

Washington State Health Care Authority Public Employees Benefits Board

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TO: Personnel and Payroll Offices of Other PEBB Employer Groups (Health

Benefit Exchange, blind vendors deemed eligible by the Department of Services for the Blind, and employee organizations representing state

civil service employees)

FROM: Amy Corrigan, Management Analyst 5

PEB Outreach & Training Team

SUBJECT: Calendar Year 2025 Rates – Tiered - Full Benefits Package

Medical, Dental, and Vision Insurance

Based on new contracts with the health plans, the revised rates for medical and dental coverage effective January 1, 2025, are attached. As the employer, you determine the portion of the total premium your employees are required to pay.

The routine vision benefit will be separate from the medical coverage beginning January 1, 2025. All employees will be asked to elect one of the three vision plans.

PEBB Program Open Enrollment

The Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB) Program annual open enrollment is October 28 – November 25, 2024. In October, the PEBB Program will mail the *For Your Benefit* newsletter to employees at the address on record or will send it electronically to those who subscribe to email subscription. This is the only notice the PEBB Program will send to employees about open enrollment. Information will be available on the PEBB Program website in October.

Employees who make online plan changes using Benefits 24/7 will not see premium rates. Instead, a message prompt them to contact their personnel or payroll office. To support their decisions and address the questions they may have, you may want to distribute information to your employees before the PEBB Program open enrollment starts regarding premiums they will be expected to pay in 2025.

Premium Surcharges

The tobacco use premium surcharge will remain at \$25 per account per month in addition to the monthly medical premium, regardless of the number of tobacco users in the family.

The spouse or state-registered domestic partner coverage premium surcharge will remain at \$50 per month in addition to the monthly medical premium for subscribers who cover a spouse or state-registered domestic partner in PEBB medical insurance where the spouse or state-registered domestic partner has chosen not to enroll in their own employer-based group health insurance that is comparable to the Uniform Medical Plan (UMP) Classic.

Employees who cover a spouse or state-registered domestic partner on their 2025 medical coverage may be required to attest to the spouse or state-registered domestic partner coverage premium surcharge during the PEBB Program open enrollment. In October, the PEBB Program will mail a letter to the employees who need to attest. Employees can also find whether they need to re-attest in Benefits 24/7 during annul open enrollment.

<u>Life, Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D), and Long-Term Disability</u> (LTD) Insurance

Employee's supplemental life and AD&D insurance premiums will remain the same for the 2025 plan year (unless an employee changes age brackets or increases their coverage).

The rate schedule for life insurance and AD&D is attached.

Employee's supplemental LTD premiums have been adjusted for the 2025 plan year.

The rate schedule for LTD insurance is attached.

Additional Taxable Income for Non-Tax Qualified Dependents

An IRS Section 125 Plan that allows employee premium dollars to be treated as a pretax deduction, a portion of the premium employers pay toward the family's coverage is considered taxable income to the employee if the employee has dependents enrolled who do not qualify as an IRS tax dependent. To assist you, we have included examples of how the state calculates these amounts for state agency personnel [Tables 1-8]. These tables **should only be used as a template** in developing calculations that are based on your employer contribution rate.

If you have questions about the rates, please contact me at amy.corrigan@hca.wa.gov.

Attachments

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Employer Groups (Political Subdivisions and Tribal Governments) Active Tiered Rates for Full Benefits Package with Surcharge Table

Plans	Subscriber	Sı	ubscriber and Spouse	Sı	ubscriber and Child(ren)	Full Family
Kaiser Permanente NW Classic	\$ 1,119.43	\$	2,067.26	\$	1,830.30	\$ 2,778.13
Kaiser Permanente NW CDHP	\$ 972.73	\$	1,772.50	\$	1,587.14	\$ 2,328.59
Kaiser Permanente WA Classic	\$ 1,058.89	\$	1,946.17	\$	1,724.35	\$ 2,611.64
Kaiser Permanente WA Value	\$ 1,049.17	\$	1,926.73	\$	1,707.34	\$ 2,584.91
Kaiser Permanente WA SoundChoice	\$ 1,003.26	\$	1,834.92	\$	1,627.00	\$ 2,458.66
Kaiser Permanente WA CDHP	\$ 960.86	\$	1,748.76	\$	1,566.37	\$ 2,295.94
Uniform Medical Plan Classic	\$ 1,064.01	\$	1,956.42	\$	1,733.32	\$ 2,625.73
Uniform Medical Plan Plus - PSHVN	\$ 1,088.86	\$	2,006.12	\$	1,776.81	\$ 2,694.07
Uniform Medical Plan Plus - UW	\$ 1,088.86	\$	2,006.12	\$	1,776.81	\$ 2,694.07
Uniform Medical Plan CDHP	\$ 981.91	\$	1,790.86	\$	1,603.21	\$ 2,353.83
Uniform Medical Plan Select	\$ 1,013.41	\$	1,855.22	\$	1,644.77	\$ 2,486.58
Medical Waived	\$ 171.60	\$	171.60	\$	171.60	\$ 171.60
Medical, Dental, Vision Waived for SEBB Enrollment	\$ 73.40	\$	73.40	\$	73.40	\$ 73.40
Surcharges						
Tobacco Use Surcharge	\$ 25.00	\$	25.00	\$	25.00	\$ 25.00
Spouse Waiver (AV) Surcharge	\$ -	\$	50.00	\$	-	\$ 50.00

