

Washington Apple Health and SEBB Program benefits



Are you, or your children, currently enrolled in Washington Apple Health (Medicaid) coverage? Here's what you need to know before enrolling in SEBB Program coverage.

The SEBB Program's first annual open enrollment ends November 15, 2019.

Can employees waive SEBB medical benefits for Apple Health coverage?

No. If you are eligible, you must enroll in SEBB Program benefits. This includes medical, dental, and vision coverage. Generally, employees who are anticipated to work at least 630 hours during the school year are eligible for SEBB Program benefits.

Can employees be enrolled in Apple Health (Medicaid) coverage?

Yes, you can enroll in both SEBB and Apple Health coverage if you are eligible for Apple Health coverage. You may also be eligible to receive reimbursement of your SEBB medical premium through the Premium Payment Program. Learn more at hca.wa.gov/premium-payment-program or call 1-800-562-3022 ext. 15473.

Can employees enroll children in SEBB Program coverage if they lose eligibility for Apple Health coverage?

Yes. Loss of eligibility for Apple Health creates a special open enrollment for your child. Enroll online within 60 days of the end of Apple Health coverage through SEBB My Account, or complete a *2020 School Employee Change Form*, available starting November 16, 2019 at hca.wa.gov/erb. You must also submit a copy of the termination letter to your payroll or benefits office. To avoid a gap in coverage, do this before your Apple Health coverage ends. For more information on Apple Health, call 1-800-562-3022.

Can employees' children be enrolled on free Apple Health for Kids (Medicaid) coverage?

Yes, and they can also be enrolled in SEBB medical coverage. You may be eligible to receive reimbursement of your SEBB medical premium. Find more information about the Premium Payment Program at hca.wa.gov/premium-payment-program or call 1-800-562-3022 ext. 15473.

Can an employee's children stay on Apple Health for Kids with premiums (CHIP) coverage if the employee is eligible for SEBB coverage?

No. Their eligibility for Apple Health for Kids with premiums (CHIP) coverage will end at their next review, even if you waive their enrollment in SEBB coverage. Children of employees with access to a publicly funded health plan such as the SEBB Program are not eligible for CHIP coverage.

Other options may be available, such as:

- Family members who have a disability may have access to Supplemental Security Income and long-term care programs. Applications are processed by the Community Services Division of Department of Social and Health Services. Learn more at dshs.wa.gov.
- A child who has a developmental delay may qualify for waiver coverage with the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA). Learn more at dshs.wa.gov/dda/consumers-and-families/eligibility.
- Other programs may help with out-of-pocket costs, like prescriptions. Learn more at insurance.wa.gov/get-help-paying-prescriptions.