

Preparing for the End of the School Year

School Employees Benefits
Outreach & Training
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SCHOOL EMPLOYEES BENEFITS BOARD

Agenda

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- 2 Employee scenarios
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- 4 SEBB Changes & Updates
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Actions at the end of each school year

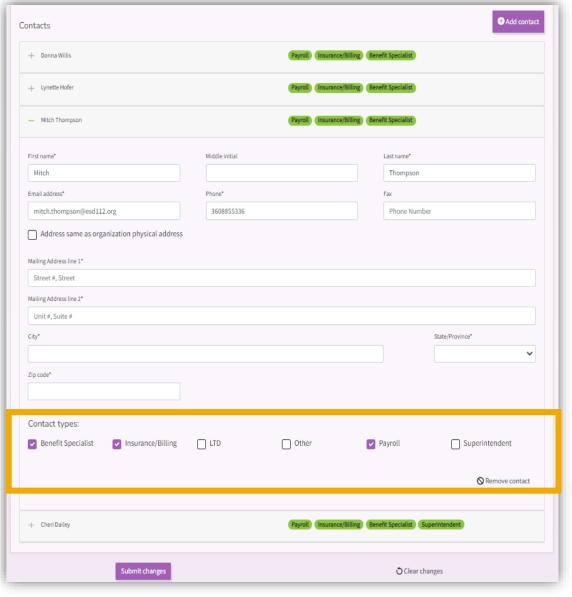
School Year: September 1-August 31



Organization Profile

Update SEBB Org contacts

- Multiple roles can be assigned
 - Benefit Specialist
 - Insurance/Billing
 - LTD
 - Other
 - Payroll
 - Superintendent





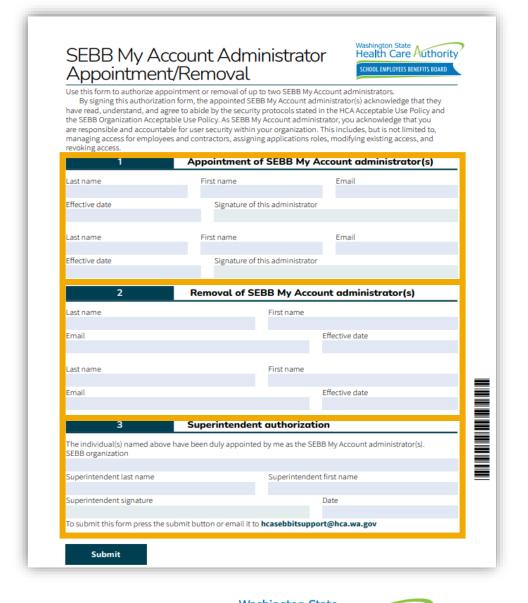
Managing Access

Update admin access

- Submit Admin Appointment/Removal Form via HCA Support request for processing
- Superintendent signature required
- Found on the forms & publications page

Admin's can assign user roles:

Edit and read-only



Admin and edit roles can release/ unlock subscriber accounts for reclaiming. hca.wa.gov/assets/perspay/20-0117-SEBB-sma-admin-appointment-removal-form-fillable.pdf





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 until **December 31, 2023**.
 - Plan selections
 - FSA/DCAP contributions
 - No new elections or eligibility worksheet required!
- Plan year:January 1 December 31

Annual Open Enrollment

- Next Open Enrollment (OE):
 October 30 November
 20, 2023
- Enrollment changes must be completed by the last day of annual open enrollment
- New elections effective:
 January 1, 2024

Making Changes

- Employees can make changes anytime
 - Change name or address
 - Enroll or change supplemental Life, AD&D and employee-paid LTD
 - Submit SOE events
 - Change HSA contributions
 - Change tobacco attestation





Employees not returning next school year Scenarios

WAC 182-31-050

When does eligibility for the employer contribution for school employees benefits board (SEBB) benefits end?



Not Returning Next School Year

Elijah is an eligible school employee at Granite Falls SD. He submits his letter of resignation effective August 5.

Employer contribution towards SEBB benefits will end August 31.

- Complete and provide the C-3 worksheet
- Terminate employee's coverage no earlier than month before coverage ending (July 1)
 - SEBB Program will mail the *SEBB Continuation Coverage Election Notice* no later than 14 days after coverage has been terminated
 - Election notice includes enrollment forms
 - Employee can request Continuation Coverage using Benefits 24/7



Retiring Employee

Oliver is an eligible employee at Heights SD. He is retiring and submits his letter of resignation effective June 10. He is enrolling in PEBB Retiree Health Insurance Coverage with an effective of July 1.

