

Preparing for the Start of the new School Year

School Employees Benefits
Outreach & Training
August 2, 2024

Washington State Health Care Authority

SCHOOL EMPLOYEES BENEFITS BOARD

Agenda

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General Information

School Year: September 1 - August 31

Plan Year: January 1 - December 31

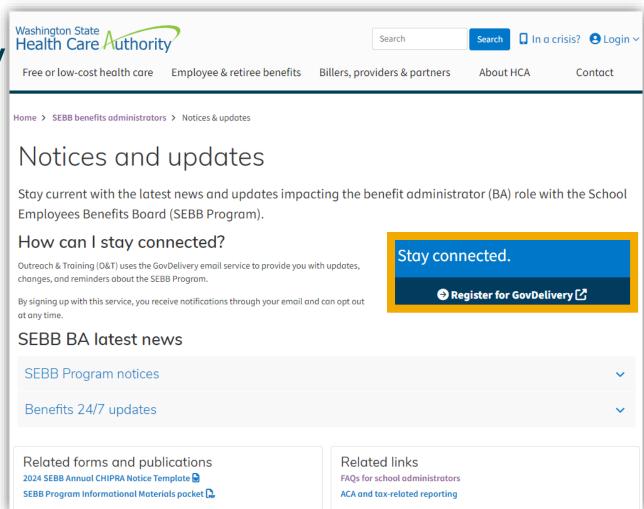


Sign Up for GovDelivery

GovDelivery emails provide Benefit Admins with updates, changes, and reminders about the SEBB Program.

SEBB Benefits Admin's website

- Notices and updates
 - Register for GovDelivery
 - **✓**SEBB Outreach and Training





SEBB Annual Open Enrollment

2024 SEBB Annual Open Enrollment dates will be **Monday, October 28, 2024**, to **Monday, November 25, 2024**.

- Use the following "formula to determine SEBB Open Enrollment dates":
 - Last Monday in October = First day of Open Enrollment
 - Monday before Thanksgiving = Last day of Open Enrollment
 - Employee changes in Benefits 24/7 must be submitted no later than the last day of OE
 - All forms must be received by the benefits office no earlier than October 28, 2024, and no later than November 25, 2024.





Employee Communications

SEBB Intercom newsletter will mail, emailed and be available online in **October 2024**

- Health plan changes
- Dental plan changes
- 2025 Medical premiums
- In-person benefits fair schedule
- Open enrollment reminders



Ready, set, enroll: 2024 open enrollment

Open enrollment is October 30 through November 20, 2023. Find forms on the Open enrollment webpage at hca.wa.qov/sebb-oe.

What is open enrollment?

Open enrollment is a period of time that happens once a year, typically in the fall, when you can make changes to your coverage.

What can I change during open enrollment?

You can make the changes listed below during open enrollment, October 30 through November 20. Changes are effective January 1, 2024.

Premiums for some plans are increasing significantly for 2024. You should check your current medical, dental, and vision plans for benefit and premium changes. If you do not want to change plans, and they are still available in your county for next year, you do not need to do anything to stay enrolled in the same plans.

- Use SEBB My Account (myaccount.hca.wa.gov) to:
- Change your medical, dental, or vision plan.
 Add or remove a dependent.
- Waive medical coverage if you have other employer-based group medical, a TRICARE plan, or Medicare.
- Enroll in medical coverage if you previously waived.
- Attest to the spouse or state-registered domestic partner coverage premium surcharge. (You will receive a letter if you need to reattest.)
- Update your tobacco attestations if you have changes.

If you are unable to use SEBB My Account, you can use the School Employee Enrollment or School Employee Change form. They are available from your payroll or benefits office. Your payroll or benefits office must receive your form by November 20.

Visit Navia Benefit Solutions to enroll in FSA or DCAP

Enroll in a flexible spending arrangement (FSA) or the Dependent Care Assistance Program (DCAP) on Navia's website at sebb.naviabenefits.com. You can also submit the Navia Open Enrollment form to Navia. You must enroll in these benefits again every year you want to participate. See page 5 for more about FSA/DCAP.

5 tips for a smooth open enrollment

- Check the plans available in the county you live or work in to make sure your plan is still available.
- Review what's changing. Find your monthly premiums and look over any changes to your current plan. Some premiums are increasing significantly for 2024.
- Make any changes in SEBB My Account, like changing your medical plan or removing dependents, by November 20, 2023.
- Stay connected. Sign up for emails and follow HCA on social media.
- Need help? Ask your payroll or benefits office.

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Actions at the start of each school year

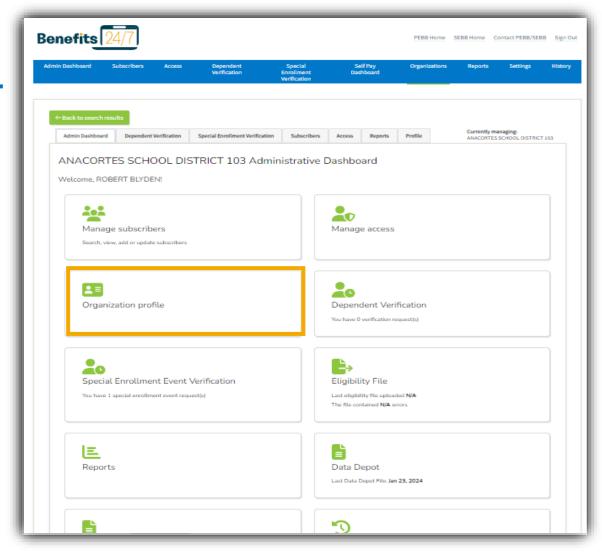
School Year: September 1-August 31



Organization Profile

Update contacts information

- Add/Remove contacts
 - Can assign multiple roles
 - Benefit Specialist
 - Insurance/Billing
 - **LTD** (new)
 - Other (new)
 - Payroll
 - Superintendent
- Name, email and phone number



Contact information is used by Accounting, and O&T Customer Service



Determining Employee Eligibility

SEBB Organizations should determine employee eligibility annually and provide the required notification (if necessary) for SEBB Benefits **before** the start of each school year (**September 1**).

