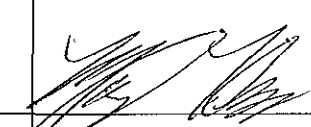


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**Title: Certifying eligibility for extended dependents**

**Policy #37-1**

<b>Contact:</b>	Rules Specialist, PEBB Program	<b>Effective:</b>	December 12, 2011
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<b>Associated Forms &amp; Communication</b>	<i>Forms:</i> HCA 50-500, 50-400, 52-030 50-402E / 50-055A  <i>Communications:</i> HCA 50-032, 50-036, 50-064, 50-031, 50-380	<b>Approved by:</b>	
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**Purpose:**

This policy applies whenever a subscriber requests to cover an extended dependent on his or her Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB) account.

**Policy:**

1. The PEBB Program must certify the eligibility of extended dependent children before allowing enrollment to PEBB coverage. The PEBB Program reviews the certification of extended dependents annually.
2. Children are eligible for PEBB coverage through WAC 182-12-260(3) dependent eligibility rules. The definition of children includes the criteria for extended dependents:

“...children include extended dependents in the legal custody or legal guardianship of the subscriber, the subscriber’s spouse, or subscriber’s Washington state registered domestic partner. The legal responsibility is demonstrated by a valid court order and the child’s official residence with the custodian or guardian. “Children” does not include foster children for whom support payments are made to the subscriber through the state department of social and health services foster care program.

Eligible children include (a) Children up to age twenty-six.”

3. To apply for certification of an extended dependent, the subscriber must complete and submit appropriate forms within enrollment time limits.
  - a. PEBB verifies the eligibility of extended dependents. A valid court order will satisfy the dependent verification requirement described in [WAC 182-12-262](#).
4. Certifications are valid for 12 months, except as follows:
  - a. When the extended dependent is within 12 months of turning age 26; or
  - b. When the end date of legal custody or guardianship is sooner than 12 months.
5. If a valid court order does not stipulate a custody or guardianship end date, the order is valid as consideration for certification as an extended dependent up to age 26.
6. A PEBB supervisor must review and affirm denials of enrollment of an extended dependent before a denial letter is sent to the subscriber.