

COBRA

CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE APPLICATION



**BlueCross BlueShield
of Alabama**

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MEDICARE BENEFITS INFORMATION

If you, your spouse, or your dependents are covered by Medicare, please give the following information.

LAST NAME

Grid for last name input

FIRST NAME

Grid for first name input

MAIDEN/MIDDLE NAME

Grid for maiden/middle name input

SUFFIX (JUNIOR, SENIOR)

Grid for suffix input

MEDICARE NUMBER

Grid for Medicare number input

PART A (MM/DD/YYYY EFFECTIVE DATE) [] [] / [] [] / [] [] [] []

PART B (MM/DD/YYYY EFFECTIVE DATE) [] [] / [] [] / [] [] [] []

PART D (MM/DD/YYYY EFFECTIVE DATE) [] [] / [] [] / [] [] [] []

LIST ELIGIBLE DEPENDENTS TO BE SHOWN ON THE CONTINUATION COVERAGE AND PROVIDE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.

NOTE: The Social Security Number for the employee and all dependents must be provided in order for this application to be processed. By signing this application, you certify that all dependents are eligible for coverage under the terms of your Group Plan. For example, when required by your Group Plan, you certify that you provided over one-half support for your dependents. Effective for plan years beginning on and after October 1, 2010, your child is eligible for coverage up to age 26. However, if your Group Plan is a grandfathered plan under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, your child is not eligible for this Group Plan if your child is eligible for any employer-sponsored plan other than his/her parents plan.

LAST NAME

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MAIDEN/MIDDLE NAME

Grid for maiden/middle name input

SUFFIX (JUNIOR, SENIOR)

Grid for suffix input

RELATIONSHIP

SPOUSE OTHER _____

GENDER

MALE FEMALE

FIRST NAME *

Grid for first name input

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER *

Grid for social security number input

DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)

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LAST NAME

Grid for last name input

MIDDLE NAME

Grid for middle name input

SUFFIX (JUNIOR, SENIOR)

Grid for suffix input

RELATIONSHIP

CHILD OTHER _____

GENDER

MALE FEMALE

FIRST NAME

Grid for first name input

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

Grid for social security number input

DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)

Grid for date of birth input

LAST NAME

Grid for last name input

MIDDLE NAME

Grid for middle name input

SUFFIX (JUNIOR, SENIOR)

Grid for suffix input

RELATIONSHIP

CHILD OTHER _____

GENDER

MALE FEMALE

FIRST NAME

Grid for first name input

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

Grid for social security number input

DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)

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LAST NAME

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MIDDLE NAME

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SUFFIX (JUNIOR, SENIOR)

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RELATIONSHIP

CHILD OTHER _____

GENDER

MALE FEMALE

FIRST NAME

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SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

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DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)

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TRANSFER COVERAGE — A transfer of coverage occurs when you want to cancel one Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama contract and enroll in another without a break in coverage. Please note that the transfer cannot occur prior to the date of employment. If you or your spouse are currently covered by a Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama contract and wish to transfer to this group, please complete below.

CURRENT BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF ALABAMA CONTRACT NUMBER

Grid for current contract number input

Important Information About Your COBRA Premiums

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama administers benefits for COBRA subscribers so long as their former employer maintains coverage by our company. This information is provided to inform you of important information as it relates to the administration of your COBRA coverage. The information is general because the COBRA law and regulations are complex. If you have a question about your eligibility for COBRA coverage, please call your group. If you have a question about payment for COBRA coverage after you are enrolled in COBRA, please call our Customer Service Department at 1 800 292-8868.

BILLING

1. Please send your payment to Blue Cross promptly. Under COBRA regulations, Blue Cross will cancel your coverage when payment is not received within 30 days of the due date which appears on your bill. The only exception to the 30 day rule is the first payment due. You will have 45 days from election of COBRA to make the first payment. The first payment must include all premiums due since the effective date of your COBRA coverage. After the first payment, you will receive monthly invoice statements showing the monthly COBRA premium amount due. If the monthly COBRA premium amount shown to be due on the invoice statement does not match the monthly COBRA premium amount you received from your group, please call our Customer Service Department at 1 800 292-8868. If your coverage is cancelled because payment has not been received within the appropriate time frame, Blue Cross will not reinstate your COBRA coverage.
2. Each year rates for your group may increase. If this happens, your COBRA rates will also increase. Depending on when Blue Cross is notified and any new benefit issues are settled to establish new rates, you may be retroactively billed the rate increase.
3. If your check is returned to Blue Cross due to insufficient funds and we do not receive payment in full within 30 days of the due date which appears on your bill, your contract will be cancelled and will not be reinstated. If your check is returned to Blue Cross due to insufficient funds after 30 days of the due date, your contract will be cancelled and will not be reinstated.
4. If your former employer's coverage is cancelled with Blue Cross, then your COBRA coverage through Blue Cross is also cancelled. Likewise, if your former employer changes coverage to another carrier then your COBRA coverage by Blue Cross will be cancelled. You will be referred to your group for information on COBRA coverage by your new carrier.

PAYMENT PROCESSING

Your health is important to us and we want to make sure you continue receiving the best coverage available. Here are four simple steps you can take to ensure continuous coverage while you are enrolled under your COBRA coverage:

1. Pay the exact amount due by the due date. Your payment is considered past due by the delinquent date.
2. If you do not receive a statement by the first of the month, please call our Customer Service Department at 1 800 292-8868 to arrange payment.
3. Always write your contract number(s) on your check.
4. If you have health and dental coverage, return both statements with a separate check for each coverage. Remember to put your contract number(s) on both checks.

CHANGES TO YOUR COBRA COVERAGE

Any eligibility changes due to your COBRA coverage will be in accordance with the guidelines established by your group and must be reported to Blue Cross promptly.

1. To change your COBRA coverage from family to individual, your spouse must write us a letter that includes his or her signature, requesting to be removed from your COBRA coverage. If your spouse is being removed from your COBRA coverage because of a divorce or legal separation, the spouse may be eligible for an extension of COBRA coverage. Please refer to the COBRA Continuation Coverage Election Notice for more information about how to qualify for an extension of COBRA coverage in this case.
2. Address changes must be reported to us immediately by phone or letter.
3. Notify us if you become covered by any other group coverage or by Medicare.

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