



For Your Benefit

Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB) Program

PEBB Continuation Coverage Edition | October 2020

! The PEBB Program's open enrollment is November 1-30, 2020

2021 changes to your PEBB benefits

All changes are effective January 1, 2021 unless otherwise noted. For 2021 monthly premiums, see pages 3-5. Learn more about the changes listed below on the HCA website at hca.wa.gov/pebb-oe.



Kaiser Permanente of the Northwest will:

- Cover one hearing instrument per ear every 60 consecutive months in full, up to the plan's allowed amount, (or, for Consumer-Directed Health Plan [CDHP] members, after the deductible is met). In-network providers may not balance bill you for this service. See your plan's certificate of coverage for details.
- Change office visit copays to \$25 for primary care and \$35 for specialty care for Senior Advantage members.

Kaiser Permanente of Washington will:

- Cover one hearing instrument per ear every 60 consecutive months in full, up to the plan's allowed amount, (or for CDHP members, after the deductible is met). In-network providers may not balance bill for this service. See your plan's certificate of coverage for details.
- Change office visit copays to \$15 for primary care and \$30 for specialty care for Medicare Advantage members.
- Increase the visit limit for acupuncture and chiropractic care

for Medicare Advantage members.

- Increase the visit limit for chiropractic care for Original Medicare members.



Uniform Medical Plan (UMP) will:

- Add a new medical plan option called UMP Select, available to COBRA subscribers and their dependents who are not enrolled in Medicare Part A or Part B. This plan has the same covered services and provider networks as UMP Classic. Some cost shares differ, though. Learn more about UMP Select on the UMP website at regence.com/ump/pebb.
- Cover one hearing instrument per ear every five calendar years in full, up to the plan's allowed amount (or, for CDHP members, after the deductible is met). Network providers may not balance bill for this service. See your plan's certificate of coverage for details.
- Offer vision coverage through Vision Service Plan (VSP) providers.
- Add Chelan and Douglas counties to UMP Plus—Puget Sound High Value Network's (PSHVN) service area.
- Add The Everett Clinic to UMP Plus—

PSHVN's provider network effective October 2020.

- Add Confluence Health to UMP Plus—PSHVN's provider network effective January 1, 2021.



UnitedHealthcare (UHC) will administer two new Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug (MAPD) plans. These plans offer Medicare Part D coverage and are available nationwide. They will be available to retirees and PEBB Continuation Coverage (COBRA) members who are enrolled in Medicare Part A and Part B. If a subscriber selects a PEBB Program MAPD plan, any non-Medicare members on the account will be enrolled in UMP Classic.

Visit the UHC website at UHCRetiree.com/wapebb or call 1-855-873-3268 to learn more about these plans. UHC is offering virtual town halls in October and November to provide benefit details and answer your questions.

The two-hour town halls will take place on the dates and times listed on the next page. All times are in Pacific Time. You can choose to call into a teleconference or join a virtual presentation at a video meeting (called Webex). For the teleconferences listed, at the time of the event, call 1-844-291-6360 toll-free to join. Use access code 9402742. To join a Webex meeting, visit HCA's website at

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hca.wa.gov/pebb-mapd at the time of the event.

UHC virtual town hall schedule

- Tuesday, October 13, 2 p.m. (Webex)
- Wednesday, October 14, 10 a.m. (Teleconference)
- Thursday, October 15, 10 a.m. (Webex)
- Tuesday, October 20, 10 a.m. (Webex)
- Wednesday, October 21, 2 p.m. (Teleconference)
- Thursday, October 22, 2 p.m. (Webex)
- Tuesday, October 27, 2 p.m. (Webex)
- Wednesday, October 28, 10 a.m. (Teleconference)
- Thursday, October 29, 10 a.m. (Webex)
- Tuesday, November 3, 10 a.m. (Webex)
- Wednesday, November 4, 10 a.m. (Teleconference)
- Thursday, November 5, 2 p.m. (Webex)
- Tuesday, November 10, 2 p.m. (Webex)
- Wednesday, November 11, 2 p.m. (Teleconference)
- Thursday, November 12, 10 a.m. (Webex)
- Tuesday, November 17, 10 a.m. (Webex)
- Wednesday, November 18, 10 a.m. (Teleconference)
- Thursday, November 19, 2 p.m. (Webex)

Health savings accounts (for non-Medicare subscribers)

The maximum annual contribution for health savings accounts will increase to \$3,600 for individuals (up from \$3,550 in 2020) and \$7,200 for families (up from \$7,100 in 2020). Subscribers ages 55 and older can continue to contribute an extra \$1,000 per year.