Employer contribution towards SEBB benefits will end June 30.

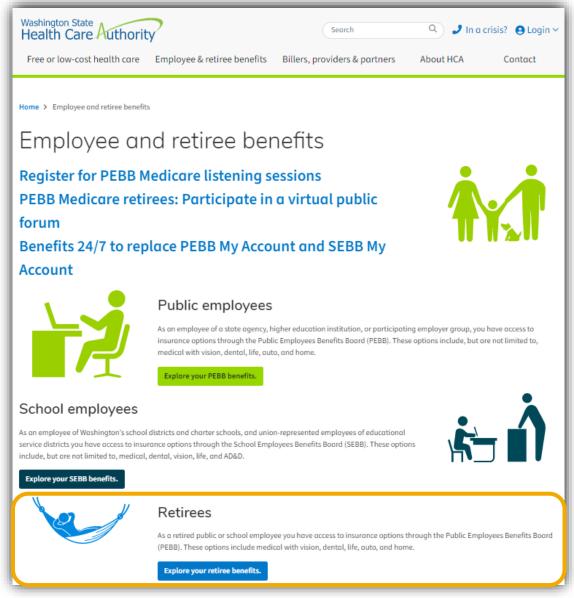
- Complete and provide the C-4 worksheet
- Terminate employee's coverage no earlier than month before coverage ending (May 1)
- SEBB Program will mail the SEBB Continuation Coverage Election Notice no later than 14 days after coverage has been terminated
 - Employee can request Continuation Coverage and PEBB Retiree coverage using Benefits 24/7
- Employee may request a PEBB Retiree Enrollment guide
 - Contact PEBB Customer Service at 1-800-200-1004



Reminder: 2023 PEBB Retiree Insurance Webinars

Outreach and Training (O&T) is offering PEBB Retiree Insurance webinars.

- Employees can register on the HCA PEBB Retiree website
- Access the 2023 PEBB Retiree Enrollment Guide
 - www.hca.wa.gov/pebb
- Contact PEBB Customer Service at 1-800-200-1004







Transferring Scenarios

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?



Changing SEBB Org – Transfer

Lucas is an eligible school employee enrolled in SEBB Benefits at Auburn SD. His last day at Auburn SD will be August 17. He has accepted a new position at Kent SD effective September 3.

Auburn SD- Review the A-5 worksheet.

Transfer employee with effective date of August 17

Kent SD- Review the A-5 worksheet.

- Add as newly eligible subscriber with date of eligibility of **September 3** and claim account
- Complete eligibility reason, hire date, and employee represented field
- Uninterrupted coverage with no new elections (unless plan is no longer available)
- Employee may make new elections during annual OE with coverage effective January 1



Changing SEBB Org – Transfer

Chloe is an eligible employee enrolled in SEBB Benefits at Elma SD. Her last day at Elma SD will be June 15. She has accepted a new position at Willow SD effective July 1.

Elma SD- Review the A-5 worksheet.

Transfer employee with effective date of June 15

Willow SD- Review the A-5 worksheet.

- Determined Chloe eligible on first day of work, July 1
- Anticipated to be compensated 17 ½ hours in 6 of the last 8 weeks in the school year
- Anticipated to work 630 hours next school year

Will receive uninterrupted coverage from Elma SD to Willow SD

No new elections (unless plan is no longer available)



Changing SEBB Org – Transfer not eligible in August

Gabriel was terminated from Shelton SD on July 5. SEBB Benefits will end July 31. He is hired with Lacey SD with his first day of work on August 22 and is determined eligible for the next school year.

Shelton SD- Complete and provide the C-3 worksheet.

Terminate employee with effective date of July 5

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

May enroll in SEBB Continuation Coverage (August) using Benefits 24/7

Lacey SD- Complete and provide the A-1 worksheet.

- Add eligible employee with date of eligibility of August 22
- Coverage is effective September 1



Changing SEBB Org – Not a Transfer

Isabella is an eligible employee enrolled in SEBB Benefits at ESD 101. Her last day at ESD 101 will be June 15. She has accepted a new position at Vancouver SD effective July 27.