Terminate coverage for employee's ineligible or not returning

*Provide appropriate C series worksheet

#2

Provide notification to employees returning to work from certain types of leave or due to layoff

*Provide appropriate D series

#3

Provide notification for newly eligible employees

*Provide appropriate A series worksheet







Newly eligible employees

WAC 182-31-040 How do school employees establish eligibility for the employer contribution toward school employees benefits board (SEBB) benefits and when do SEBB benefits begin?



Determining eligibility

Newly eligible school employees who are anticipated to work at least 630 hours in the next school year.

- Provide appropriate A series worksheet as written notification
- When anticipating hours for determining eligibility, include all hours:

Worked in the <u>capacity as a</u> <u>school employee</u> with the SEBB Organization

Worked from multiple
positions (stacking hours)
within the same SEBB
Organization.

Compensated by the SEBB
Organization during an approved leave (e.g., sick leave, personal leave, bereavement leave) or a paid holiday



Eligibility Notification

Notification should be provided within a reasonable time frame.

Eligible employees must have **no less than 10 calendar days after** the date of receiving notice to elect coverage.

Example:

Date of EligibilitySeptember 3

If notified no later than September 24, Election Deadline October 4 If notified on September 30, Election Deadline October 10 If notified after 31 days, employee must complete enrollment form & submit to benefit office

BA must enter elections manually in Benefits 24/7



Enrollment process

Newly hired employees who meet the eligibility criteria, have **31-days** <u>after</u> their date of eligibility to complete and submit required enrollment forms indicating their enrollment elections.

No enrollment elections <u>until</u> the date of eligibility has been reached

Example:

Date of Eligibility

•September 9

Add to B24/7

•Enter before date of eligibility

Enrollment process begins

- •September 9
- Add dependents, upload documents and make plan elections

Election Deadline

October 10

Elections Defaulted

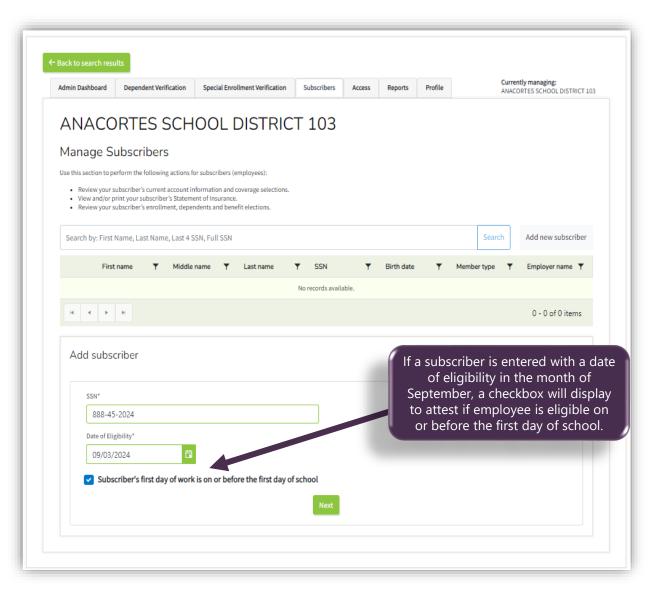
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(**NEW**) Adding Newly Eligible employees

Adding newly eligible employees-**First Day of School**

- Check box will only display with a date of eligibility in the month of September
- Coverage is effective the same day if box is checked
- Do not check box if subscribers first day of work is after the first day of school





Example: First day of school (8 Sept)

Box checked:

- First day of work between September 1-8, Benefits effective on that day
- First day of work September 9-30, Benefits will start on that day

Box uncheck:

- First day of work between Sept 1-8,
 Benefits effective October 1
- First day of work Sept 9-30,
 Benefits effective October 1

WAC 182-31-040(i) If the school employee's first day of work is on or after September 1st but not later than the first day of school for the current school year as established by the SEBB organization, they are eligible for the employer contribution on the first day of work;



Entering the correct date of eligibility

Eligible employee's first day of work is March 20.

• Benefits 24/7 will automatically calculate **April 1** as the effective date Incorrectly entering an **April 1** date of eligibility

Benefits will not begin until May 1

Important: BA's who discover entering an incorrect date:

1. Unable to correct an incorrect date of eligibility in Benefits 24/7 once submitted.

2. Send O&T a secure message indicating that the date of eligibility needs adjustment.

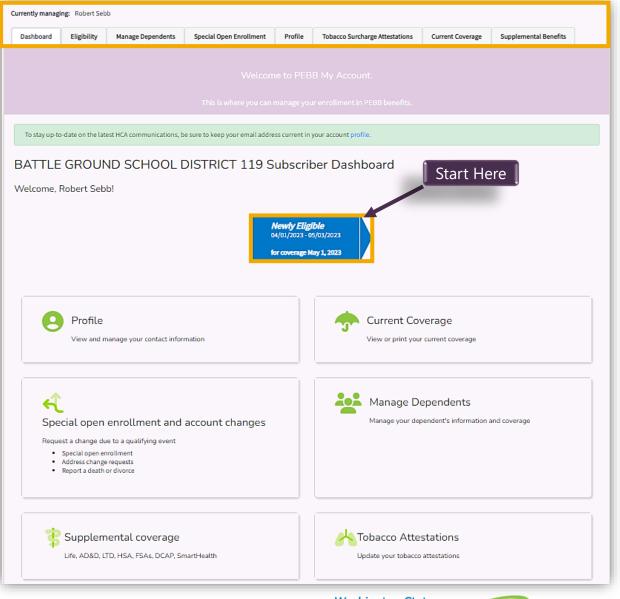
3. O&T staff will make the necessary adjustments



(**New**) Adding New Eligible employees cont.

