



**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SHBP LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTIVE EMPLOYEE GROUP  
HEALTH BENEFITS ENROLLMENT AND/OR CHANGE FORM**

**SECTION 1 – MEMBER INFORMATION** – Complete entire section. Indicate Marital Status as follows: **S** (Single), **M** (Married), **CU** (Civil Union), **DP** (Domestic Partner), **D** (Divorced), **W** (Widowed)

**SECTION 2 – EMPLOYMENT STATUS** – Check one box only

**SECTION 3 – REASON FOR APPLICATION** – Check one box only

- **New Enrollment** – New hire or HIPAA event
- **Transfer** – Active health benefits coverage transferring from another SHBP/SEHBP location
- **Open Enrollment** – Annually in October
- **Adding Dependents** – Must be done within 60 days of event (i.e. birth, marriage, adoption – indicate reason and date)
- **Deleting Dependents** – Removal of covered dependents (indicate reason and date)
- **Loss of Coverage** – Enrolling because of loss of other coverage (application and HIPAA certificate submitted within 60 days of the loss of other coverage)
- **Other** (indicate reason and date)
- **Reason** – indicate reason
- **Date of Event** – indicate date

**To waive (decline) coverage:** If you wish to waive Health and Prescription Drug coverage under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.31a, you must complete an *Employee Coverage Waiver/Reinstatement Form*. If you are waiving coverage for yourself or any or all of your eligible dependents because of other group health coverage, you may enroll in the future. You must provide proof of the loss of other coverage and submit it with your application and *Employee Coverage Waiver/Reinstatement Form* within 60 days of the loss of other coverage. Otherwise, you will be required to wait until the annual Open Enrollment.

**SECTION 4 – LEVEL OF COVERAGE** – Check the appropriate box to enroll in Health and Rx (Prescription Drug)

- **Single** – coverage for you only
- **Parent/Child(ren)** – coverage for you and any eligible child(ren) under age 26
- **Member/Spouse/Civil Union** – coverage for you and your eligible spouse or your Civil Union Partner
- **Member/Domestic Partner** – coverage for you and your eligible Domestic Partner
- **Family** – coverage for you, your eligible Spouse/Civil Union Partner/Domestic Partner, and child(ren) under age 26

**Note:** Local Government employers must have elected to provide the Employee Prescription Drug Plan to employees as a separate prescription drug benefit to be eligible for this coverage. If you are eligible for prescription drug coverage through another employer-provided plan or if your employer does not provide a separate drug plan, do not complete this section. If your employer does not provide any separate drug coverage, your SHBP health plan will include a prescription drug benefit. If you have eligibility questions concerning prescription drug coverage, consult your human resources representative.

**SECTION 5 – HEALTH PLAN** – Select only one plan. The Health Benefits *Summary Program Description* provides you with all available options. Members who wish to enroll in a High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) must complete a *Health Savings Account (HSA) Form*. Guidebooks and applications can be found on our website at: [www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions](http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions)

\* Members hired before July 1, 2019, will be enrolled in NJ DIRECT. Members hired after July 1, 2019, will be enrolled in NJ DIRECT 2019.

\* Part-time employees cannot enroll in the NJ DIRECT HD1500 Plan.

**SECTION 6 – DEPENDENT INFORMATION** – List all eligible dependents and attach dependent documentation proof (see attached). If proper documentation has already been provided and approved, do not resubmit. If appropriate dependent documentation proof is not provided, dependents may not be enrolled. Ensure your dependents match your level of coverage (Section 4). Your child(ren) may be covered until the end of the calendar year they turn 26. Any dependents not listed will not be covered. Attach extra pages for additional dependents.

**Note:** Use Section 3 to delete dependents.

**SECTION 7 – MEMBER SIGNATURE** – Read, sign, date, and attach required dependent documentation. Return the application to your employer's human resources office for certification.

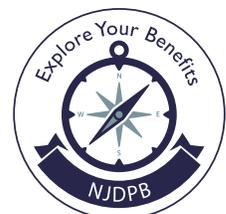
**MISREPRESENTATION:** Any person that knowingly provides false or misleading information is subject to criminal and civil penalties pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-6c.

**EMPLOYER CERTIFICATION** – Must be completed by the Certifying Officer. The Certifying Officer's signature confirms that:

- The employee is eligible;
- The application is legible and completed in its entirety;
- The employee's selected plans and coverage levels are appropriate;
- The dependent documentation provided is complete and correct;
- The Employer Certification section is completed in its entirety; and
- The information presented is true to the best of their knowledge.

**MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:**

**New Jersey Division of Pensions & Benefits  
Health Benefits Bureau  
P.O. Box 299  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0299**



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State Health Benefits Program (SHBP) • School Employees' Health Benefits Program (SEHBP)  
**REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR DEPENDENT ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT**

The State Health Benefits Program (SHBP) and School Employees' Health Benefits Program (SEHBP) are required to ensure that only employees, retirees, and eligible dependents are receiving health care coverage under the Programs. The New Jersey Division of Pensions & Benefits (NJDPB) must guarantee consistent application of eligibility requirements within the plans. Employees or retirees who enroll dependents for coverage (spouses, civil union partners, domestic partners, children, disabled and/or overage children continuing coverage) must submit the following documentation in addition to the appropriate health benefits enrollment or change of status application. If proper documentation has already been provided and approved, do not resubmit. If appropriate dependent documentation proof is not provided, dependents may not be enrolled. Any dependents not listed on the application will not be covered.

DEPENDENTS	ELIGIBILITY DEFINITION	DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED
<b>SPOUSE</b>	A person to whom you are legally married.	A copy of the marriage certificate and a copy of the front page of the employee/retiree's federal tax return* (Form 1040) from last year that includes the spouse. If filing separately, submit a copy of both spouses' tax returns that list the same address. If marriage occurred in the current calendar year, a copy of the tax return is not required.
<b>CIVIL UNION PARTNER</b>	A person of the same sex with whom you have entered into a civil union.	A copy of the marriage certificate and a copy of the front page of the employee/retiree's federal tax return* (Form 1040) from last year that includes the partner. If filing separately, submit a copy of both partners' tax returns that list the same address. If marriage occurred in the current calendar year, a copy of the tax return is not required.
<b>DOMESTIC PARTNER</b>	A person of the same sex with whom you have entered into a domestic partnership. Under P.L. 2003, c. 246, the Domestic Partnership Act, health benefits coverage is available to domestic partners of State employees, State retirees, or employees or retirees of a SHBP - or SEHBP - participating local public entity that has adopted a resolution to provide Chapter 246 health benefits.	A copy of the New Jersey certificate of domestic partnership dated prior to February 19, 2007, or a valid certification from another State or foreign jurisdiction that recognizes same-sex domestic partners and a copy of the front page of both partners' N.J. tax return* from last year that includes the partner.
<b>CHILDREN</b>	A subscriber's child until age 26, regardless of the child's marital, student, or financial dependency status – even if the young adult no longer lives with his or her parents.  This includes a stepchild, foster child, legally adopted child, or any child in a guardian-ward relationship upon submitting required supporting documentation.	<b>Natural or Adopted Child</b> – A copy of the child's birth certificate showing the name of the employee/retiree as a parent. <b>Step Child</b> – A copy of the child's birth certificate showing the name of the employee/retiree's spouse or partner as a parent and a copy of the marriage/partnership certificate showing the names of the employee/retiree and spouse/partner. <b>Legal Ward, Grandchild, or Foster Child</b> – Copies of final court orders with the presiding judge's signature and seal. Documents must attest to the legal guardianship by the employee.
<b>DEPENDENT CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES</b>	If a covered child is not capable of self-support when he or she reaches age 26 due to mental illness or incapacity, or a physical disability, the child may be eligible for a continuance of coverage. Coverage for children with disabilities may continue only while (1) you are covered through the SHBP/SEHBP; (2) the child continues to be disabled; (3) the child is unmarried or does not enter into a civil union or domestic partnership; and (4) the child remains substantially dependent on you for support and maintenance. You may be contacted periodically to verify that the child remains eligible for coverage.	Documentation for the appropriate child type (as noted above) and a copy of the front page of the employee/retiree's federal tax return* (Form 1040) from last year that includes the child. If Social Security disability has been awarded, or is currently pending, please include this information with the documentation that is submitted. Please note that this information is only verifying the child's eligibility as a dependent. The disability status of the child is determined through a separate process.
<b>CONTINUED COVERAGE FOR OVERAGE CHILDREN</b>	Certain children over age 26 may be eligible for continued coverage until age 31 under the provisions of P.L. 2005, c. 375. This includes a child by blood or law who: (1) is under the age of 31; (2) is unmarried or not a partner in a civil union or domestic partnership; (3) has no dependent(s) of his or her own; (4) is a resident of New Jersey or is a student at an accredited public or private institution of higher education, with at least 15 credit hours; and (5) is not provided coverage as a subscriber, insured, enrollee, or covered person under a group or individual health benefits plan, church plan, or entitled to benefits under Medicare.	Documentation for the appropriate child type (as noted above), and a copy of the front page of the child's federal tax return* (Form 1040) from last year, and if the child resides outside of the State of New Jersey, documentation of full time student status must be submitted.

\*You may black out all financial information and all but the last four digits of any Social Security numbers on tax returns. To obtain copies of the documents listed above, contact the office of the town clerk in the city of the birth, marriage, etc., or visit these websites: [www.vitalrec.com](http://www.vitalrec.com) or [www.studentclearinghouse.org](http://www.studentclearinghouse.org)  
 Residents of New Jersey can obtain records from the State Bureau of Vital Statistics and Registration website: [www.nj.gov/health/vital/index.shtml](http://www.nj.gov/health/vital/index.shtml)