

APPLICATION FOR INDIVIDUAL COVERAGE



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MAIL APPLICATION TO:

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Lewiston, ID 83501

All answers must be complete and accurate. Omissions or incomplete answers will result in the return of your application and may cause delays. In most cases, approved applications postmarked or delivered to Regence BlueShield by the 20th of the month are eligible for an effective date of the first of the following month.

SECTION 1. TYPE OF APPLICATION (Check all that apply.)

- New Application Transferring from Regence BlueShield Group or COBRA Coverage Transferring from another carrier
 Changing Coverage Type Transferring from another County or State Blue Shield Plan
 Adding Dependent(s). (Dependent(s) may be added only to your current plan/deductible option, skip to Section 3.)

SECTION 2. TYPE OF NEW COVERAGE (SELECT ONLY ONE PLAN.)

PREFERRED PLANS — Deductible Options:

Catastrophic		Comprehensive	HSA Catastrophic	HSA Comprehensive
Regence Breakthru 50 <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,500 <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000	Regence NowSelectSM <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,500 <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$7,500 <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000	Regence Breakthru 70 <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$3,000	Regence HSA Healthplan <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,500 Member/ \$5,000 Family <input type="checkbox"/> \$3,500 Member/ \$7,000 Family	Regence HSA Healthplan Comprehensive <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,500 Member/ \$3,000 Family

SECTION 3. PAYMENT TYPE (Select one of the following payment options.)

- Monthly Quarterly Semiannually Annually Automatic Bank Withdrawal
Complete the enclosed Subscriber Agreement for Preauthorized Bill Payment (monthly only).

SECTION 4. MEMBER INFORMATION To be eligible to apply for our individual plans, you must reside in our service area for at least 30 days prior to submitting your application and continue to live in our service area for six months out of the year. Eligible dependents include your spouse and/or children under the age of 25. Proof of residence within the Regence BlueShield service area may be required. (See the Application Checklist on page 4 for acceptable forms of proof.) Please list subscriber, spouse, and eligible dependent children for whom you are requesting coverage. Please provide Social Security numbers for yourself and all dependents over one year of age. **PLEASE PRINT.** (Persons who are eligible for Medicare coverage are not eligible for coverage under individual contracts.)

Name			Social Security Number	Sex	Birth Date	Relationship to Subscriber	Personal Care Provider (PCP) (Selections only)	PCP Number (See Provider Directory) (Please check the box if you are a current patient of this PCP)
First	MI	Last						
					/ /	SUBSCRIBER		<input type="checkbox"/>
					/ /			<input type="checkbox"/>
					/ /			<input type="checkbox"/>
					/ /			<input type="checkbox"/>
Street Address			City		State	ZIP	County	
Mailing Address			City		State	ZIP	Home Telephone Number	
Billing Address (if different)			City		State	ZIP	E-mail Address (optional)	
Name and Health Insurance Claim Number of anyone listed on this form that is covered by Medicare.								

REGENCE BLUESHIELD USE ONLY

Date Application Substantially Complete	COB	Effective Date	Package Number	Agent Number

SECTION 5. EXCEPTIONS FOR THE STANDARD HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE

Please read the full explanation of the exceptions listed on the Standard Health Questionnaire (SHQ). Do your circumstances match any of the exceptions described in the SHQ? If so, please complete this section.

Name of person(s) not required to complete the Standard Health Questionnaire: _____

Reason for exception (check one):

- Relocation:** Change of your prior coverage service area in Washington state. *Include a copy of a utility bill in your name from the prior address and a letter of verification from your prior carrier verifying that because you have moved, you no longer reside in their service area and they cannot provide health insurance at your new location.*
- Provider Cancellation:** Health provider left network. *Include a letter of verification from the provider or carrier.*
- COBRA Exhaustion:** Exhaustion of COBRA continuation. *Include a letter from the COBRA Administrator verifying that you have exhausted your COBRA benefits.*
- COBRA Termination:** Former employer has gone out of business while member was on COBRA coverage. *Include a letter of verification from the employer or carrier.*
- Employer's Plan Not Subject to COBRA or Loss of Basic Health Plan (BHP) Coverage:** You have lost or are losing coverage under an employer's plan that was not subject to COBRA coverage or under the BHP and you had at least 24 months of continuous group or BHP coverage before such loss. *Include a letter of verification from the employer or BHP.*
- Other: Any additional exception(s) as listed on the SHQ not detailed above. Please provide brief explanation.**

In addition to the exceptions listed above, the Standard Health Questionnaire is not required for the **subscriber's** natural newborn or newly adopted child if the Company receives the application for coverage within 60 days of birth or placement of adoption (to be effective from date of birth or placement of adoption if the subscriber has active coverage on the date of birth or placement of adoption). Are you adding a newborn or newly adopted child with this application?

- Yes (For adopted child, include documentation indicating date of placement.)

SECTION 6. OTHER COVERAGE INFORMATION

Are you or any dependents who are applying for coverage currently covered on any group, individual, or self-insured plan?

- Yes No

If Yes, do you intend to replace your current plan with this contract? Yes No

Regence BlueShield Individual Plans contain a nine-month preexisting condition waiting period. In certain circumstances, we will waive or credit this waiting period based on current or prior coverage. To help us determine if you qualify for crediting the preexisting condition waiting period, please provide the following information, and attach a copy of your Certificate of Coverage from your current or prior carrier or a similar document showing the beginning and ending dates of your current coverage, if applicable. Please note: If your prior coverage was with a Regence BlueShield group plan, it is not necessary to include a copy of your Certificate of Coverage. SEE THE APPLICATION CHECKLIST ON PAGE 4 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Name (First, Last)	Birth Date	Insurance Company	Policy Number	Dates of Coverage		Type of Coverage
				Date Coverage Began	Date Coverage Ended (indicate Active if you are currently covered)	
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employer Group • Individual • Medicare • COBRA • High Risk Pool
1.						
2.						
3.						
4.						
5.						