Newly eligible employee dashboard

- Newly Eligible Wizard –Displays 31-day election period, coverage effective date and available within lower limit
- Open Enrollment Wizard will display during OE period
 - Newly eligible wizard must be completed before open enrollment wizard for newly eligible employees

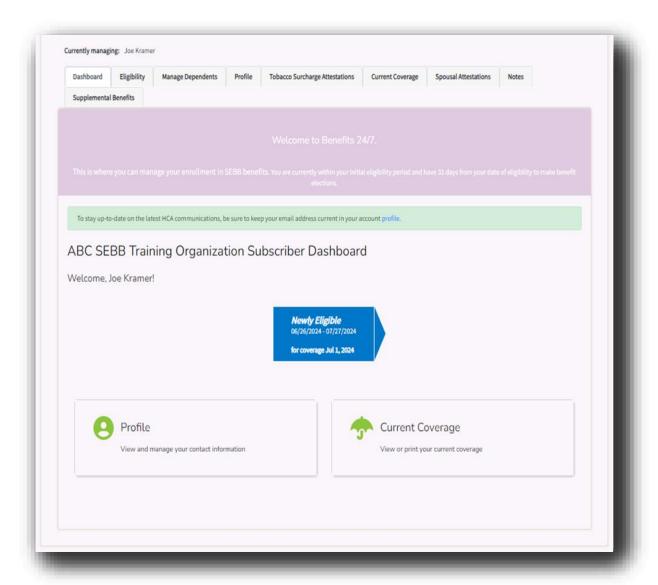




Making elections before coverage date

Current coverage **before** coverage effective date (July 1)

- Newly eligible tab displays election period and coverage effective date
- Download, print and review summary of coverage elections
- Current coverage will display waived until the effective date is reached
- Profile and current coverage tiles will only display until elections are made

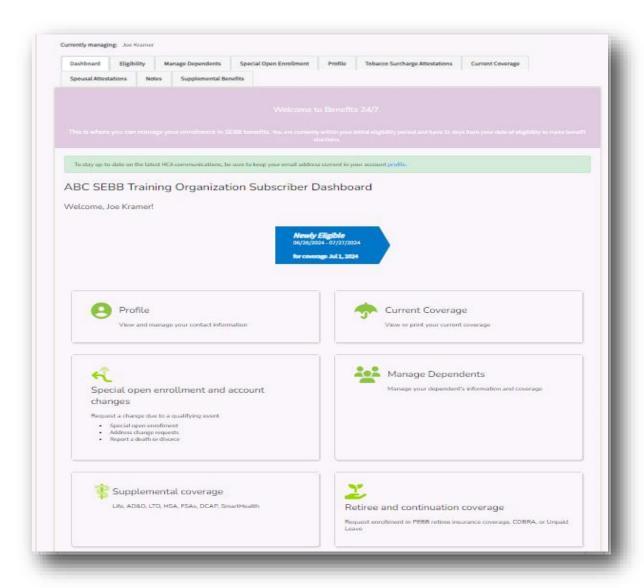




Making elections before coverage date cont.

Current coverage **after** coverage effective date (July 1)

- Newly eligible employees have 31 days to make changes to elections
- Current coverage will display elections when the effective date is reached
- Additional tiles available after elections are made using newly eligible wizard





Hours worked in August

Whether the first day of school is in August or September, if the work is to support the upcoming school year, then the hours should be counted towards the new school year.

Example: School employee is hired and working in August as part of their contract for the upcoming school year.

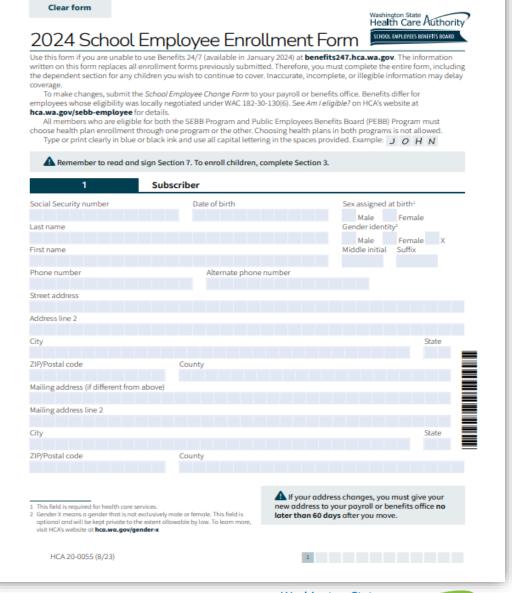
- Hours should count towards the new school year
 - Regardless if the first day of school is in August or September
 - Work is to support the upcoming new school year
 - Hours should not be applied to the current school year



No access to Benefits 24/7?

Newly eligible employees who can not access to Benefits 24/7 may submit forms to their payroll or benefits office.

• Newly eligible employees- Submit 2024 School Employee Enrollment form to their payroll and benefits office

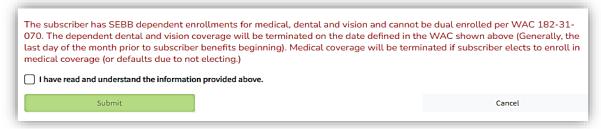




Enrolled Dependents → Newly eligible employee

Enrolled dependents that are now eligible school employees.

- Add as a new subscriber, enter SSN and date of eligibility
- Employees cannot be dual enrolled per WAC 182-31-070
- Dependent's dental and vision coverage will be terminated
- Dependent medical coverage will be terminated if employee elects to enroll in medical coverage as a subscriber
 - Employee may waive medical to continue dependent medical coverage



SOE not required to remove dependent





Returning eligible employees

WAC 182-31-040 How do school employees establish eligibility for the employer contribution toward school employees benefits board (SEBB) benefits and when do SEBB benefits begin?