Rule changes

All changes to PEBB rules that take effect January 1, 2021 will be available on the PEBB rules and policies webpage at hca.wa.gov/pebb-rules. A few rule changes are highlighted below.

- If a special open enrollment event (SOE) allows the enrollment of an extended dependent or a dependent with a disability, their enrollment will start the first day of the month after the event date or the eligibility certification, whichever is later.
- If an employee regains eligibility for PEBB benefits after a period of approved leave (as described in rules), and has a life event that creates an SOE at the same time, they will have 31 days to make new benefit elections.
- PEBB employers cannot terminate PEBB benefits while an employee is on Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave and their premiums are unpaid for 60 days.

PEB Board resolutions

The PEB Board passed resolutions that make the following changes:

- Create a new self-insured medical plan called UMP Select.
- Authorize two new Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug plans administered by UnitedHealthcare.

Remember, Medicare doesn't mix with CDHPs, UMP Select, or UMP Plus!

If you or a covered dependent enrolls in Medicare while you are enrolled in UMP Select, a UMP Plus plan, or a consumer-directed health plan (CDHP) with a health savings account (HSA) in 2021, you must change your PEBB medical plan or remove the Medicare-eligible dependent from your coverage. The dependent you remove would not be eligible for PEBB Continuation Coverage.

You may also want to consider changing your medical plan during the PEBB Program's annual open enrollment. If you wait until you or a covered dependent enrolls in Medicare to change medical plans, you will need to choose a new plan no later than 60 days after your or your dependent's enrollment in Medicare. (Exceptions apply if you select a new Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug plan.) The effective date of your plan change will be the first of the month after the date your medical plan becomes unavailable, or the date we receive the required form, whichever is later. If that day is the first of the month, the plan change begins on that day.

If you are enrolled in Medicare and a CDHP with an HSA, you will be responsible for any tax penalties that result from contributions to your HSA after you are no longer eligible. Plus, any amount you've paid toward your deductible and out-of-pocket maximum during the plan year will be lost—you'll have to start over with your new medical plan.

Covering a spouse or state-registered domestic partner for 2021?

Non-Medicare subscribers only: Even if you do not make plan changes, you may have to reattest to the \$50 spouse or state-registered domestic partner coverage premium surcharge if you attested in 2020 and will continue to cover your spouse or partner on your PEBB medical in 2021.

If you have to reattest, the PEBB Program will mail a letter to you at the address we have on file in late October. Starting November 1, you can also use PEBB My Account at

hca.wa.gov/my-account to find out if you must reattest. If required, you must reattest by November 30, 2020. If you are required to reattest but do not, or if your attestation means you will incur the surcharge, you will be charged the monthly \$50 surcharge in addition to your monthly medical premium starting January 1, 2021.

To learn more, visit the HCA's website at hca.wa.gov/pebb-continuation and click on *Surcharges*.

2021 PEBB Continuation Coverage monthly premiums

Non-Medicare medical plan premiums

Effective January 1, 2021

Plans	Subscriber	Subscriber & spouse ¹	Subscriber & children ²	Subscriber, spouse ¹ & children ²
Kaiser Permanente NW Classic ³	\$745.66	\$1,485.75	\$1,300.73	\$2,040.82
Kaiser Permanente NW CDHP ³	\$618.76	\$1,226.30	\$1,089.00	\$1,638.21
Kaiser Permanente WA Classic	\$775.39	\$1,545.22	\$1,352.76	\$2,122.58
Kaiser Permanente WA CDHP	\$619.29	\$1,227.86	\$1,090.30	\$1,640.54
Kaiser Permanente WA SoundChoice	\$641.43	\$1,277.28	\$1,118.32	\$1,754.17
Kaiser Permanente WA Value	\$698.96	\$1,392.34	\$1,219.00	\$1,912.38
UMP Classic	\$691.72	\$1,377.86	\$1,206.32	\$1,892.47
UMP Select	\$623.50	\$1,241.43	\$1,086.95	\$1,704.88
UMP CDHP	\$618.52	\$1,226.31	\$1,088.95	\$1,638.41
UMP Plus	\$658.79	\$1,312.02	\$1,148.71	\$1,801.93

¹ Or state-registered domestic partner

² You pay the same no matter how many children you enroll.

³ Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Northwest (KFHPNW) offers plans in Clark and Cowlitz counties in Washington and select counties in Oregon.

Premium surcharges (for non-Medicare subscribers only)

Two premium surcharges may apply, in addition to your monthly medical premium. They only apply if you, the subscriber, are not enrolled in Medicare Part A and Part B. You will be charged for them if the conditions described apply, or if you are required to attest to the surcharges and do not.

A monthly \$25-per-account premium surcharge will apply if you or any dependent (age 13 and older) enrolled in PEBB medical uses tobacco products.

A monthly \$50 premium surcharge will apply if you enroll a spouse or state-registered domestic partner, and they have chosen not to enroll in another employer-based group medical plan that is comparable to PEBB's UMP Classic.

For more guidance on whether these premium surcharges apply to you, see the *2021 PEBB Premium Surcharge Attestation Help Sheet* on our website at hca.wa.gov/pebb-continuation and click on *Surcharges*.

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How to tell the two Delta Dental plans apart

The PEBB Program offers two Delta Dental plans: DeltaCare and Uniform Dental Plan (UDP). Sometimes members intend to enroll in one Delta Dental plan but accidentally enroll in the other. During open enrollment, be careful to choose the one you want.

DeltaCare (Group 3100) is a managed-care plan. You must choose a primary care dentist within the network. This plan will not pay claims if you see a provider outside of their network.

UDP (Group 3000) is a preferred-provider plan. You may choose any dental provider, but you will usually have lower out-of-pocket costs if you see network providers.



Before you enroll in a dental plan, check with the plan to see if your dentist is in the plan's network and check the group number. You can check by calling the dental plan's customer service (see page 8) or use the dental plan network's online directory.

2021 PEBB Continuation Coverage monthly premiums

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Medicare medical plan premiums

For members enrolled in Medicare Part A and Part B	Subscriber only		Subscriber & spouse ¹		Subscriber and child(ren)		Subscriber, spouse ¹ , and child(ren)		
	1 Medicare eligible	1 Medicare eligible	2 Medicare eligible	1 Medicare eligible	2 Medicare eligible	1 Medicare eligible	2 Medicare eligible	3 Medicare eligible	
Kaiser Permanente NW ² Senior Advantage	\$343.26	\$1,083.35 ³	\$680.96	\$898.33 ³	\$680.96	\$1,638.42 ³	\$1,236.03 ³	\$1,018.65	
Kaiser Permanente WA Classic	N/A	\$1,118.47	N/A ⁴	\$926.01	N/A ⁴	\$1,695.83	\$1,269.08	\$N/A ⁴	
Kaiser Permanente WA Medicare Plan	\$348.64	N/A ⁴	\$691.71	N/A ⁴	\$691.71	N/A ⁴	N/A ⁴	\$1,034.79	
Kaiser Permanente WA SoundChoice	N/A	\$984.50	N/A ⁴	\$825.53	N/A ⁴	\$1,461.39	\$1,168.61	N/A ⁴	
Kaiser Permanente WA Value	N/A	\$1,042.03	N/A ⁴	\$868.68	N/A ⁴	\$1,562.07	\$1,211.75	N/A ⁴	
Uniform Medical Plan Classic	\$519.30	\$1,205.45	\$1,033.04	\$1,033.91	\$1,033.04	\$1,720.06	\$1,547.65	\$1,546.77	
UnitedHealthcare PEBB Balance	\$260.29	\$946.44	\$515.01	\$774.90	\$515.01	\$1,461.04	\$1,029.62	\$769.73	
UnitedHealthcare PEBB Complete	\$308.05	\$994.20	\$610.53	\$822.66	\$610.53	\$1,508.80	\$1,125.14	\$913.01	

¹ Or state-registered domestic partner

² Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Northwest (KFHPNW) offers plans in Clark and Cowlitz counties in Washington and select counties in Oregon. KFHPNW Medicare plans have a larger service area.