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PEBB Life and AD&D Rates Paid to Plan and Charged to Subscribers

Employee Basic* Monthly Cost: \$ 3.96

Employee Supplemental									
Monthly Cost for Each \$1,000 of Coverage (Available in \$10,000 increments)									
Age Non-Smoker Smoker									
<25		\$	0.03	\$	0.04				
25-29		\$	0.03	\$	0.05				
30-34		\$	0.04	\$	0.06				
35-39		\$	0.05	\$	0.07				
40-44		\$	0.07	\$	0.08				
45-49		\$	0.10	\$	0.12				
50-54		\$	0.15	\$	0.18				
55-59		\$	0.28	\$	0.33				
60-64		\$	0.43	\$	0.51				
65-69		\$	0.80	\$	0.98				
70+		\$	1.19	\$	1.59				

Spouse/Registered Domestic Partner Life									
Monthly Cost for Each \$1,000 of Coverage (Up to 50% of Employee Supplemental in \$5,000 increments)									
Age Non-Smoker Smoker									
<25	\$	0.03	\$	0.04					
25-29	\$	0.03	\$	0.05					
30-34	\$	0.04	\$	0.06					
35-39	\$	0.05	\$	0.07					
40-44	\$	0.07	\$	0.08					
45-49	\$	0.10	\$	0.12					
50-54	\$	0.15	\$	0.18					
55-59	\$	0.28	\$	0.33					
60-64	\$	0.43	\$	0.51					
65-69	\$	0.80	\$	0.98					
70+	\$	1.19	\$	1.59					

Child Life						
Monthly Cost for Each \$1,000 of Coverage (Available in \$5,000 increments)						
Age 2 weeks - 26 years	\$	0.12				

Employee Supplemental AD&D							
Monthly Cost for Each \$1,000 of Coverage (Available in \$10,000 increments)							
Cost per \$1,000 \$ 0.02							

Spouse/Registered Domestic Partner AD&D						
Monthly Cost for Each \$1,000 of Coverage (Available in \$10,000 increments)						
Cost per \$1,000	\$	0.02				

Child AD&D					
Monthly Cost for Each \$1,000 of Coverage (Available in \$5,000 increments)					
Cost per \$1,000 \$ 0.02					

For State Actives, Plan A Basic coverage is paid by the employer.

For Actives from Employer Groups, Accepting the Full Benefits Package, the premium for Plan A Basic coverage is included in the rates for the selected medical plan.

Coverage is not provided to Actives from Employer Groups Accepting Medical Only Package.

^{*} Represents premium paid to Plan

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PEBB Long Term Disability Plan - Rates Paid to Plan and Charged to Subscribers

Basic Plan for Actives	Monthly Cost*:	\$	2.10
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Optional Plan

		igher Education ent Plan Employees	TRS, PERS, & other Retirement Plan Employees			
Waiting Period	60% Benefit (default)	50% Benefit (buy-down)	60% Benefit (default)	50% Benefit (buy-down)		
90 days	0.0053	0.0032	0.0042	0.0025		

^{*} Represents premium paid to plan only.

For State Actives, Basic Plan coverage is funded by the state.

CWU and EWU included in higher-ed

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Additional Taxable Income for Non-Tax Qualified Dependents

Table 1: Employer Share Medical, Dental, and Vision

2025 Monthly State Premium Contribution for Medical, Dental and Vision for Active Employees Additional Taxable Income for Non-Tax Qualified Dependent Coverage

MEDICAL, DENTAL, AND VISION PLANS	Partner*	ubscriber's or Partner's Child(ren)*	Partner and Child(ren)*
All Medical Plans	\$ 819	\$ 627	\$ 1,447

Table 2: Employer Share Dental Only

Sample chart for dental only enrollment-taxable amount for dependents

DENTAL PLAN	Partner*	ibscriber's or Partner's Child(ren)*	Partner and Child(ren)*
All Dental Plans	\$ 52	\$ 52	\$ 104

Table 3: Employer Share Vision Only

Sample chart for vision only enrollment-taxable amount for dependents

VISION PLAN	Partner*		Par	riber's or tner's d(ren)*	Partner and Child(ren)*
All Vision Plans	\$	8	\$	6	\$ 15

Table 4: Total Monthly Employee Contribution Owed for All Coverage (Pre-tax and post-tax combined)