Returning Eligible Employees

Benefit Elections

- Benefit elections remain the same until
 December 31, 2024
 - Plan selections
 - FSA/DCAP contributions
 - HSA contributions
 - No eligibility worksheet required!

Annual Open Enrollment

- Next Annual Open Enrollment (OE):
 October 28, 2024 November 25, 2024
- Enrollment changes and forms must be submitted no later than the last day of annual open
- Changes are effective January 1 of the following year



Changes that can be made anytime

Change employee's or dependent's <u>name or</u>
<u>address</u>
(Updated by BA)

Change employee's
email address or phone
number
(Updated by employee)

Remove a dependent from coverage when they lose eligibility (Submit SOE Event) Apply, cancel, change coverage amounts, and update beneficiary information for supplemental life and AD&D insurance (EOI may be required)

Reduce coverage level, decline coverage, or enroll in employee-paid

LTD insurance
(Enrolling may require EOI)

Start, stop, or change the employee <u>HSA</u> contribution or change HSA beneficiary info Change tobacco use premium surcharge attestation
(Updated by employee)

Sign up to receive SEBB program email subscription service using B24/7



Worksheet Scenarios





Worksheet Scenarios: Two Year Lookback



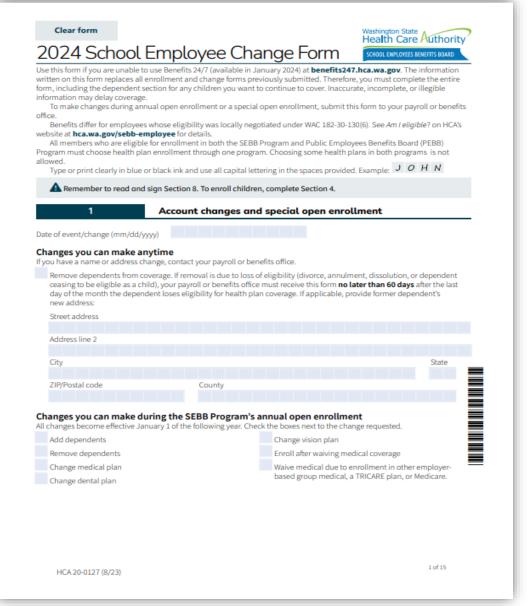
Reminder: Worksheets are not required for returning employees who are:

- Eligible last year and remain eligible for the new school year
- Not eligible last year and will not be eligible for the new school year

No access to Benefits 24/7?

Existing employees who can not access to Benefits 24/7 may submit change forms to their payroll or benefits office.

• Existing employees- Submit School Employee Change form to their payroll and benefits office during Annual Open Enrollment or a Special Open Enrollment event







Ineligible or employee's not returning

WAC 182-31-030 SEBB Organizations must routinely monitor all school employees work hours to establish eligibility and maintain the employer contribution toward SEBB benefits.

WAC 182-31-050 When does eligibility for the employer contribution for school employees benefits board (SEBB) benefits end?



D-3 Worksheet Scenario

The employee is <u>not</u> eligible for the employer contribution. The SEBB Organization rebuts a presumption of eligibility due to the following specific reasons why the school employee is not anticipated to work at least 630 hours in the current school year.

- If the employee is currently enrolled in SEBB benefits, their coverage will end. They
 may be eligible for continuation of coverage* benefits. After listing the specific reasons
 below, continue with #3 of this worksheet.
- If the employee is not currently enrolled in SEBB benefits, they will remain unenrolled.
 After listing the specific reasons below, continue with skip to section 6 of this worksheet.

Reasons:

D-3 includes space to provide reasons why employee does not meet 2-year lookback.



Terminating coverage

When to terminate employee coverage

- Terminate coverage <u>no earlier than the</u> <u>month of coverage ending</u> for employees:
 - Leaving SEBB Organization
 - Not eligible next school year
- Example:
 - Last day: August 10
 - Enter term date: No earlier than Aug 1
- Provide appropriate C series worksheet

Employees losing eligibility at the end of the school year

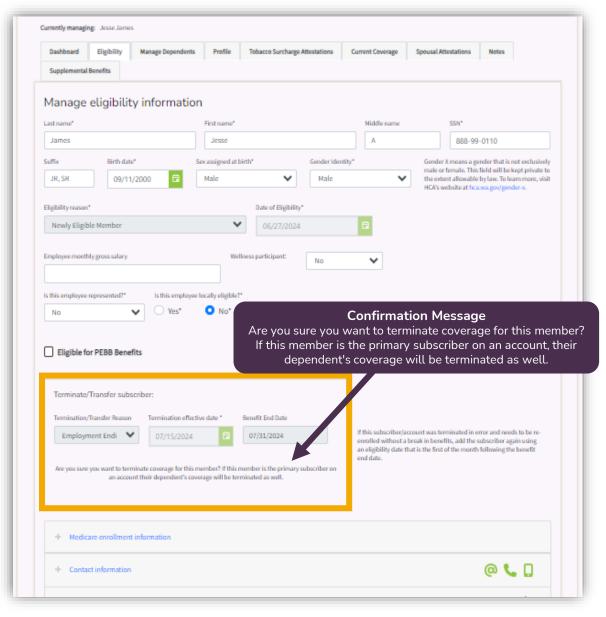
- Terminate coverage
 - Before August 12 cut off date to be removed from September billing file
 - Coverage will not end automatically at the end of each school year (August 31)
 - Provide appropriate C series worksheet



Terminating employee

Search for employee

- Eligibility Tab
 - Terminate/Transfer employee field
 - Enter termination reason
 - Enter termination effective date as the <u>last day worked</u>