³ If a Kaiser Permanente NW member is enrolled in Medicare Part A and Part B and other enrolled members are not eligible for Medicare, the non-Medicare members will be enrolled in Kaiser Permanente NW² Classic. The subscriber will pay the combined Medicare and non-Medicare premium shown for Kaiser Permanente NW Senior Advantage.

⁴ If a Kaiser Permanente WA member is enrolled in Medicare Part A and Part B, and other enrolled members are not eligible for Medicare, the non-Medicare members must enroll in Kaiser Permanente WA Classic, SoundChoice, or Value plan. The subscriber will pay a combined Medicare and non-Medicare premium.



You don't have to handle COVID-19 stress alone

Someone to talk to

Washington Listens is a program that provides non-clinical support to people experiencing stress due to COVID-19. Speak to a support specialist and get connected to community resources in your area. The program is anonymous. Call Washington Listens at 1-833-681-0211, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and weekends, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

More to know

For details on the PEBB Program's response to the pandemic, see our COVID-19 webpage at hca.wa.gov/coronavirus. For general information, visit the Department of Health's website at coronavirus.wa.gov.

Premera Blue Cross Medicare Supplement Plan F and Plan G premiums

Plan Name	Subscriber	Subscriber & spouse ¹			Subscriber and child(ren)	Subscriber, spouse ¹ , and child(ren)		
	1 Medicare eligible	1 Medicare eligible ²	2 Medicare eligible; 1 retired, 1 disabled	2 Medicare eligible	1 Medicare eligible ²	1 Medicare eligible ²	2 Medicare eligible; 1 retired, 1 disabled ²	2 Medicare eligible ²
Plan F Age 65 or older, eligible by age	\$222.23	\$913.95	\$600.00	\$444.46	\$742.41	\$1,428.56	\$1,120.18	\$964.64
Plan F Under age 65, eligible by disability	\$377.77	\$1,069.49	\$600.00	\$755.54	\$897.95	\$1,584.09	\$1,120.18	\$1,275.72
Plan G Age 65 or older, eligible by age	\$188.70	\$880.42	\$509.49	\$377.40	\$708.88	\$1,395.02	\$1,029.67	\$897.58
Plan G Under age 65, eligible by disability	\$320.79	\$1,012.51	\$509.49	\$641.58	\$840.97	\$1,527.12	\$1,029.67	\$1,161.76

Dental plan premiums

You must enroll in medical coverage to enroll in dental. Once enrolled, you must keep dental coverage for at least two years.

Plan name	Subscriber	Subscriber and spouse ¹	Subscriber and child(ren)	Subscriber, spouse ¹ , and child(ren)
DeltaCare, administered by Delta Dental of Washington	\$39.53	\$79.06	\$79.06	\$118.59
Uniform Dental Plan, administered by Delta Dental of Washington	\$48.00	\$96.00	\$96.00	\$144.00
Willamette Dental of Washington, Inc.	\$44.45	\$88.90	\$88.90	\$133.35

¹ Or state-registered domestic partner

² If a Medicare Supplement plan is selected, non-Medicare enrollees are enrolled in UMP Classic. The rates shown reflect the total due, including premiums for both plans.

Changes you can make during open enrollment



You can make the changes listed here during the PEBB Program's annual open enrollment, November 1 through 30, 2020.

Some subscribers can make changes online through PEBB My Account at hca.wa.gov/my-account until midnight on November 30. If you cannot make changes online, PEBB My Account will direct you to the correct forms. Forms will be available on November 1 at our open enrollment webpage, hca.wa.gov/pebb-oe. The PEBB Program must receive your forms by November 30. Changes are effective January 1, 2021.



Change your medical or dental plan

Log into PEBB My Account or submit the *2021 PEBB Continuation Coverage (COBRA) Election/Change* form or the *2021 PEBB Continuation Coverage (Unpaid Leave) Election/Change* form.

DeltaCare and Uniform Dental Plan, both administered by Delta Dental, are often confused. See "How to tell the two Delta Dental plans apart" on page 3.



