

Thinking about retirement?



The PEBB Program is here to help so you can focus on what's important to you. As you transition into retirement, we want to make sure you can continue your medical and dental benefits.

Why choose PEBB Program insurance?

We offer a comprehensive health care package providing value, access, and choice. We also contract with private insurers to accommodate your range of insurance needs.

Value

As one of the largest purchasers of health coverage in Washington State, we negotiate competitive premiums and benefits, and pass these savings on to you.

Access

Our plans give you access to thousands of providers across Washington State. Some offer extended networks so you can see any provider in the United States.

Choice

With our retiree coverage, you have options. Our health plans offer a range of designs to fit the way you use health care.

For details, review the 2017 Retiree Enrollment Guide at www.hca.wa.gov/public-employee-benefits or request a copy (see inside).

Things to keep in mind:

When are the enrollment timelines?

The PEBB Program must receive your completed retiree enrollment form **no later than 60 days** after your employer-paid coverage, COBRA coverage, or continuation coverage ends and all retiree eligibility criteria is met. If the PEBB Program does not receive your completed enrollment form (as well as other required forms and documents) by the required deadline, you could lose your rights to enroll in PEBB retiree insurance.

What coverage can I enroll in?

You can choose to continue your medical and dental coverage, or medical coverage only. You cannot enroll in dental only coverage. You can also enroll in retiree term life insurance, if eligible.

If you are enrolled in Medicare Part A and Part B, other medical plan options may be available to you.

How much does it cost?

You can view the monthly premiums at www.hca.wa.gov/public-employee-benefits/retirees/plan-costs. Generally, premiums change every January 1.

Can I enroll later?

If you have access to other coverage as described on the 2017 Retiree Coverage Election/Change form, you can defer (postpone) PEBB retiree insurance and enroll in the future. However, the PEBB Program must receive your enrollment form requesting deferment no later than 60 days after your employer-paid coverage, COBRA coverage, or continuation coverage ends, and all other retiree eligibility criteria is met.

Enrolling is easy! Just follow these steps:

About 90 days before your employer-paid coverage, COBRA coverage, or continuation coverage ends

- Contact the Social Security Administration to enroll in Medicare Part A and Part B if you or any eligible family members you wish to cover are entitled to Medicare due to either age (65) or disability.
- Complete the card in this brochure and return it to us. We will send you a 2017 Retiree Enrollment Guide (including enrollment forms). You can also download the guide and required forms at www.hca.wa.gov/public-employee-benefits/forms-and-publications.

60 days before your active employment, COBRA coverage, or continuation coverage ends

- Return your completed *2017 Retiree Coverage Election/Change* form and any other required forms and documents to the PEBB Program to enroll in or defer PEBB Program retiree coverage.
- The PEBB Program must receive your completed enrollment forms and required documents **no later than 60 days** after your employer-paid coverage, COBRA coverage, or continuation coverage ends.

Monthly premium surcharges

Non-Medicare retirees must attest to the premium surcharges. Monthly premium surcharges may apply in addition to medical plan premiums. These surcharges do not apply if you are also enrolled in Medicare Part A and Part B:

- A monthly \$25-per-account tobacco use premium surcharge.
- A monthly \$50 spouse or state-registered domestic partner coverage premium surcharge.

For more details, see our surcharge pages at www.hca.wa.gov/public-employee-benefits/retirees/surcharges.

To request a copy of the 2017 Retiree Enrollment Guide

Complete the card below and return it to us. We will mail you a *2017 Retiree Enrollment Guide* with the enrollment forms you need.

Need more help?

Call the PEBB Program

(360) 725-0440 or toll-free 1-800-200-1004 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific Time

Visit our office

Health Care Authority 626 8th Avenue SE Olympia, WA 98501

Go online to www.hca.wa.gov/public-employee-benefits for forms, publications, and information updates.

Fold along dotted line, Health Care Authority address facing outward; moisten glue strip and seal. Please do not staple.

Name					
Address		Unit/apt. number			
City		State	ZIP Code		
Mailing address (if different)		City	State	ZIP Code	
		Last 4 digits of Social Security number			
Phone number	(required to verify eligibility)				
Retirement date	Current employ	Current employer			

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Please place into an envelope to mail to the PEBB Program in order to meet USPS requirements.