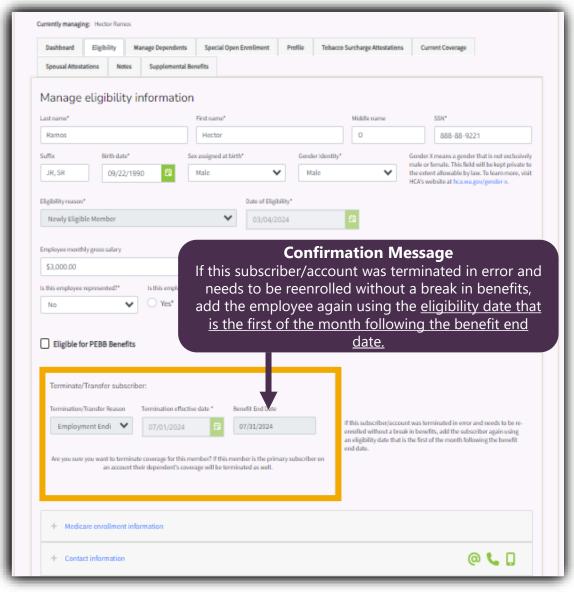




Terminating employee-Incorrect date

Search for employee

- Manage subscriber
 - Add employee as new subscriber
 - Enter SSN and new date of eligibility
 - Record found that can be re-enrolled-
 - Click Claim
 - Update employee information
 - Click Submit
 - Terminate employee with correct termination date

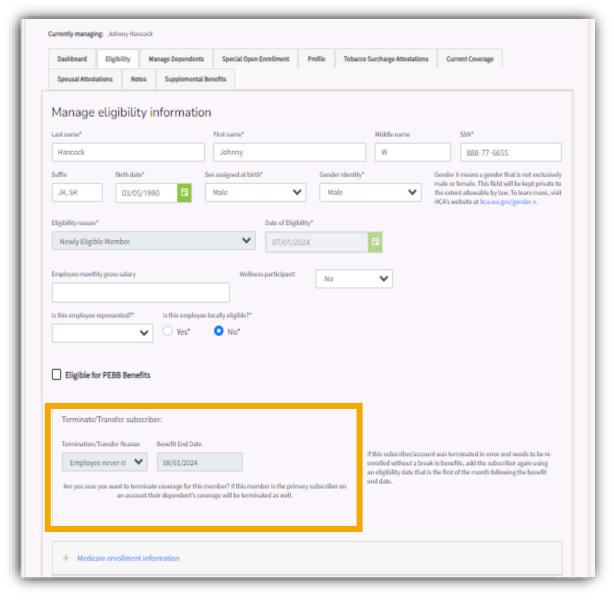




Terminating employee-Employee never eligible

Search for employee

- Eligibility Tab
 - Terminate/Transfer employee field
 - Enter Termination reason "Employee never eligible"
 - Submit changes
 - Benefit End Date auto populates
 - Example:
 - Date of Eligibility: July 1
 - Benefit End Date: August 1



This process can also be used to correct an incorrect date of eligibility.



When coverage may end earlier

Employees who reached 630 hours in the school year will maintain coverage through the end of the school year. (**August 31**)

• Employees not working during the summer will maintain coverage

Employer contribution for SEBB Benefits may end earlier if:

Employment relationship is terminated

Revised work pattern and no longer anticipated to work 630 hours during the school year. Employee returns from approved LWOP, maintained or established eligibility, has a change in work pattern, had the work pattern been in effect at the start of the school year, would NOT have resulted in being anticipated to work 630 hours.

Eligible employee hired late in the year has a change in work pattern and is no longer eligible under WAC 182-31-040 (4)(c)(i/ii). Eligible employee hired late in the year and eligible under WAC 182-31-040 (4)(c), who is no longer anticipated to work 630 hours the next school year.







Transferring employees

WAC 182-30-080 When must a newly eligible school employee, or a school employee who regains eligibility for the employer contribution, elect school employees benefits board (SEBB) benefits and complete required forms?



Transferring employees

Determine eligibility

- Benefits Eligible-
 - Review & complete A-5 transfer worksheet
- Not Benefits Eligible-
 - Employee must re-establish eligibility
 - Review & provide appropriate
 A series worksheet
 - Routinely monitor work hours

Benefits continue uninterrupted

- Moving from one SEBB organization to another within the same month or a consecutive month and
- Eligible in the position they are leaving and
- Anticipated to be eligible at the new SEBB Org.

No new election

- Unless current medical plan is no longer available
- Submit SOE
 - Change in Employment Location #8
 - Change in Residence #11

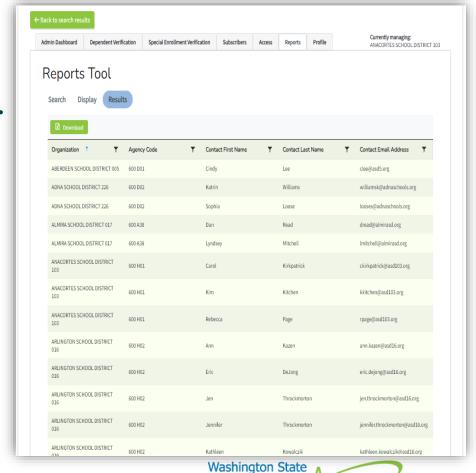


Employee moving from your SEBB Organization (Losing Organization)

Contact the gaining SEBB Organization and to determine if the employee will be transferred or terminated in Benefits 24/7.