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

Terminate employee with effective date of June 15

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:

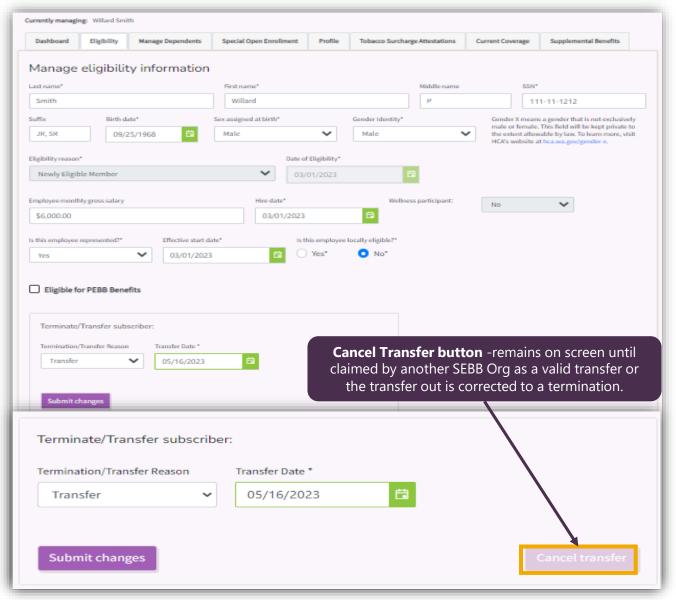
- Not anticipated to be compensated 17 ½ hours in 6 of the last 8 weeks in the school year (Not eligible for July & August coverage)
- Anticipated to work 630 hours next school year
 - Enter date of eligibility as first day of work



Benefits 24/7 Transfers Update

Managing Subscribers

- Employee eligibility information
 - Terminate/Transfer subscriber
 - Combined "Terminate / Transfer reason" field
 - Added "Cancel Transfer"
 button which remains on
 screen until claimed by
 another SEBB Org as a valid
 transfer or the transfer out is
 corrected to a termination.

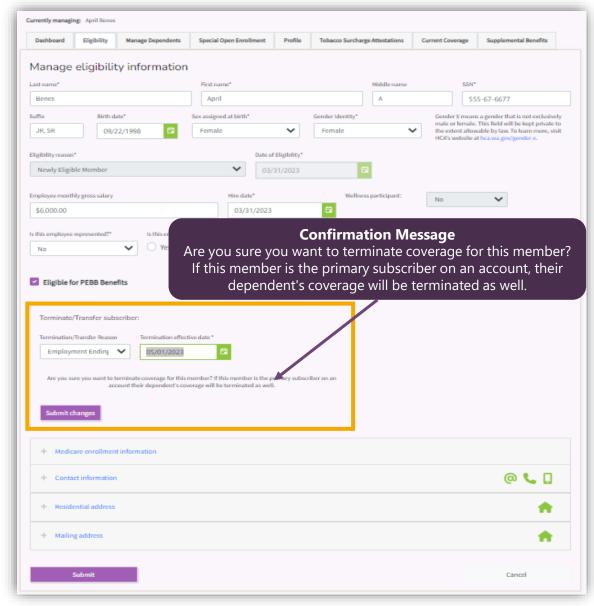




Reminder: Transfers

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

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





Reminder: Transfers cont.

Employees will have uninterrupted coverage when moving from one SEBB organization to another within the <u>same month</u> or a <u>consecutive month</u>, if the employee is:

- Eligible for SEBB benefits in the position they are leaving; and
- Anticipated to be eligible for SEBB benefits in their new position

Employees may need to change their medical plan if they move to a new county.





Worked 630th hour in August Scenarios

Eligible?

Yes, no, yes, no ©



Works 630th Hour in August

Savanah is an employee at Bremerton SD and was anticipated to **only** work 550 hours in the school year but reaches 630 hours worked on August 5.

Anticipated to work 630 hours in the next school year.

- Eligible for benefits effective Sept 1
- Provide eligibility D-4 worksheet
- Employee may make new elections during annual OE
- Changes are effective January 1

Not anticipated to work 630 hours in the next school year

- Does not become eligible for coverage in the new school year
- Eligibility worksheet not required
 - No change in eligibility status
 - Ineligible-Ineligible





Works 630th Hour in August cont.

Savanah is an employee at Bremerton SD and was anticipated to **only** work 550 hours in the school year but reaches 630 hours worked on August 5.

