

Title: What authority do employer groups need before contracting with the Health Care Authority (HCA) for participation in School Employees Benefits Board (SEBB) for insurance coverage?

NEW: SEBB Program Administrative Policy 90-2

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Associated RCW:	Chapter 39.34 41.05.011 (6)(b) and (9)(b) 41.05.021 (1)(g)	Owner:	Policy, Rules, & Compliance Manager, ERB Division
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Purpose:

To clarify what authority is required from employer groups as part of the application process for benefits with the Health Care Authority (HCA) and the School Employees Benefits Board (SEBB) Program.

Policy:

The HCA is required to maintain its status as a governmental plan under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA). To ensure HCA maintains that status, WAC 182-30-200(2) requires a reference to the group's authorizing statute as part of the application package.

There are applications where the authorizing statute is not clear so other documents or statements may be required. The following may be requested to clarify the authority of the group:

1. A current and executed Interagency agreement (IA) consistent with Chapter 39.34 RCW; or
2. Any additional information requested by the SEBB Program.