

Student Dependents

1. What are the criteria to be eligible as a student dependent on a member's PEEHIP coverage?

- Must be an unmarried dependent child between the ages of 19 and 25,
- Must have legal residence with the member,
- Must be wholly dependent upon the member for maintenance and support, and
- Must be a registered full-time student at an accredited secondary or post-secondary school, college, or university.

2. Can I update my student dependent's status online?

Yes. Go to [Member Online Services](#) and enter your User ID and Password. Once logged in, click the link "Update Student Dependent Status" and follow the onscreen prompts until you receive a confirmation message confirming that you have successfully updated the student verification information. **Note:** The "Update Student Dependent Status" link is available only during the 90-day period that begins one month before your student's birth date and ends one month after his or her birth date.

3. What happens if I do not update my child's student status in a timely manner?

If a student dependent's status is not updated in a timely manner, coverage for the student dependent will be cancelled and PEEHIP will require written verification from the registrar's office before the student can be reinstated. If the student dependent's status changes during the year, the member is responsible for notifying PEEHIP.

4. Can I call PEEHIP and update my student dependent's status via the phone?

Yes. You can call the PEEHIP Student Verification phone line at 334.517.7149 and verbally answer the recorded questions.

5. My daughter is a full-time student under the age of 25 and is living back at home because she is now divorced. Can I put her back on my insurance?

No. Once a dependent child has married, that dependent is ineligible for coverage and cannot be put back on your PEEHIP policy, even if the dependent lives with you and is back in school full-time.

6. My son is under the age of 25 and has been off my insurance for several months because he was not a full-time student. He is now a full time student. How do I reinstate his coverage?

To reinstate your son on your PEEHIP policy, you must send in written verification from the registrar's office of the school he attends showing your son has been a full-time student. Once verified and approved by PEEHIP, your son will be updated as a full-time student and his coverage can be effective the first day of class.

7. Do I have to update my child as a student dependent every year if my child is still enrolled as a full-time student at the same college?

Yes. Members are required to update their dependent's student status each year to verify that the dependent is still registered on a full-time basis at an accredited secondary or postsecondary school, college, or university.

8. Will PEEHIP notify a member before cancelling his or her student dependent's coverage?

PEEHIP sends a student verification letter to all members who have a student dependent between the ages of 19 and 25. The notice is mailed the first of the month prior to the child's birthday month.

9. I have a child who is turning 19 and is disabled. How do I keep him on my PEEHIP insurance?

You and your child's physician need to complete the INCAPACITATED DEPENDENT form. Contact PEEHIP at 877.517.0020 to request this form. The completed form and proof of the child's condition and dependence should be mailed to the PEEHIP office within 45 days after the date the child would otherwise cease to be covered because of age. PEEHIP will forward the forms to Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) for their approval and PEEHIP will notify you in writing after BCBS has made their decision.

Note: If the child is approved as an incapacitated child and allowed to stay on the member's PEEHIP Hospital Medical Plan, the child cannot change plans and be covered on other PEEHIP plans, such as an HMO or Optional Plans, if the child has already reached the limiting age.