Terminate your coverage

Submit the *2021 PEBB Continuation Coverage (COBRA) Election/Change* form or the *2021 PEBB Continuation Coverage (Unpaid Leave) Election/Change* form.



Add a dependent

Submit the *2021 PEBB Continuation Coverage (COBRA) Election/Change* form or the *2021 PEBB Continuation Coverage (Unpaid Leave) Election/Change* form.

If enrolling a partner (or their children) whose eligibility is established through a state-registered domestic partnership or legal union, you must provide proof of the dependents' eligibility. A list of documents to verify eligibility is available on HCA's website at hca.wa.gov/pebb-continuation.



Remove a dependent

Submit the *2021 PEBB Continuation Coverage (COBRA) Election/Change* form or the *2021 PEBB Continuation Coverage (Unpaid Leave) Election/Change* form.



Non-Medicare subscribers only: Reattest to the spouse or state-registered domestic partner coverage premium surcharge

The PEBB Program will mail you a letter at the address we have on file if you must reattest for 2021. You can also check whether you need to reattest in PEBB My Account starting November 1. Make changes in PEBB My Account or submit the *2021 PEBB Premium Surcharge Attestation Change Form*.

Remember, you may not need to reattest to the tobacco use premium surcharge during open enrollment. You reattest to this surcharge only if you (or a dependent age 13 or older enrolled in medical coverage) has a change in tobacco use status. If you need to report a change to your previous tobacco surcharge attestation, you can do it online through PEBB My Account or submit the *PEBB Premium Surcharge Attestation Change Form*, available on HCA's website at hca.wa.gov/pebb-continuation.

A new kind of benefits fair

During open enrollment, you can learn more about your health plan and other insurance options by visiting the virtual benefits fair.

No in-person fairs or lobby services this year

In an effort to keep our members' health and safety a top priority during the COVID-19 pandemic, and follow the state guidelines for large gatherings, we will not offer in-person benefits fairs in November. The PEBB Program will also not offer in-person lobby services for the foreseeable future due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, these services will not be available during open enrollment this year.

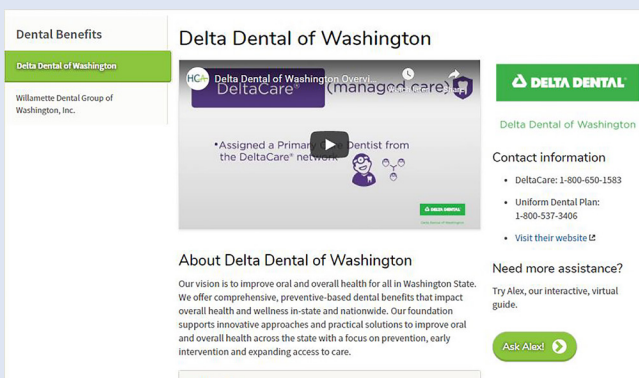
Attend the virtual benefits fair instead

We understand how important benefits fairs are to our members, which is why we are offering a new way to learn about benefits from the comfort and safety of your home. A virtual benefits fair is a great way to learn about your benefit options through an online experience — and it's available anytime, day or night, during open enrollment.

Use your computer, tablet, or smartphone to explore at your own pace. Start out in the virtual “lobby” and decide where to go within the fair. Want to learn about changes to your PEBB benefits for 2021? Explore the various plan “booths.” You will find links to videos, plan comparisons, downloadable content, and other information to help you choose the right benefits for you and your family.

To get started, visit the virtual benefits fair on the HCA website at hca.wa.gov/vbf-pebb — it will be available in mid-October.

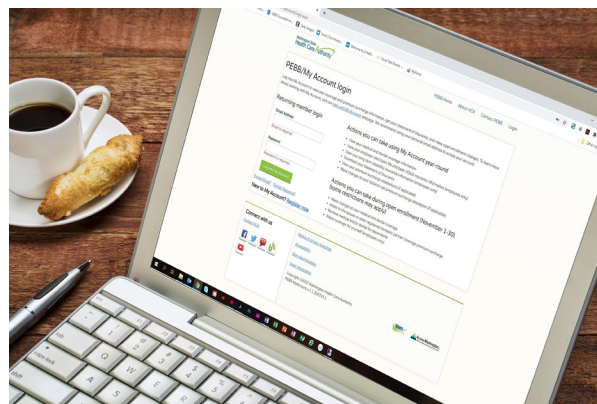
Here's a preview of what it will look like.



