

WAC 182-31-070 Is dual enrollment in school employees benefits board (SEBB) and public employees benefits board (PEBB) prohibited? School employees benefits board (SEBB) medical, dental, and vision coverage is limited to a single enrollment per individual as described in subsections (1) through (5) of this section. Effective January 1, 2022, individuals are limited to a single enrollment in medical, dental, and vision plans in either the SEBB program or public employees benefits board (PEBB) program as described in subsection (6) of this section.

(1) An individual who has more than one source of eligibility for enrollment in SEBB medical, SEBB dental, and SEBB vision coverage (called "dual eligibility") is limited to one enrollment.

(2) An eligible school employee may waive SEBB medical and enroll as a dependent under the SEBB medical plan of their spouse, state registered domestic partner, or parent as described in WAC 182-31-080.

(3) A dependent enrolled in SEBB medical, SEBB dental, or SEBB vision who becomes eligible for SEBB benefits as a school employee must elect to enroll in SEBB benefits as described in WAC 182-30-080(1). This includes making an election to enroll in or waive enrollment in SEBB medical as described in WAC 182-31-080 (1)(a).

(a) If the school employee does not waive enrollment in SEBB medical, the school employee is not eligible to remain enrolled in their spouse's, state registered domestic partner's, or parent's SEBB medical as a dependent. If the school employee's spouse, state registered domestic partner, or parent does not take action to remove the school employee (who is enrolled as a dependent) from their subscriber account, the SEBB program will automatically disenroll the school employee's enrollment as a dependent the last day of the month before the school employee's enrollment in SEBB benefits begins as described in WAC 182-31-040.

Exception: An enrolled dependent who becomes newly eligible, at the start of the school year, for SEBB benefits as a school employee could be dual-enrolled in SEBB medical, dental, and vision for one month. This exception is only allowed for the first month the dependent is enrolled as a school employee.

(b) If the school employee elects to waive their enrollment in SEBB medical, the school employee will remain enrolled in SEBB medical under their spouse's, state registered domestic partner's, or parent's SEBB medical as a dependent.

(4) A child who is eligible for SEBB medical, SEBB dental, and SEBB vision under two subscribers may be enrolled under both subscribers but is limited to a single enrollment in SEBB medical, a single enrollment in SEBB dental, and a single enrollment in SEBB vision.

(5) When a school employee is eligible for the employer contribution toward SEBB benefits due to employment in more than one SEBB organization the following provisions apply:

(a) When a school employee is eligible for the employer contribution during a school year under WAC 182-31-040 and 182-30-130 the SEBB organization that has determined the school employee eligible under WAC 182-31-040 must make the employer contribution;

(b) If the school employee is eligible for the employer contribution under WAC 182-31-040 at two different SEBB organizations, the school employee must choose to enroll under only one SEBB organization;

(c) If the school employee is eligible for the employer contribution under WAC 182-30-130 at two different SEBB organizations, the school employee must choose to enroll under only one SEBB organization;

(d) If the school employee loses eligibility under one SEBB organization, they must notify their other SEBB organization no later than 60 days from the date of loss of the first SEBB benefits in order to transfer coverage;

(e) The school employee's elections remain the same when a school employee transfers their enrollment under one SEBB organization to another SEBB organization without a break in SEBB benefits for one month or more, as described in (d) of this subsection.

(6) An individual who has more than one source of eligibility for enrollment in the SEBB and PEBB programs is limited to a single enrollment in medical, dental, and vision plans in either the SEBB or PEBB program. A school employee must elect to enroll in SEBB benefits as described in WAC 182-30-080, waive enrollment as described in WAC 182-31-080, or remove eligible dependents as described in WAC 182-31-150. If the school employee takes no action to resolve the dual enrollment, the SEBB program or the PEBB program will automatically enroll or automatically disenroll the individual as described in (c) through (g) of this subsection.

(a) An eligible school employee may waive enrollment in SEBB medical to enroll in PEBB medical only if they are enrolled in PEBB dental as described in WAC 182-31-080. A school employee who waives enrollment in SEBB medical to enroll in PEBB medical also waives enrollment in SEBB dental and SEBB vision.

(b) An employee in the PEBB program who waives PEBB medical and PEBB dental for SEBB medical must be enrolled in SEBB dental and SEBB vision. If the employee is not already enrolled in SEBB dental and SEBB vision, the SEBB program will automatically enroll the employee in the associated subscriber's SEBB dental and SEBB vision.