- Employee will be currently eligible with no break in SEBB coverage
 - Review A-5 worksheet
 - Transfer employee in Benefits 24/7
- Employee is not eligible with gaining SEBB Org. or will have break in coverage
 - Complete appropriate C-3 worksheet
 - Terminate benefits in Benefits 24/7

Transferring with a break in SEBB benefits*, use A-1, A-2, A-3, or A-4, whichever is appropriate

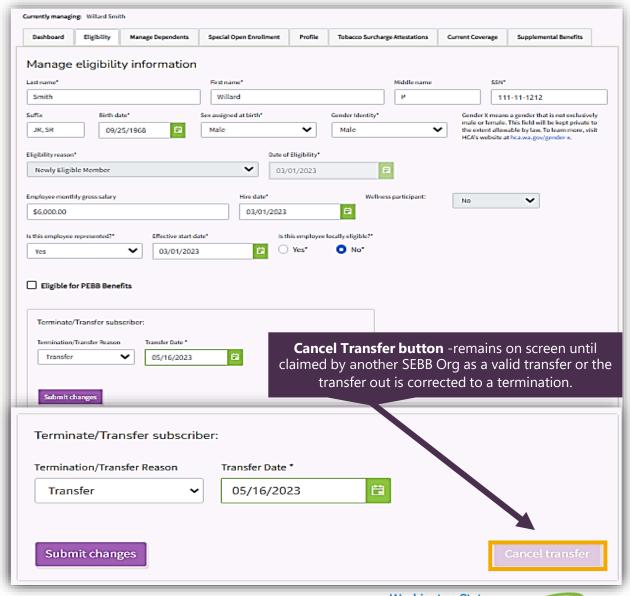


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Transfers

Managing employees

- Employee eligibility information
 - Terminate/Transfer employee
 - Cancel Transfer button will remain on screen until
 - Claimed by another SEBB Organization as a valid transfer
 - Transfer out is corrected to a termination

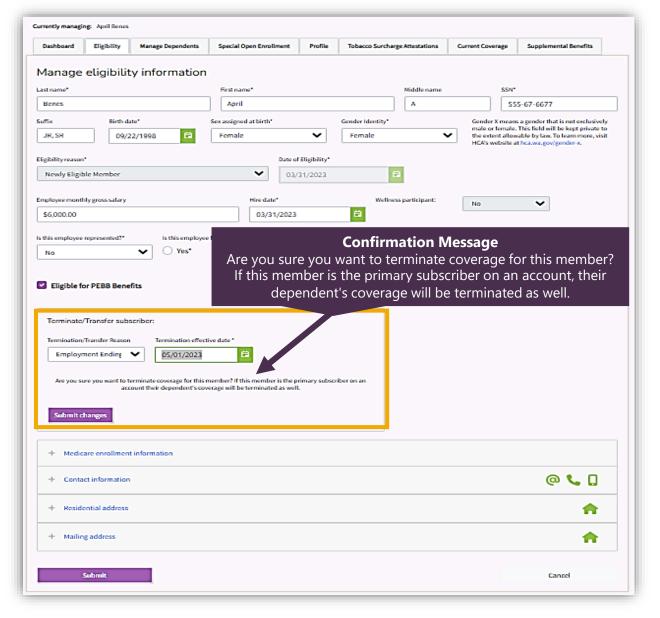




Transfers cont.

Benefit Administrators who are <u>uncertain</u> if an employee is eligible for SEBB Benefits at the gaining SEBB organization should:

- Terminate employee
 - Enter termination reason and termination effective date
 - Gaining SEBB Organization can claim account when adding as a new employee

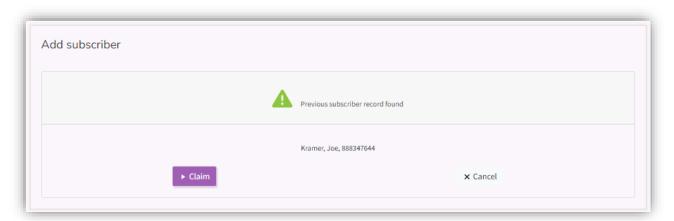




Employee moving to your SEBB Organization (Gaining/Receiving Organization

Add newly eligible employee who has been transferred or terminated by losing SEBB Organization in Benefits 24/7.

- Add as a new subscriber, enter SSN and date of eligibility
- Message shows employees "Previous employee record found"
- Click "Claim" to transfer employees account to gaining SEBB Organization

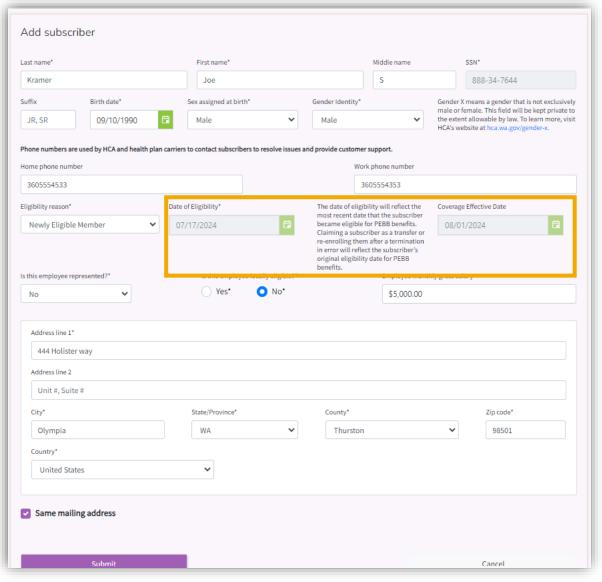




Employee moving to your SEBB Org. cont.

Adding newly eligible employee who has been transferred or terminated by losing SEBB Organization in Benefits 24/7.

- Review & complete A-5 transfer worksheet
- Verify and update new employee information
- Submit changes





Changing SEBB Org – Not a Transfer

Isabel is an eligible employee enrolled in SEBB Benefits at ESD 101. She has submitted her letter of resignation with her last day at ESD 101 being June 15. She has accepted a new position at Vancouver SD effective July 07.

ESD 101- Complete and provide the C-3 worksheet.