Two-year lookback

- Worked the past two school years at least 630 hours per year, and
- Is returning to the same type of position(s) and same SEBB organization
 - Presumed eligible for SEBB benefits on September 1
 - Complete and provide the D-4 worksheet

The SEBB organization may rebut this by notifying the school employee, in writing, of the specific reasons why the employee is not anticipated to work 630 hours in the next school year.





Approved Leave Scenarios

WAC 182-31-110

What options are available if a school employee is approved for the federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) or the paid family and medical leave program?

From one school year to the next school year.



Approved Leave- FMLA

Victoria is an eligible school employee at Central SD. She is placed on approved FMLA in August. Her approved leave ends October 16.

Complete and provide the C-1 worksheet

Anticipated to work 630 hours in next school year (2023-2024)

- SEBB Benefits continue uninterrupted, no new elections
- No action taken in Benefits 24/7
- Employee may make new elections during annual OE
- Changes are effective January 1



Approved Leave- FMLA/ PFML

Isabella is an eligible school employee at Lakes SD. She is approved for FMLA and PFML in August. Her FMLA lasts until October 30. Her PFML overlaps FMLA for another 4 weeks – ending November 27.

Complete and provide the C-2 worksheet

Goes on approved LWOP.

- As a result, she is not anticipated to work 630 hours this school year
- Coverage terminates November 30
 - When approve PFML ends





Terminating coverage

WAC 182-31-050

When does eligibility for the employer contribution for school employees benefits board (SEBB) benefits end?



Terminating coverage

When to terminate coverage

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

Employees losing eligibility

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



When eligibility for benefits ends

Employer contribution may end earlier than the end of the school year.

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

 Do not term coverage for employees not working during the summer

If the	then eligibility for the employer contribution will end on
SEBB organization terminates the employment relationship.	The last day of the month in which the employer-initiated termination notice is effective.
School employee terminates the employment relationship.	The last day of the month in which the school employee's resignation is effective.
School employee's work pattern is revised such that the school employee is no longer anticipated to work six-hundred thirty hours during the school year.	The last day of the month in which the change is effective.
School employee returns from approved leave without pay and maintained or established eligibility as described in WAC 182-31-040 (4)(d), who subsequently has a change in work pattern that, had the work pattern been in effect at the start of the school year, would not have resulted in the school employee being anticipated to work the minimum hours to meet SEBB eligibility for the employer contribution in the school year.	The last day of the month in which the change is effective.
Nine-to-ten-month school employee, hired late in the year and eligible for the employer contribution as described in WAC 182-31-040 (4)(c)(i), who subsequently has a change in work pattern such that the school employee is no longer eligible under the criteria described in WAC 182-31-040 (4)(c)(i).	The last day of the month in which the change is effective.
Twelve-month school employee, hired late in the year and eligible for the employer contribution as described in WAC 182-31-040 (4)(c)(ii), who subsequently has a change in work pattern such that the school employee is no longer eligible under the criteria described in WAC 182-31-040 (4)(c)(ii).	The last day of the month in which the change is effective.
School employee hired later in the year and eligible for the employer contribution as described in WAC 182-31-040 (4) (c), who is no longer anticipated to work six hundred thirty hours the next school year.	The last day of the month in which the change in the anticipation occurs.

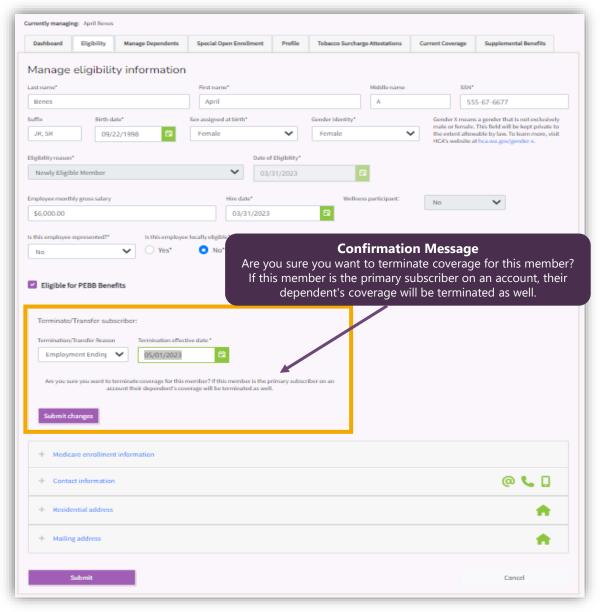


Benefits 24/7 Terminating subscriber

Search for subscriber

- Eligibility tab
 - Terminate/Transfer subscriber field
 - Enter Termination/Transfer reason
 - Enter Termination effective date

Send O&T secure message using HCA Support to correct errors with termination dates.