Plan Name	Subscriber		Subscriber and Spouse		Subscriber and Child(ren)		Full Family	
Kaiser Permanente NW Classic	\$ 189	\$	378	\$	331	\$	520	
Kaiser Permanente NW CDHP	\$ 37	\$	74	\$	65	\$	102	
Kaiser Permanente WA Classic	\$ 128	\$	256	\$	224	\$	352	
Kaiser Permanente WA Value	\$ 119	\$	238	\$	208	\$	327	
Kaiser Permanente WA SoundChoice	\$ 73	\$	146	\$	128	\$	201	
Kaiser Permanente WA CDHP	\$ 25	\$	50	\$	44	\$	69	
Uniform Medical Plan Classic	\$ 133	\$	266	\$	233	\$	366	
Uniform Medical Plan Plus - PSHVN	\$ 158	\$	316	\$	277	\$	435	
Uniform Medical Plan Plus - UW	\$ 158	\$	316	\$	277	\$	435	
Uniform Medical Plan CDHP	\$ 46	\$	92	\$	81	\$	127	
Uniform Medical Plan Select	\$ 83	\$	166	\$	145	\$	228	

Table 5: Post-Tax Partner Share for "Subscriber and Spouse" Tier

Plan Name	Subscriber and Spouse		Subscriber		Partner	
Kaiser Permanente NW Classic	\$	378	\$	189	\$	189
Kaiser Permanente NW CDHP	\$	74	\$	37	\$	37
Kaiser Permanente WA Classic	\$	256	\$	128	\$	128
Kaiser Permanente WA Value	\$	238	\$	119	\$	119
Kaiser Permanente WA SoundChoice	\$	146	\$	73	\$	73
Kaiser Permanente WA CDHP	\$	50	\$	25	\$	25
Uniform Medical Plan Classic	\$	266	\$	133	\$	133
Uniform Medical Plan Plus - PSHVN	\$	316	\$	158	\$	158
Uniform Medical Plan Plus - UW	\$	316	\$	158	\$	158
Uniform Medical Plan CDHP	\$	92	\$	46	\$	46
Uniform Medical Plan Select	\$	166	\$	83	\$	83

Table 7: Post Tax Partner Share for "Full Family" Tier

Plan Name	Fu	Full Family		Subscriber and Child(ren)		Partner	
Kaiser Permanente NW Classic	\$	520	\$	331	\$	189	
Kaiser Permanente NW CDHP	\$	102	\$	65	\$	37	
Kaiser Permanente WA Classic	\$	352	\$	224	\$	128	
Kaiser Permanente WA Value	\$	327	\$	208	\$	119	
Kaiser Permanente WA SoundChoice	\$	201	\$	128	\$	73	
Kaiser Permanente WA CDHP	\$	69	\$	44	\$	25	
Uniform Medical Plan Classic	\$	366	\$	233	\$	133	
Uniform Medical Plan Plus - PSHVN	\$	435	\$	277	\$	158	
Uniform Medical Plan Plus - UW	\$	435	\$	277	\$	158	
Uniform Medical Plan CDHP	\$	127	\$	81	\$	46	
Uniform Medical Plan Select	\$	228	\$	145	\$	83	

Table 6: Post Tax Partner and Child(ren) Share for "Full Family" Tier

Plan Name	F	Full Family Subscriber		Partner and Child(ren)		
Kaiser Permanente NW Classic	\$	520	\$	189	\$	331
Kaiser Permanente NW CDHP	\$	102	\$	37	\$	65
Kaiser Permanente WA Classic	\$	352	\$	128	\$	224
Kaiser Permanente WA Value	\$	327	\$	119	\$	208
Kaiser Permanente WA SoundChoice	\$	201	\$	73	\$	128
Kaiser Permanente WA CDHP	\$	69	\$	25	\$	44
Uniform Medical Plan Classic	\$	366	\$	133	\$	233
Uniform Medical Plan Plus - PSHVN	\$	435	\$	158	\$	277
Uniform Medical Plan Plus - UW	\$	435	\$	158	\$	277
Uniform Medical Plan CDHP	\$	127	\$	46	\$	81
Uniform Medical Plan Select	\$	228	\$	83	\$	145

Table 8: Post Tax Partner's Child(ren) Share for "Subscriber and Child(ren)" Tier

Plan Name		scriber Child(ren)	Subscriber		Partner's Children	
Kaiser Permanente NW Classic	\$	331	\$	189	\$	142
Kaiser Permanente NW CDHP	\$	65	\$	37	\$	28
Kaiser Permanente WA Classic	\$	224	\$	128	\$	96
Kaiser Permanente WA Value	\$	208	\$	119	\$	89
Kaiser Permanente WA SoundChoice	\$	128	\$	73	\$	55
Kaiser Permanente WA CDHP	\$	44	\$	25	\$	19
Uniform Medical Plan Classic	\$	233	\$	133	\$	100
Uniform Medical Plan Plus - PSHVN	\$	277	\$	158	\$	119
Uniform Medical Plan Plus - UW	\$	277	\$	158	\$	119
Uniform Medical Plan CDHP	\$	81	\$	46	\$	35
Uniform Medical Plan Select	\$	145	\$	83	\$	62