health plan(s) or premiums paid on my dependent's behalf, to the extent permitted by federal and state law. My dependent may also lose PEBB health plan coverage as of the last day of the month they were eligible. To the extent permitted by law, the PEBB Program may retroactively terminate coverage for me and my dependents if I intentionally misrepresent eligibility, or do not pay premiums and applicable premium surcharges when due. I understand that knowingly providing false, incomplete, or misleading information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding the company is a crime and can result in imprisonment, fines, and denial of benefits.

The PEBB Program will verify eligibility for my dependents. I understand that the PEBB Program may ask for this verification at any time and that I must submit recertification forms and documents so the PEBB Program receives them within the required timelines.

This form replaces all *PEBB Extended Dependent Certification* forms submitted in the past.

Subscriber's signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)