


**Title: Certifying eligibility for an extended dependent child**

**PEBB Program Administrative Policy 37-1**

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**Purpose:**

This policy applies when a subscriber submits the required forms to enroll an extended dependent child in the subscriber's Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB) benefits.

**Policy:**

1. The PEBB Program must certify the eligibility of an extended dependent child before allowing enrollment in PEBB coverage as described in WAC 182-12-260. The PEBB Program reviews the certification of an extended dependent child annually. However, the PEBB Program reserves the right to review an extended dependent child's eligibility at any time.
2. Children are eligible for PEBB coverage as defined in WAC 182-12-260(3). The rule includes the criteria an extended dependent child must satisfy.
3. The subscriber must provide required forms within enrollment time limits as described in WAC 182-12-262(4).

4. The subscriber must demonstrate legal responsibility by providing a valid court order, and the child's official residence must be with the custodian or guardian. If a valid court order does not stipulate a custody or guardianship end date, the order can be used annually when recertifying an extended dependent child up to the last day of the month in which their twenty-sixth birthday occurs (except as described in WAC 182-12-260 (3)(g)).
5. PEBB Program certification of an extended dependent child's eligibility is valid for twelve months, except when:
  - a. The child is within twelve months of turning age twenty-six; or
  - b. The end date of legal custody or guardianship is sooner than twelve months; or
  - c. The PEBB Program reviews the extended dependent child's eligibility as described in section 1 above and the PEBB Program determines that the child is not eligible.
6. If the subscriber is moving from School Employees Benefits Board (SEBB) benefits to PEBB benefits with an extended dependent, and the extended dependent is currently enrolled in benefits through the SEBB Program, the subscriber is not required to recertify until the current certification issued, while the subscriber is enrolled in SEBB benefits expires.