

Title: Attestation requirements for the Spouse or Registered Domestic Partner Coverage premium surcharge

Policy #31-3

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Purpose:

This policy clarifies:

1. The only times a subscriber may change his or her attestation regarding whether an enrolled spouse or registered domestic partner chose not to enroll in employer-based group medical insurance that has premiums and benefits comparable to the UMP Classic's premiums and benefits is limited to the time periods described in WAC 182-08-185(2)(a).
2. That the PEBB Program has designated a time period following the annual open enrollment during which a subscriber may revise his or her attestation.
3. The time frame for a subscriber to provide an attestation when there is a change in his or her spouse's or registered domestic partner's employer-based group medical insurance.

Policy:

1. WAC 182-08-185(2)(a) states that "A subscriber with a spouse or registered domestic partner enrolled under his or her PEBB medical must attest during the following times:" The times listed in subsection (i) through (iv) are not only when a subscriber must attest, but these times are the only times a subscriber is allowed to attest, except as described in subsection (2).
2. WAC 182-08-185(2)(a)(iii) states that an attestation must be made "during the annual open enrollment." If a subscriber failed to submit or submitted an inaccurate attestation during the annual open enrollment, he or she may submit a revised attestation to his or her employing agency or to the PEBB Program. The revised attestation must be received by the employing agency (for employees) or the PEBB Program (for all other subscribers) by December 31 of the current year for an effective date of January 1 of the following year.

3. WAC 182-08-185(2)(a)(iv) states that an attestation must be made "*when there is a change in the spouse's or registered domestic partner's employer-based group medical insurance.*" The subscriber's attestation must be received by the employing agency (for employees) or the PEBB Program (for all other subscribers) within sixty days of the date the spouse's or registered domestic partner's employer-based group medical insurance changes.