• Terminate employee with effective date June 15. SEBB Benefits ending June 30

SEBB Program will mail the *SEBB Continuation Coverage Election Notice* no later than 14 days after coverage has been terminated. (**July/August**)

Vancouver SD has determined Isabella is:

- Not anticipated to be compensated **17.5 hours in 6 of the last 8 weeks** in the school year (Not eligible July & August coverage)
- Not anticipated to work 630 hours with Vancouver SD but is anticipated to work 630 hours next school year. Enter date of eligibility as first day of work

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Troubleshooting Benefits 24/7 Access

employee Access



Releasing/Unlock employee account

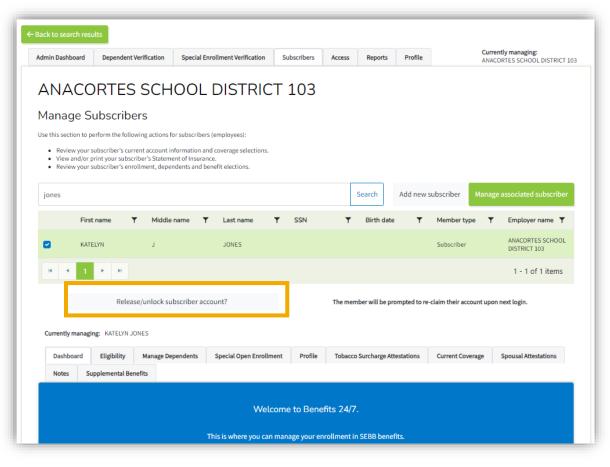
Release/Unlock employee account

- Step 1-Check box next to name
- Step 2-Click Manage Associated employee

Used to release previously tied employee SAW account

Used when employee has forgotten answers to security questions

Verify employee information





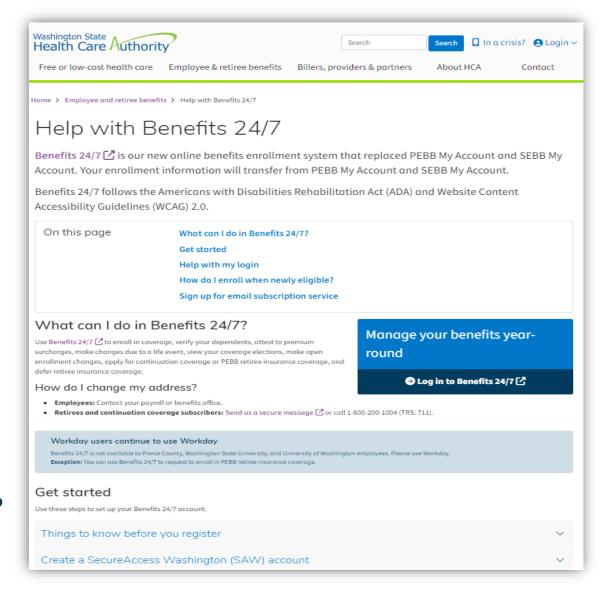


Employee Troubleshooting Tips

Visit the help with Benefits 24/7 webpage.

- Get started
 - Create SecureAccess Washington (SAW) account
 - Log in to Benefits 24/7
- Help with my login
- How do I enroll when newly eligible?

Security questions must have a minimum of four characters



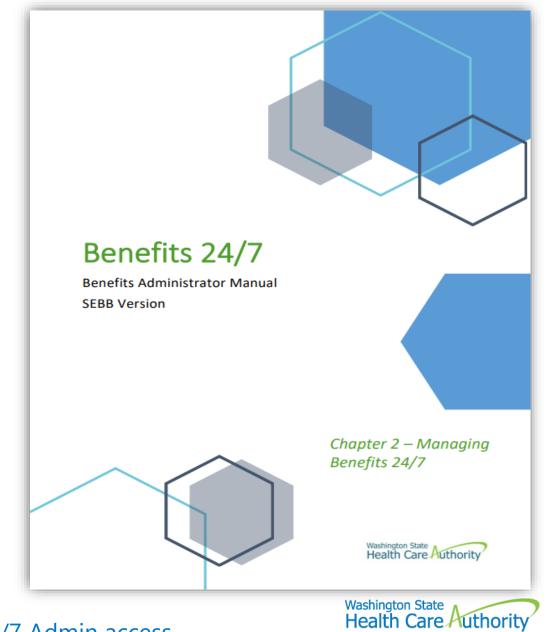
Benefits 24/7 employee login assistance phone number 1-866-335-0043.



Troubleshooting Benefits 24/7

Benefits 24/7 BA Manual Chapter 2

- Need instructions on Troubleshooting employee access
 - Employee attempting to claim their account for the first time: Page 13-14
 - Releasing an old SAW account for an employee:
 Pages 15-16



Releasing an employee account requires Benefits 24/7 Admin access.



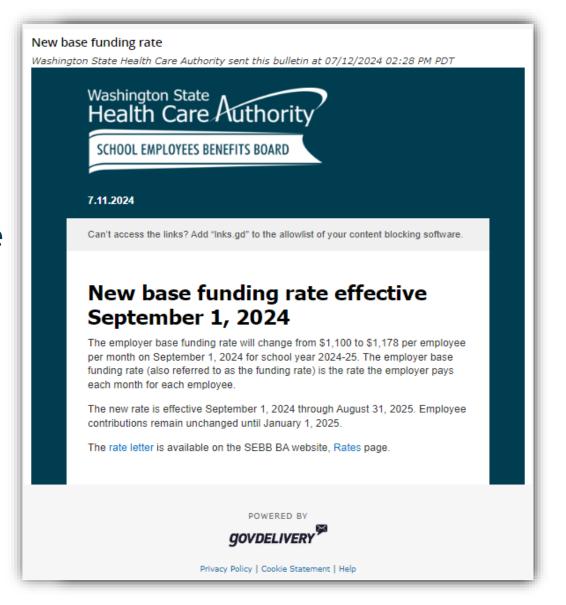
Changes and updates



New base funding rate

GovDelivery sent on July 12, 2024.

