

Title: Use of PEBB premium surcharge attestation help sheet and spousal plan calculator tools

PEBB Program Administrative Policy 31-2

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Associated RCW:	Laws of 2022, ch. 297, sections 212 and 932	Owner:	Policy, Rules, & Compliance Manager, ERB Division
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Associated Forms & Communication	PEBB Premium Surcharge Attestation Help Sheet (HCA 50-0226) PEBB Spousal Plan Calculator (HCA 50-0027) PEBB Employee Enrollment Guide (HCA 50-0100) PEBB Retiree Enrollment Guide (HCA 51-0205)		

Purpose:

This policy provides direction when a Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB) subscriber enrolled in PEBB medical, but not enrolled in Medicare Part A and Part B and in the Medicare risk pool as described in RCW 41.05.080(3), is determining if a premium surcharge will be applied for a spouse or state registered domestic partner enrolled in PEBB medical.

Policy:

1. A subscriber must use the PEBB Premium Surcharge Attestation Help Sheet and if directed by the help sheet, the PEBB Spousal Plan Calculator provided by the PEBB Program, to determine if they will incur a premium surcharge as described in WAC 182-08-185(2) in addition to their monthly medical premium.
2. A subscriber will incur the spouse or state registered domestic partner coverage premium surcharge if the subscriber enrolls their spouse or state registered domestic partner in PEBB medical when the spouse or state registered domestic partner has chosen not to enroll in another employer-based group medical where the spouse's or state registered domestic partner's share of the medical premium is less than ninety-five percent of the additional cost an employee would be required to pay to enroll a spouse or state registered domestic partner in the PEBB Uniform Medical Plan (UMP) Classic, and the benefits have an actuarial value of at least ninety-five percent of the actuarial value of the PEBB UMP Classic's benefits. The subscriber will not incur a premium surcharge if it is determined that the spouse's or state registered domestic partner's employer-based group medical would only cover urgent or emergent care due to the spouse or state registered domestic partner's county of residence.