

State of Oregon
Public Employees' Benefit Board Summary Plan Description

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Special Enrollment Rights

Under the special enrollment provisions of HIPAA, you will be eligible, in certain situations, to enroll in a PEBB medical plan during the year, even if you previously declined coverage. This right extends to you and all eligible family members.

You will be eligible to enroll yourself (and eligible dependents) if, during the year you or your dependents have lost coverage under another plan because:

- Coverage ended due to termination of employment, divorce, death, or a reduction in hours that affected benefits eligibility;
- Employer contributions to the plan stopped;
- The plan was terminated;
- COBRA coverage ended; or
- The lifetime maximum for medical benefits was exceeded under the existing medical coverage option.

If you gain a new dependent during the year as a result of marriage, birth, adoption or placement for adoption, you may enroll that dependent, as well as yourself and any other eligible dependents, in the plan — again, even if you previously declined medical coverage. Coverage will be retroactive to the date of the birth or adoption for children enrolled during the year under these provisions.

You will also be eligible to enroll yourself and any eligible dependents if either of two events occur: (1) You or your dependent loses Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage because of a loss of eligibility. (2) You or your dependent qualifies for state assistance in paying employer group medical plan premiums.

Regardless of other enrollment deadlines, you will have 60 days from the date of the Medicaid/CHIP event to request enrollment in the employer medical plan.

Please note that special enrollment rights allow you to either enroll in current medical coverage; or enroll in any medical plan benefit option for which you and your dependents are eligible.

Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

Offer Free Or Low-Cost Health Coverage To Children And Families

If you are eligible for health coverage from your employer, but are unable to afford the premiums, some States have premium assistance programs that can help pay for coverage. These States use funds from their Medicaid or CHIP programs to help people who are eligible for employer-sponsored health coverage, but need assistance in paying their health premiums.

If you or your dependents are already enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP and you live in a State listed below, you can contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office to find out if premium assistance is available.

If you or your dependents are NOT currently enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, and you think you or any of your dependents might be eligible for either of these programs, you can contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office or dial **1-877-KIDS NOW** or **www.insurekidsnow.gov** to find out how to apply. If you qualify, you can ask the State if it has a program that might help you pay the premiums for an employer-sponsored plan.

Once it is determined that you or your dependents are eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP, your employer's health plan is required to permit you and your dependents to enroll in the plan – as long as you and your dependents are eligible, but not already enrolled in the employer's plan. This is called a “special enrollment” opportunity, and **you must request coverage within 60 days of being determined eligible for premium assistance.**

If you live in one of the states listed on the following page, you may be eligible for assistance paying your employer health plan premiums. The following list of States is current as of April 16, 2010. You should contact your State for further information on eligibility. To see if any more States have added a premium assistance program since April 16, 2010, or for more information on special enrollment rights, you can contact either:

U.S. Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration
www.dol.gov/ebsa
1-866-444-EBSA (3272)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
www.cms.hhs.gov
1-877-267-2323, Ext. 61