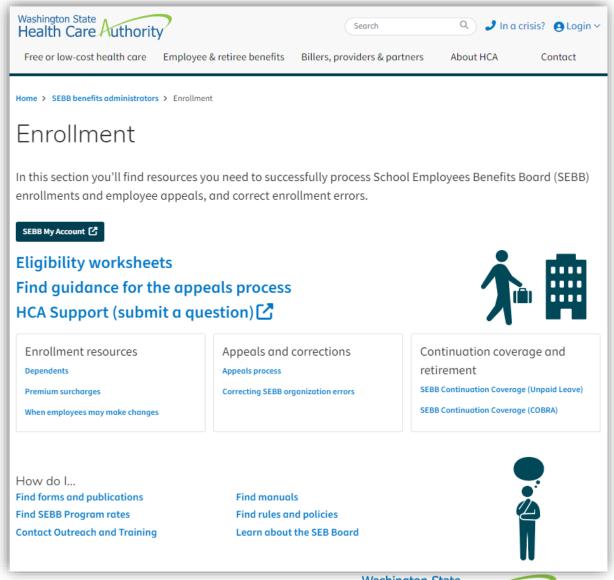
SEBB Changes & Updates



BA webpage update

Enrollment section

- New webpages
 - Premium surcharges
 - When employees may make changes
 - Correcting SEBB organization errors
 - SEBB Continuation Coverage COBRA
 - SEBB Continuation Coverage (Unpaid Leave)

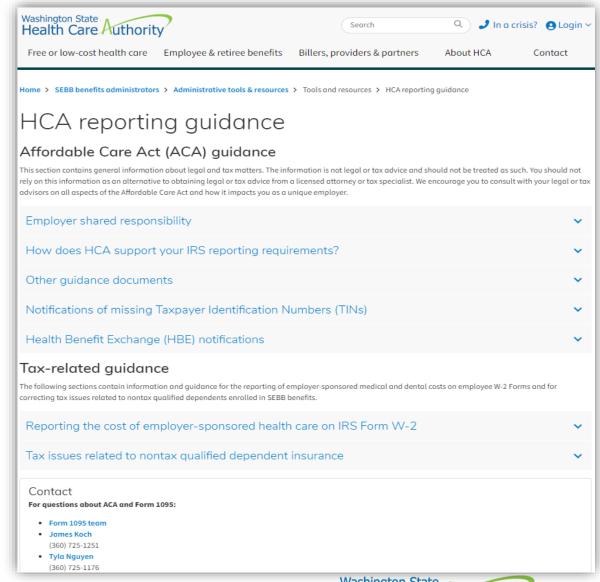




BA webpage update

Administrative tools & resources section

- New webpage
 - HCA reporting guidance webpage
 - Affordable Care Act (ACA) guidance
 - Reporting the cost of employer-sponsored health care on IRS Form W-2
 - Tax issues related to nontax qualified dependent insurance

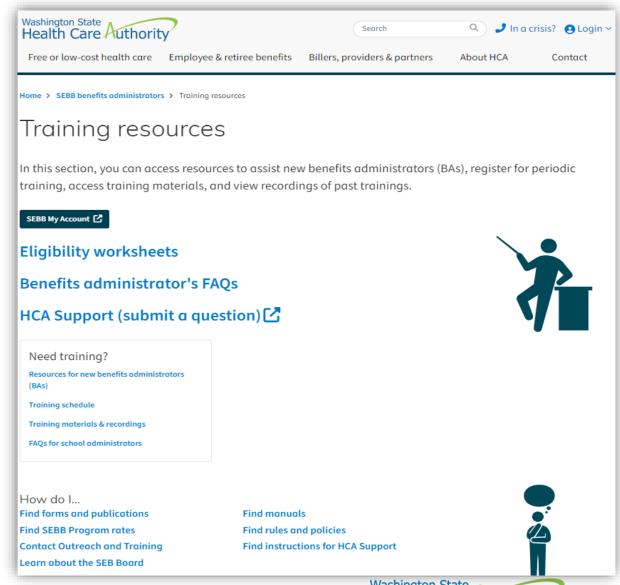




BA webpage update

Training resources section

- New webpage
 - Resources for new benefits administrators (BAs)