Learn more with webinars

On our open enrollment webpage, you can also read about and register for informative webinars hosted by some PEBB medical plans and vendors. Sign up today by visiting the HCA website at hca.wa.gov/pebb-oe.

Want more information? Go online!



Visit the PEBB Program's open enrollment webpage at hca.wa.gov/pebb-oe to:

- Compare medical and dental plans, including new PEBB medical plans for 2021. You can also read the Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC) for details about medical plan benefits.
- Register for a webinar to learn more about plans or benefits you're interested in.
- Learn more about the premium surcharges.

Visit the virtual benefits fair at hca.wa.gov/vbf-pebb.

During open enrollment, make changes and reattest to the spouse or state-registered domestic partner coverage premium surcharge using PEBB My Account at hca.wa.gov/my-account.

If you are required to submit a form instead of using PEBB My Account, the system will direct you to the correct forms. Forms will be available starting November 1 on HCA's website at hca.wa.gov/pebb-oe.

Forms for open enrollment

Available November 1

Visit our open enrollment webpage at hca.wa.gov/pebb-oe.



Who to contact for help

Contact the plans directly for help with:

- Benefit questions
- ID cards
- Claims
- Making sure your doctor or dentist contracts with the plan
- Choosing a doctor or dentist
- Making sure your prescriptions are covered

Contact the PEBB Program for help with:

- Eligibility questions or changes (Medicare, divorce, adoption, etc.)
- Enrollment questions or procedures
- Premium surcharge questions
- Changing your name, address, phone number, etc.
- Adding or removing dependents
- Premium payments
- Getting forms. You can find them on the PEBB Continuation Coverage webpages at hca.wa.gov/pebb-continuation.



Medical plans

Kaiser Permanente NW Classic¹, CDHP¹, or Senior Advantage my.kp.org/wapebb

Medicare members 1-877-221-8221
503-813-2000 or 1-800-813-2000
(TRS: 711)

Kaiser Permanente WA Classic, CDHP, Medicare Advantage, Original Medicare, SoundChoice, or Value

kp.org/wa/wapebb

1-866-648-1928

For Medicare questions: 1-888-901-4600

(TTY: 1-800-833-6388)

Premera Blue Cross Medicare Supplement Plan F and Medicare Supplement Plan G

hca.wa.gov/pebb-retirees under

Medical plans & benefits

1-800-817-3049

(TTY: 1-800-842-5357)

UnitedHealthcare PEBB Balance or UnitedHealthcare PEBB Complete UHCRetiree.com/wapebb

1-855-873-3268

UMP Plus — Puget Sound High Value Network

pugetsoundhighvaluenetwork.org

1-855-776-9503 (TRS: 711)

UMP Plus—UW Medicine Accountable Care Network

uwmedicine.org/umpplus

1-855-520-9500 (TRS: 711)

Uniform Medical Plan (UMP) Classic, UMP Select, UMP CDHP, or UMP Plus

Medical services

Regence BlueShield

regence.com/ump/pebb

1-888-849-3681 (TRS: 711)

Prescription drugs

Washington State Rx Services

(WSRxS)

regence.com/ump/pebb/benefits/prescriptions

1-888-361-1611

Uniform Dental Plan, administered by Delta Dental of Washington

deltadentalwa.com/pebb

1-800-537-3406

(TTY: 1-800-833-6384)

Willamette Dental Group

wapebb.willamettedental.com

1-855-433-6825 (TRS: 711)

Life insurance

MetLife

mybenefits.metlife.com/wapebb

1-866-548-7139

Long-term disability insurance

The Standard Insurance Company

hca.wa.gov/ltd

1-800-368-2860 (TRS: 711)

Wellness

SmartHealth

hca.wa.gov/pebb-smarthealth

1-855-750-8866 (TRS: 711)

Diabetes prevention

hca.wa.gov/prevent-diabetes

Contact your medical plan's customer service.

Living tobacco free

hca.wa.gov/tobacco-free

Contact your medical plan's customer service.

