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California Public Employees' Retirement System

{date}

{Recipient Name} {Recipient Address}

CalPERS ID: {CalPERS ID}

Sample: {Reminder}

Dear {Participant Name}:

To ensure only eligible dependents of State employees are enrolled in employer-sponsored health coverage, California Government Code Section 22843.1 and California Code of Regulations Section 599.855 requires your employer to re-verify the eligibility of your dependent(s) at least once every three years. This letter outlines instructions for you to re-verify each dependent's eligibility with your employer. All requested information must be provided to your department's personnel office by {Due Date} in order for your dependent(s) to continue receiving health coverage and avoid being cancelled on {effective date}.

If you have previously provided the required documentation to re-verify each dependent's eligibility outside of this effort, the documentation must be provided again for any dependents listed on the Dependent Re-verification Affidavit to comply with this requirement.

Your department's personnel office will retain all of your required dependent re-verification documents in your official personnel file. You may not be required to provide the government issued marriage certificate, domestic partnership registration, and birth certificates for stepchildren or domestic partner children if the marriage or domestic partnership remains current. Once you retire, you will have to resubmit all reverification documents to CalPERS during your first re-verification cycle as a retiree.

## Dependents who require re-verification

- Current spouse
- Current domestic partner as registered with the California Secretary of State's Office or a comparable agency in another jurisdiction
- Natural-born\*, adopted\*, current step, or current registered domestic partner children up to age 26.
  - \*These children will only need to be verified once during your re-verification process as an active employee.

## Instructions

Please follow these steps to re-verify your dependents' eligibility:

- Review the list of your dependent(s) who requires re-verification.
- Make copies of any required re-verification documents listed for each dependent.
- Provide all required documents, including your completed Dependent Reverification Affidavit included with this letter to your department's personnel office by {Due Date}.

The following dependent(s) require re-verification:

| Dependent Name                        | Relationship   | Date of Birth |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| (Dependent Requiring Re-verification) |                |               |
| {Dependent Name}                      | {Relationship} | {DOB}         |
| {Dependent Name}                      | {Relationship} | {DOB}         |
| {Dependent Name}                      | {Relationship} | {DOB}         |

Note: The Dependent Re-verification does not include disabled dependent(s) or a parent-child relationship dependent(s) who are enrolled in employer-sponsored health coverage. Disabled dependent(s) and parent-child relationship dependent(s) have a separate re-verification process. Dependents added to your health enrollment within the last six months do not need to be re-verified during your re-verification due date. If you have a dependent who should be removed due to a qualifying event (i.e., divorce, dependent enters military, etc.), please contact your department's personnel office immediately.

## **Required Re-verification Documents**

Review the table to assist with the required and acceptable documentation needed to reverify each dependent's eligibility. All required documents MUST include a date, your name, and the name of the dependent being re-verified.

| Relationship Type  | Acceptable Re-verification Documents   |
|--|--|
| Spouse   | <ul> <li>A copy of your government issued marriage certificate AND one of the following financial documents:</li> <li>A copy of the first page of the most recent federal or state income tax return form confirming dependent as your spouse  OR</li> <li>A combination of other documentation, including but not limited to a household bill, account statement, or insurance policy listing the name and address of the subscriber and the spouse, or other documents that substantiate the existence of a current marriage. Household bills and account statements older than 60 calendar days are unacceptable</li> </ul>   |
| Domestic Partner   | <ul> <li>A copy of your Declaration of Domestic Partnership registered with the California Secretary of State or a comparable agency in another jurisdiction AND one of the following financial documents:</li> <li>A copy of the first page of the most recent federal or state income tax return form confirming dependent as your domestic partner</li> <li>OR</li> <li>A combination of other documentation, including but not limited to a household bill, account statement, or insurance policy listing the name and address of the subscriber and domestic partner, or other documents that substantiate the existence of a current domestic partnership. Household bills and account statements older than 60 calendar days are unacceptable</li> </ul> |
| Children (natural-<br>born, adopted, step,<br>or registered<br>domestic partner's<br>children) up to age 26<br>(the month in which<br>dependent attains<br>age 26) | A copy of the child's birth certificate or adoption certificate naming you, your spouse, or your domestic partner as the parent of the child.  For a stepchild, or domestic partners child, you must also provide documentation of your current relationship to your spouse or domestic partner as requested.  |

If you have any questions regarding this letter or any actions you are required to complete, please contact your department's personnel office.

Sincerely, Health Account Management Division