Reminders, Tips & Resources



Benefit Administrator Resources

SEBB BA website

- Eligibility
- Enrollment
- SEBB Benefits
- Administrative tools and resources.
- Training Resources

Outreach & Training for guidance

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





SEBB BA Training

Available to all BA's

Send training request using HCA Support

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

Benefits 24/7, BA website and HCA Support application overview

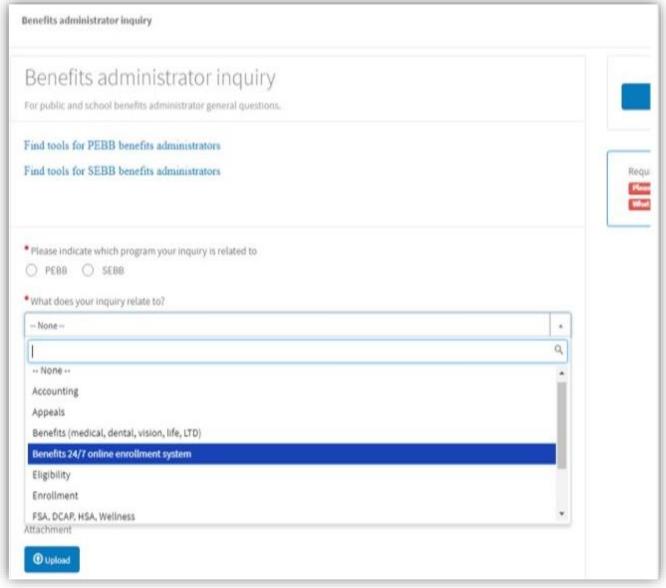




Benefit Administrator Inquiry Resource

Added new HCA support portal inquiry subject

 Benefits 24/7 online enrollment system





Benefits 24/7 launch rescheduled to June

GovDelivery sent on April 26, 2023.

- The launch was scheduled to occur in May 2023 and is now planned for **June 12, 2023**.
- HCA will notify members of the new launch date on SEBB's and PEBB's Benefits 24/7 webpages.

Benefits 24/7 launch rescheduled to June

The launch date for Benefits 24/7, the new combined online enrollment system for the School Employees Benefits Board (SEBB) and Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB) Programs, has been rescheduled. The launch was scheduled to occur in May 2023 and is now planned for June 12, 2023.

While the content development of the new system has been running on schedule, the Health Care Authority (HCA) wanted to provide more time to ensure the portal's successful launch. HCA reached this decision in consultation with, and the full support of, the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO).

This one-month change provides more time for:

- Additional testing of HCA's migration of PEBB members' data from the current PAY1 enrollment accounting system into Benefits 24/7, to ensure the transition avoids manual entry of subscriber information by PEBB organizations' benefits administrators (BAs).
- HCA to collect names of BAs with approved access to Benefits 24/7 from PEBB and SEBB appointing authorities. (Only 36 percent of PEBB appointing authorities and 25 percent of SEBB appointing authorities have submitted their approved list of BAs to date.)
- Refining of the planned online employee resources that BAs can direct employees to for help navigating Benefits 24/7.

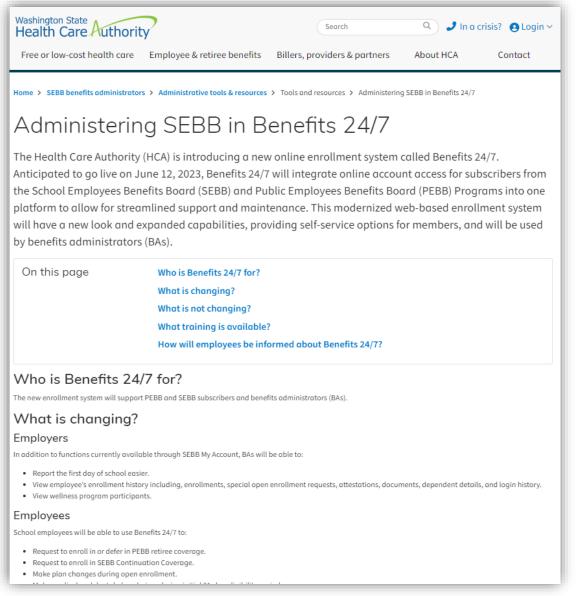
HCA will notify members of the new launch date on <u>SEBB's</u> and <u>PEBB's</u> Benefits 24/7 project webpages.