Health savings account (HSA) trustee

HealthEquity

learn.healthequity.com/pebb

UMP members: 1-844-351-6853

(TRS: 711)

All other members: 1-877-873-8823

(TRS: 711)

Dental plans

DeltaCare, administered by Delta Dental of Washington

deltadentalwa.com/pebb

1-800-650-1583

(TTY: 1-800-833-6384)

¹ Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Northwest (KFHPNW) offers plans in Clark and Cowlitz counties in Washington and select counties in Oregon. KFHPNW Medicare plans have a larger service area.

Summary of benefits and coverage available to you

Required federal notice

The Affordable Care Act requires the PEBB Program and its medical plans to provide a Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC) to help you compare medical plan benefits, terms, and your costs for care from network and out-of-network providers.

To get an SBC from a PEBB medical plan, you can:

- Go to the Health Care Authority website at hca.wa.gov/erb (or the plan's website) to view or print it online.

- Request a paper copy at no charge.
 - For your current PEBB medical plan: Call your plan. Your medical plan can also provide paper copies translated in other languages.
 - For other PEBB medical plans: Call the PEBB Program at 1-800-200-1004.

SBCs are not available for the Premera Blue Cross Medicare Supplement plans or Medicare Advantage plans offered by the PEBB Program.

Annual notice of creditable prescription drug coverage

Required federal notice

If you or a family member is (or will soon be) enrolled in Medicare, you may hear about your opportunity to enroll in Medicare Part D for prescription drug coverage.

Premera Blue Cross Medicare Supplement plans do not provide creditable prescription drug coverage. The new UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug (MAPD) plans include Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage.

All other PEBB medical plans provide creditable prescription drug coverage, so you do not have to enroll in Medicare Part D. The prescription drug coverage offered by these PEBB medical plans is expected to pay out, on average, as much as Medicare Part D coverage.

When you enroll in Medicare, you can keep your PEBB medical plan and not pay a penalty if you enroll in Medicare Part D later (see below).

If you lose or terminate your current PEBB medical plan

To avoid paying a higher Medicare Part D plan premium, you should enroll in a Medicare Part D plan within 63 days after your PEBB medical plan ends. If you enroll after the 63-day deadline, your Medicare Part D plan's monthly premium may increase by 1 percent or more for every month you didn't have coverage.

Employees and PEBB Continuation Coverage members: If you enroll in a Medicare Part D plan, your PEBB medical plan may not coordinate prescription drug benefits with Medicare Part D.

PEBB Continuation Coverage (COBRA) members enrolled in Medicare Part A and Part B: If you enroll in a Medicare Part D plan, you will need to enroll in a Premera Blue Cross Medicare Supplement plan offered by the PEBB Program. Otherwise, your PEBB medical plan may not coordinate prescription drug benefits with Medicare Part D.

Retirees enrolled in Medicare Part A and Part B: If you enroll in a Medicare Part D plan, you will need to enroll in Premera Blue Cross Medicare Supplement plan offered by the PEBB Program to keep your PEBB health plan coverage. You cannot enroll in Medicare Part D and stay enrolled in any other PEBB medical plan.

For questions about Medicare Part D, visit the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services website at medicare.gov or call 1-800-633-4227.

Important dates to remember

Mid-October through November 30

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic prevents us from holding our normal in-person benefits fairs this year. Instead, we are offering a virtual benefits fair on HCA's website at hca.wa.gov/vbf-pebb. It will be available in mid-October — learn about it on page 7.

November 1 through 30

Open enrollment for the 2021 plan year. See “Changes you can make during open enrollment” on page 6. If you do not want to make any changes to medical or dental plans and they are still available in your county for 2021, you do not have to do anything. You will stay enrolled in your current plans for 2021. However, you may have to reattest to the spouse or state-registered domestic partner premium surcharge (see page 2).

November 30

Last day for open enrollment changes. Also, last day to qualify for the SmartHealth \$125 wellness incentive (if you're eligible).

December 31

Last day to qualify for and claim the SmartHealth \$25 Amazon.com wellness incentive (if you're eligible). The gift card is a taxable benefit.

January 1, 2021

New plan year begins. Open enrollment changes become effective, if you made any.

This is your
only
2021 open
enrollment
notice.