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Title: Certifying eligibility for a dependent child with a disability who is age 26 or older

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Associated Forms & Communication	Certification of a Dependent with a Disability (from subscriber's medical plan)	**Approved by:**	
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Purpose

This policy applies whenever a subscriber requests to enroll a dependent child with a disability who is age 26 and older to his or her Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB) subscriber account.

Policy

1. Children are eligible for PEBB coverage as defined in WAC 182-12-260(3). The rule includes the eligibility criteria a "dependent child with a disability" must satisfy to be enrolled on a PEBB subscriber account.

2. WAC 182-12-260(3)(i) describes a dependent child with a disability as a child of any age with a developmental disability or physical handicap that renders the child incapable of self-sustaining employment and chiefly dependent upon the subscriber for support and maintenance provided such condition occurs before age 26.

3. The PEBB Program must certify the eligibility of a dependent child with a disability. The PEBB Program may delegate this function to a subscriber's medical plan.

4. The subscriber must provide the appropriate enrollment form and documentation to support his or her request to add a dependent child with a disability on his or her insurance coverage within enrollment time limits.

5. The PEBB Program, or the subscriber's medical plan if delegated, will conduct a medical review to determine whether a dependent meets the requirements of a dependent child with a disability based on the following:

    a. The dependent is incapable of self-support.

    b. There is medical evidence which supports the disability having occurred prior to the dependent child's 26th birthday and having been continuous since it first occurred.

6. The PEBB Program, or the subscriber's medical plan if delegated, will periodically certify the eligibility of a dependent child with a disability according to WAC 182-12-260(3)(i)-(v).

7. If a dependent child with a disability changes medical plans, and the new medical plan is delegated to conduct medical reviews, the new medical plan will conduct a medical review to determine whether the dependent child with a disability meets the requirements of subsection (5) above, in order to continue the dependent child's disability certification.

8. Dependents who are not certified as a dependent child with a disability through a medical plan's medical review may appeal to the plan. Dependents who are not certified as a dependent child with a disability through a PEBB Program medical review may appeal to the PEBB Program.

9. A subscriber who requests to enroll a dependent child with a disability must meet the PEBB Program's procedural requirements described in WAC 182-12-262; the dependent child must meet the eligibility requirements described in WAC 182-12-260.

    a. The PEBB Program will review the subscriber's enrollment request to determine if the subscriber satisfied the following eligibility and procedural requirements:

        i. The subscriber provided evidence of the dependent's eligibility described in WAC 182-12-260.

        ii. The subscriber submitted the enrollment form within the required time frame.

    b. A subscriber who failed to provide evidence of the dependent's eligibility or failed to satisfy procedural requirements described in WAC 182-12-262 may appeal the denial to the PEBB Appeals Committee by following the process described in chapter 182-16 WAC.