Benefits Administrator Resource

SEBB BA webpage for Benefits 24/7

- Who is Benefits 24/7 for?
- What is changing?
- What is not changing?
- What training is available?
- How will employees be informed about Benefits 24/7?





Employee Communication

SEBB Intercom newsletter

Employees can also find information:

- May edition of the SEBB Intercom Newsletter to be mailed/emailed on May 26, 2023
 - Benefits 24/7 information
 - Request for PEBB Retiree coverage or **SEBB** Continuation coverage



Welcome to Benefits 24/7

Benefits 24/7 will be the new online enrollment system for the SEBB Program and is coming soon! Benefits 24/7 will bring you improved features and an easy-to-use design. This system replaces SEBB My Account. Employees and continuation coverage subscribers can use Benefits 24/7 on a computer or mobile device to enroll in and manage benefits throughout the year.



Benefits 24/7 uses SecureAccess Washington (SAW), the

state's secure single-sign-on portal for external users. A

SAW account keeps your sensitive information secure. You

can also access other government services online with a

single user ID and password that you create and manage. A If you already have a SAW account, you

Get started with

Benefits 24/7

Set up your new account

What's new?

- · The name. Benefits 24/7 looks and works very similar to SEBB My Account.
- Access. SEBB Continuation Coverage subscribers now have access to manage their benefits year-round.
- · Improved features. You'll be able to do more in Benefits 24/7, like enrolling in PEBB retiree coverage or SEBB Continuation Coverage when

Thinking about retirement?

Benefits 24/7 makes it easy to apply for PEBB retiree coverage. No more requesting paper forms and mailing them back to us.

Select the Retiree coverage/continuation coverage button in Benefits 24/7 to get started. You'll also be able to webpage at benefits 247.hca.wa.gov. immediately see the status of your retiree coverage application, whether it's waiting for review, pending, or approved.



You can continue to use that to log in to Benefits 24/7, as long as you're using the same SAW account. Refer to the Get started with Benefits 24/7 mailing we'll

send in early June or visit the Help with Benefits 24/7



Sign up for email delivery to receive this newsletter and other general updates, with the added benefit of helping to reduce the impact on the environment.

Visit Benefits 24/7 at benefits247.hca.wa.gov. Click on Profile and open Contact information to add your email address. Then check the box to receive email notifications.

Visit the Help with Benefits 24/7 webpage at

benefits247.hca.wa.gov for FAQs and troubleshooting tips.



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Employee Communications

- School employee Benefits 24/7 post card to be mailed on June 5, 2023
- Benefits 24/7 Article in the May edition of the SEBB Intercom Newsletter to be mailed/ emailed
- "How to use Benefits 24/7" quick reference guide- Coming soon
- SEBB Continuation Coverage Benefits 24/7 quick start guide-Coming soon







What's new?

The name. Benefits 24/7 replaces SEBB My Account but looks and works very similarly

Improved features. You'll be able to do more in Benefits 24/7, like enrolling in PEBB retires coverage or SEBB Continuation Coverage when applicable.

What do I need to do?

If you already have registered in SEBB My Account and used SecureAccess Washington (SAW) to log in — good news! You can continue to use that to log in to Benefits 24/7 as long as you're using the same SAW account.

If you have not registered in SEBB My Account, you will need to set up your Benefits 24/7 account after May 8. If you already have a SAW account, you don't need to create a new one.

Visit benefits 247.hca.wa.gov to get started and for FAQs and troubleshooting tips. If you need help with Benefits 24/7, contact your payroll or benefits office.

HCA complies with all applicable federal and Washington State (ivil rights taxs and is committed to providing equal access to our services. If you need an accommodation, or require documents in another formet or language, please call 2-015-602-2797 (18tr.) 211).

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Upcoming Webinars



June 23: SEBB Benefits 24/7 Post Go Live

August 4: SEBB Preparing for the start of the new school year

TBD: 2023 SEBB Pre-Annual Open Enrollment (OE)

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 greatly appreciate your feedback.



Thank you for participating!



