### Purpose

This policy applies whenever a Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB) subscriber is attesting to an enrolled member's tobacco use status. The purpose of the policy is to clarify the exception for the religious or ceremonial use of tobacco.

### Policy

1. **Religious use of tobacco** means the use of tobacco products as part of a formal tradition, rite, or ritual. An example of this would be the use of tobacco products during a Native American religious ritual.

2. **Ceremonial use of tobacco** means the use of tobacco products for ceremonial purposes in connection with the practice of a religious ceremony or ritual.

3. A subscriber's use within the past two months falls within the exception for religious or ceremonial use of tobacco if the subscriber's only use within the past two months falls within the exception for religious or ceremonial use of tobacco.

### Definitions

- **Tobacco use**: means any use of tobacco products within the past two months. Tobacco use, however, does not include the religious or ceremonial use of tobacco.

### Rescinded

PEBB Program Administrative Policy 91-2

**Title**: Tobacco as it relates to Religious or Ceremonial use

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