State of California
California Public Employees' Retirement System

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Group Continuation Coverage Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA)

Instructions for completing this form are on page 3.

Section 1: Enrollee Information

COBRA Enrollee (may be different than subscriber)

COBRA Enrollee (First Name) (Middle Initial) (Last Name) **Birth Date** (mm/dd/yyyy)

CalPERS ID or Social Security Number (SSN)

Gender: ○ **Male** ○ **Female** ○ **Non-Binary**

Mailing Address (Street) **City** **State** **ZIP Code** **Primary Phone Number**

CalPERS Subscriber (Employee) if different from enrollee

Subscriber Name (First Name) (Middle Initial) (Last Name) **CalPERS ID or SSN**

Section 2: Type of Action

○ **New Enrollment** ○ **Add or Delete Dependent(s)** ○ **Change Health Plan** ○ **Cancel Coverage**

Section 3: Type of Permitting Event

○ **Employment Separation or Time Base Reduction** ○ **Divorce or Legal Separation** ○ **Death of an Employee**

○ **Child Ceases to be a Dependent** ○ **Dependent Eligibility Verification**

○ **Dependent Continuation – Original Enrollee Eligible for Medicare** ○ **SSA Certified Disability – 11 Month Extension**

Event Date (mm/dd/yyyy**)** **COBRA Enrollment Period** (mm/01/yyyy) **to** (mm/dd/yyyy)

Section 4: Dependent Information

List of all persons to be enrolled (including self).

Name (First M.I. Last)	Relationship	Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy)	CalPERS ID or SSN	Action	Health/ Dental Changes
	Self			○ Add ○ Delete	☐ Health ☐ Dental
				○ Add ○ Delete	☐ Health ☐ Dental
				○ Add ○ Delete	☐ Health ☐ Dental
				○ Add ○ Delete	☐ Health ☐ Dental

Section 5: Plan Information

Health Plan

Section 6: Signature of Enrollee

I agree to pay the premium for the coverage directly to the plan listed in Section 5. I understand that I am required to make the initial payment within 45 days of election to enroll and agree to make future payments in a timely manner as required by the plan(s). I understand that failure to pay the premium will result in automatic termination of coverage. I certify that the information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Signature of COBRA Enrollee (see attachment for privacy Information) **Date Signed** (mm/dd/yyyy)

Submit this form to your employer

Please do not submit payment to your employer or CalPERS. You will receive payment instructions from your health plan.

Section 7: Agency Information

Agency Name **Agency Code**

Health Benefit Officer Signature **Date Received** (mm/dd/yyyy) **Primary Phone Number**

Section 8: COBRA Instructions

Section 1: Enrollee Information

a. Provide all requested information
b. Identify the employee if the COBRA enrollee is a former dependent

Section 2: Type of Action

a. Select new enrollment if this is your new/initial enrollment
    i. There cannot be a break in coverage between the end of CalPERS active health coverage and the beginning of COBRA enrollment
b. Select add or delete dependent if you are adding or deleting a dependent
c. Select change health plan if you are changing your health plan
d. Select cancel if you are canceling your COBRA enrollment
    i. If cancel is selected, continue to Section 4

Section 3: Type of Permitting Event

a. Select the appropriate permitting event
b. Provide original event date (permanent separation, divorce date, ect.)
c. Enter COBRA enrollment period (18 or 36 months depending on permitting event)
    i. Example: Permanent Separation date is 4/15/2023 (COBRA Enrollment Period: From 6/1/2023 to 11/30/2024)
    ii. Example: Child attains age 26 on 06/15/2023 (COBRA Enrollment Period: From 07/01/2023 to 06/30/2026)

Section 4: Dependent Information

a. List all dependents to be enrolled, including self (if applicable)
    i. Enter dependent's name, relationship, birthdate, and CalPERS ID number or Social Security Number
    ii. Select applicable action to add if the dependent is being added or newly enrolled
    iii. Select applicable action to delete if the dependent is being deleted from COBRA coverage
    iv. An action is not required when changing carriers
    v. Check Health and/ or Dental to indicate election based on the action
        i. The addition and deletion of dependent is regulated by time limits, which are identical for active employees.

Section 5: Plan Information

a. Complete fields

Section 6: Signature of Enrollee

a. Signature of COBRA enrollee and date signed

Section 7: Agency Information

a. Completed by the current or former employing agency's Health Benefit Officer/ Personnel Office. CalPERS is the employing agency for former departments of retirees.

Important

It is the responsibility of the COBRA enrollee to report enrollment changes in a timely manner. Enrollment change requests must be submitted in accordance with existing regulations, laws and time limits applicable to the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act. All change requests are directed through the agency listed in Section 7.

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 by CalPERS' Information Security Office is collected pursuant to the following authority:

- CA Civil Code §56.10
- CA Civil Code §56.11
- CA Civil Code §56.13
- 45 C.F.R. §164.508

The principal purpose the information will be used for is the administration of duties under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), as the case may be. Submission of the requested information is mandatory. Failure to comply may result in the system being unable to process your request.

Please do not include information that is not requested.

Social Security Numbers

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

Social Security numbers are used for the following purposes:

1. Member / Representative identification
2. Fulfill Member / Representative requests

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 (https://www.calpers.ca.gov/page/privacy-policy), or your rights, please write to:

CalPERS
CalPERS Privacy Officer
400 Q Street
Sacramento, CA 95811

You may also call us at **888 CalPERS** (or **888**-225-7377).