

INSTRUCTIONS – DECLARATION OF HEALTH COVERAGE (HBD-12A)

Please contact your Health Benefits Officer if you have any questions regarding the HBD-12A.	
Employee Information	Complete with the appropriate employee information.
Part A:	Mark this box if you are: a) Enrolling in the Health Benefits Program and have no dependents, or b) Enrolling yourself and ALL eligible dependents in the Health Benefits Program.
Part B-1:	Mark this box if you are: a) Enrolling yourself only, your dependents have other health insurance coverage, or b) Canceling your dependents' coverage because they have other health insurance coverage
Part B-2:	Mark this box if you are: a) Enrolling yourself and SOME of your dependents, your other dependents have health insurance coverage, or b) Canceling coverage for some of your dependents because they have other health insurance coverage.
Part C-1:	Mark this box if you are: a) Declining enrollment or canceling your health insurance coverage, you have no dependents and you have other health coverage, or b) Declining enrollment or canceling your health insurance coverage for yourself and eligible dependents and you have other health insurance coverage.
Part C-2:	Mark this box if you are: a) Declining enrollment or canceling your health insurance for reasons other than having health insurance coverage and you have no dependents, or b) Declining enrollment or canceling your health insurance coverage for yourself and eligible dependents for reasons other than having health insurance coverage.

IMPORTANT: It is your responsibility to notify your personnel office when there are any changes in your family situation. Changes include marriage, acquisition of a dependent child, divorce, legal separation, and death. Failure to notify your personnel office may result in adverse consequences.

Special rules to consider for retirement and death:

Retirees: you are eligible to enroll in a CalPERS health plan if you meet all of the criteria below:

- Your retirement date is within 120 days of separation from employment
- You are eligible for health benefits upon separation
- You receive a monthly retirement allowance
- You retire from the State, California State University (CSU), or an agency that currently contracts with CalPERS for health benefits

Survivor Death Benefit: your dependents may enroll in a CalPERS health plan as a survivor as long as they:

- Are eligible for enrollment as a dependent on the date of death of a CalPERS retiree
- Receive a monthly survivor check
- Continue to qualify as an eligible family member

Dependents who are enrolled at the time of the employee or annuitant's death and meet the eligibility requirements can continue the health enrollment as a survivor. Dependents who are not enrolled and meet the eligibility requirements may enroll in a health plan within 60 days of the employee or annuitant's death, or during Open Enrollment.

The effective date of enrollment is the first day of the month following the date CalPERS receives the request. Exceptions may apply for certain contracting agency survivors who do not receive a monthly survivor check. Your survivor will need to contact your former employer for additional information.

Privacy Notice

The privacy of personal information is of the utmost importance to CalPERS. The following information is provided to you in compliance with the Information Practices Act of 1977 and the Federal Privacy Act of 1974.

Information Purpose

The information requested is collected pursuant to the Government Code (sections 20000 et seq.) and will be used for administration of Board duties under the Retirement Law, the Social Security Act, and the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act, as the case may be. Submission of the requested information is mandatory. Failure to comply may result in CalPERS being unable to perform its functions regarding your status.

Please do not include information that is not requested.

Social Security Numbers

Social Security numbers are collected on a mandatory and voluntary basis. If this is CalPERS' first request for disclosure of your Social Security number, then disclosure is mandatory. If your Social Security number has already been provided, disclosure is voluntary. Due to the use of Social Security numbers by other agencies for identification purposes, we may be unable to verify eligibility for benefits without the number.

Social Security numbers are used for the following purposes:

1. Enrollee identification
2. Payroll deduction/state contributions
3. Billing of contracting agencies for employee/ employer contributions
4. Reports to CalPERS and other state agencies
5. Coordination of benefits among carriers
6. Resolving member appeals, complaints, or grievances with health plan carriers

Information Disclosure

Portions of this information may be transferred to other state agencies (such as your employer), physicians, and insurance carriers, but only in strict accordance with current statutes regarding confidentiality.

Your Rights

You have the right to review your membership files maintained by the System. For questions about this notice, our Privacy Policy, or your rights, please write to the CalPERS Privacy Officer at 400 Q Street, Sacramento, CA 95811 or call us at **888 CalPERS** (or **888-225-7377**).