- Employer base funding rate will increase from \$1,100 to \$1,178 per eligible employee per month
- Effective September 1, 2024 through
 August 31, 2025
- Rate letter available on the BA website
 - SEBB Program rates
 - SEBB organization rates
 - 2024 rates







Reminders, tips & resources



Benefit Admin Resource

SEBB Benefits Administrator website

Eligibility, Enrollment, Benefits,
 Administrative tools and resources,
 and Training Resources

Contact Outreach & Training

- 1-800-700-1555
- Online via <u>HCA Support</u> secure messaging system
 - support.hca.wa.gov/hcasupport





Benefit Admin Resource

SEBB Benefits Admin Training
Submit training request using
HCA Support Inquiry

- Attn: Training Request
- Provide dates & times available, how many hours and subjects

Benefits 24/7, Benefits Admin website and HCA Support application overview and Q&A

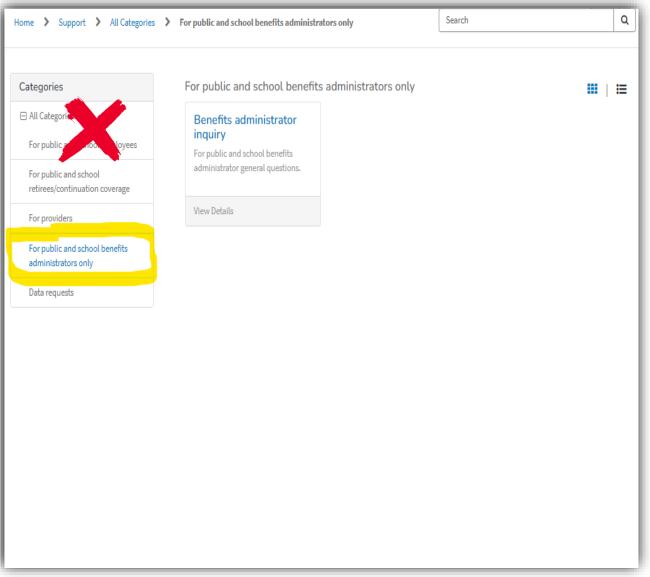




Managing Admin Access

Send Admin Access request using the HCA Support portal

- For public and school benefits administrators only
 - Benefits administrator inquiry
 - Select SEBB Program
 - Select "Is this inquiry related to the Benefits 24/7 online enrollment system?" YES
 - Add/Remove admin access
 - Admin Information







2024 HCA In-Person Benefits Fairs (Western Washington)

Date	Time	Location	Address
October 28, 2024/ Monday	10:00 am- 6:00 pm	Seattle (North)	Edmonds College Woodway Hall (Building 26), 20000 68 Ave W. Lynwood, WA
October 29, 2024/ Tuesday	10:00 am- 6:00 pm	Bellingham	Four Points Sheraton Bellingham Hotel and Conference Center Conference Center 714 Lakeway Dr. Bellingham, WA 98229
October 30, 2024/ Wednesday	10:00 am- 6:00 pm	Seattle (Central)	Lake Washington Institute of Technology. 11605 132nd Ave NE, Kirkland WA 98034
October 31, 2024/ Thursday	10:00 am- 6:00 pm	Tacoma	Clover Park Technical College McGavick Conference Center 4500 Steilacoom Blvd. SW, Lakewood, WA
November 1, 2024/ Friday	10:00 am- 6:00 pm	Seattle (South)	Renton Technical College Gaiser Hall 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver, WA 98663
November 4, 2024/ Monday	10:00 am- 6:00 pm	Vancouver	Clark College Capital Event Center 6005 Tyee Drive SW, Tumwater, WA 98512
November 5, 2024/ Tuesday	10:00 am- 6:00 pm	Olympia/ Tumwater	ESD #113 (Capital Event Center) Capital Event Center 6005 Tyee Drive SW, Tumwater, WA 98512
November 6, 2024/ Wednesday	10:00 am- 6:00 pm	Port Angeles	Red Lion Hotel Port Angeles Harbor Main Building 221 N. Lincoln, Port Angeles, WA 98362
November 7, 2024/ Thursday	10:00 am- 6:00 pm	Bremerton	Olympic College Student Center 1600 Chester Avenue, Bremerton WA 98337

Note: 10-6PM PEBB/SEBB Employees/Retirees, Carrier presentation will be held throughout the Benefit fair.



2024 HCA In-Person Benefits Fairs (Eastern Washington)

Date	Time	Location	Address
October 29, 2024/ Tuesday	10:00 am- 6:00 pm	Spokane	Spokane Community College Lair Student Center 1801 N Greene St, Spokane, WA 99207
October 30, 2024/ Wednesday	10:00 am- 6:00 pm	Cheney	Eastern Washington University Hargreaves Hall 616 Study Ln, Cheney, WA 99004
October 31, 2024/ Thursday	10:00 am- 6:00 pm	Wenatchee	Wenatchee Red Lion Hotel Robert C. Roberts Campus Center (Building I) 3000 NE 4th St, Renton, WA 98056
November 5, 2024/ Tuesday	10:00 am- 6:00 pm	Pullman	Washington State University Compton Union Building 1500 Glenn Terrell Mall , Pullman, WA , 99163
November 6, 2024/ Wednesday	10:00 am- 6:00 pm	Pasco	Columbia Basin College Hawk Union Building (H Building) 2600 N 20th Ave, Pasco, WA 99301
November 7, 2024/ Thursday	10:00 am- 6:00 pm	Yakima	Yakima Valley College Conference Center W Nob Hill Blvd &, S 16th Ave, Yakima, WA 98902

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Upcoming Webinars



October 18: SEBB Pre Open Enrollment (OE) Webinar 2024

October 25: SEBB FSA and DCAP OE webinar 2024

Where to register:

hca.wa.gov/sebb-benefits-admins/training-schedule

All webinars are recorded and posted to the BA website.

hca.wa.gov/sebb-benefits-admins/training-materials-and-recordings



Q&A

We will now address some of the questions that did not get answered during the webinar.

- Any questions that do not get addressed today will be responded to by phone, email or HCA Support request
- Employee specific questions or scenarios should be sent through HCA Support request

After the webinar, participants will receive a follow up email that includes a brief survey. We would appreciate your feedback.



Thank you for participating!