(c) If the school employee is enrolled only in SEBB dental and SEBB vision, and is also enrolled in PEBB medical, and no action is taken to resolve their dual enrollment, the school employee will remain in PEBB medical. The SEBB program will automatically disenroll the school employee from SEBB dental and SEBB vision in which they are enrolled. If the school employee is not already enrolled in PEBB dental, the PEBB program will automatically enroll them in PEBB dental as described in WAC 182-12-123 (6)(h). The school employee's enrollment in SEBB program life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment (AD&D) insurance, and long-term disability (LTD) insurance will remain.

(d) If the school employee is enrolled in SEBB medical and is also an employee in the PEBB program enrolled in PEBB medical, and the school employee has been enrolled in PEBB medical longer than they have been enrolled in SEBB medical, and no action is taken by the school employee to resolve their dual enrollment, they will remain in PEBB medical. The SEBB program will automatically disenroll the school employee from SEBB medical, SEBB dental, and SEBB vision. The school employee's enrollment in SEBB program life insurance, AD&D insurance, and LTD insurance will remain. If the school employee is not enrolled in medical under either the PEBB or SEBB program but is enrolled only in PEBB dental, SEBB dental, and SEBB vision, the school employee will remain in SEBB dental and SEBB vision. The PEBB program will automatically disenroll the school employee from PEBB dental.

(e) If the school employee's dependent is enrolled in any SEBB medical, SEBB dental, or SEBB vision plan, and the dependent is also an employee in the PEBB program and enrolled in PEBB medical, and no action is taken by either the school employee or the dependent to resolve the dependent's dual enrollment, the school employee's dependent

will remain in PEBB medical. The SEBB program will automatically disenroll the school employee's dependent from SEBB medical, SEBB dental, and SEBB vision in which they are enrolled.

(f) If the school employee's dependent is enrolled in both SEBB medical and PEBB medical as a dependent and has been enrolled in PEBB medical longer than they have been enrolled in SEBB medical, and no action is taken to resolve the dual enrollment, the school employee's dependent will remain in PEBB medical. The SEBB program will automatically disenroll the school employee's dependent from SEBB medical, SEBB dental, and SEBB vision if they are enrolled. If the school employee's dependent who is eligible as a dependent in both the SEBB and PEBB programs is not enrolled in any medical but is enrolled only in PEBB dental and SEBB vision (with or without SEBB dental) as a dependent, the dependent will remain in SEBB vision and if enrolled, SEBB dental. The PEBB program will automatically disenroll the dependent from PEBB dental.

Exception: If there is a National Medical Support Notice (NMSN) or a court order in place, enrollment will be in accordance with the NMSN or order.

(g) If the school employee's dependent, who is also an employee in the PEBB program who the PEBB program automatically disenrolled from PEBB dental, the SEBB program will automatically enroll the school employee's dependent in SEBB vision. The SEBB program will also automatically enroll the school employee's dependent in SEBB dental, if they are not already enrolled.

(h) If the school employee who is eligible for the employer contribution toward SEBB benefits was enrolled as a dependent in PEBB medical and PEBB dental and is removed by the PEBB subscriber, the school employee will be required to return from waived enrollment as described in WAC 182-31-080 (3)(b).

(i) If the SEBB program automatically disenrolls an individual from SEBB medical, SEBB dental, or SEBB vision to resolve their dual enrollment as described in (d), (e), or (f) of this subsection, but later determines that the school employee did take action to resolve their dual enrollment within the required timelines, the SEBB program will reinstate coverage retroactive to the first of the month in which the individual was disenrolled.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021 and 41.05.160. WSR 22-13-168 (Admin #2022-01), § 182-31-070, filed 6/21/22, effective 1/1/23. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160 and Policy resolutions SEBB 2021-02, 2021-03, 2021-04, 2021-05, 2021-06, 2021-07, 2021-08, 2021-09, 2021-11. WSR 21-13-115 (Admin #2021-01.02), § 182-31-070, filed 6/21/21, effective 1/1/22. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160 and 2020 c 231. WSR 20-16-067 (Admin #2020-04), § 182-31-070, filed 7/28/20, effective 8/28/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160, 2017 3rd sp.s. c 13, 2018 c 260, and SEBB policy resolutions. WSR 19-14-093 (Admin #2019-01), § 182-31-070, filed 7/1/19, effective 8/1/19.]