Deductible amount: \$ _____ per individual per year

Deductible amount: \$ _____ per family per year

Out-of-pocket (stoploss) amount: \$ _____
per individual per year

Out-of-pocket (stoploss) amount: \$ _____
per family per year

SECTION 7. NON-SMOKER CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

Complete this section only if you or your spouse is applying for a non-smokers' discount.

I certify that I have not smoked cigarettes, cigars, pipes, or used chewing tobacco, smokeless tobacco or any other form of tobacco or illegal drug substance within the past 12 months. PLEASE NOTE: The Company reserves the right to cancel coverage and collect claims payments or other damages if false information is submitted or if you fail to notify us you are no longer eligible for the non-smoker discount.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Spouse's Signature (If applying)

Date

SECTION 8. RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I acknowledge and understand my health plan may request or disclose health information about me or my dependents (persons who are eligible for benefits coverage and are listed on the application) for the purpose of facilitating health-care treatment, payment or for the purpose of business operations necessary to administer health-care benefits; or as required by law.*

Health information requested or disclosed may be related to treatment or services performed by:

- A physician, dentist, pharmacist or other physical or behavioral health care practitioner;
- A clinic, hospital, long term care or other medical facility;
- Any other institution providing care, treatment, consultation, pharmaceuticals or supplies; or
- An insurance carrier or group health plan.

Health information requested or disclosed may include, but is not limited to: claims records, correspondence, medical records, billing statements, diagnostic imaging reports, laboratory reports, dental records, or hospital records (including nursing records and progress notes).

This acknowledgement does not apply to obtaining information regarding psychotherapy notes. A separate authorization will be used for psychotherapy notes.

*For more information about such uses and disclosures, including uses and disclosures required by law, please refer to the Regence Consumer Privacy Notice. A copy is available from our Web site (www.wa.regence.com) or by phone at 1-800-458-3523 or 1-206-464-3663.

SECTION 9. APPLICATION AGREEMENT

I hereby apply for myself and/or for any spouse/dependent(s) listed on this application for coverage under the individual Contract indicated on this form or currently in effect if adding dependent(s). Contracts are offered through Regence BlueShield (the Company), an independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. I understand I will have the right to examine and return the Contract (if new) within 10 days of its delivery to me. I certify that my listed dependents and I meet the eligibility requirements set forth in **Section 4. Member Information**.

I agree to pay in advance the appropriate rates for myself and listed dependents and authorize rate increases as the Company deems necessary.

I have read and understand the waiting period provisions of the plan for which I am applying. I understand that under certain circumstances the Company may impose a **nine-month waiting period** for preexisting conditions as defined in the Contract.

I understand that this application is not an offer of coverage from Regence BlueShield and that submission of this application does not guarantee I will receive coverage. **Please sign and date Section 10. Signature and Date**

SECTION 10. SIGNATURE AND DATE

I have provided these answers as part of the application procedure required by Regence BlueShield to enroll in coverage and I certify that all information completed on this form and the Standard Health Questionnaire (if applicable) is true, correct, and complete. I understand that Regence BlueShield will rely on each answer in making coverage and rating determinations. For the protection of all of our members, fraud or misrepresentation of material fact by you for the purposes of defrauding Regence BlueShield may result in Regence BlueShield taking any action allowed by law or Contract, including termination or rescission of coverage, denial of benefits, and/or pursuit of criminal charges and penalties.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE:* _____ **DATE:** _____

*If signature by a personal representative of the member/enrollee, please complete the following:

Personal Representative's Name: _____

Relationship to Individual: Parent Legal Guardian† Holder of Power of Attorney†

(†Attach legal documentation if legal guardian or Holder of Power of Attorney)

APPLICANT SPOUSE SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

(If applying)

Dependent Signature: _____ **Dependent Signature:** _____

(If age 18 or over)

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In most cases, approved applications postmarked or delivered to Regence BlueShield by the 20th day of the month will be considered effective on the first day of the following month.

To select a later effective date, please indicate here: ____ / 01 / ____ (no more than two months from date of application).

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT REGENCE BLUESHIELD?

Please check the box that best describes how you heard about Regence BlueShield.

- Regence Group Plan
- Web site
- Seminar
- Agent
- Radio
- Television
- Newspaper
- Direct mail
- Word of mouth
- Other: _____

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

To ensure timely processing of your application, please review this checklist.

- ✓ Proof of residency may be required with all new applications. A photocopy of one of the following may be requested as proof of residency:
 - A. Valid Washington state driver's license or identification card.
 - B. Current utility bill with name and address.
- ✓ Did you indicate the type of coverage you are selecting in **Section 2. Type of New Coverage?** (Not required when adding dependent(s) to current coverage.)
- ✓ If you chose automatic bank withdrawal in **Section 3. Payment Type**, did you complete the **Subscriber Agreement for Preauthorized Bill Payment** form enclosed? Please pay your paper billing until you are notified that your electronic funds transfer has been initiated. Processing can take up to 60 days. (Not required when adding dependent(s) to current coverage.)
- ✓ Have you completed the **Standard Health Questionnaire** for yourself and each dependent you want to cover, if required?
- ✓ If you or your dependents do not have to complete the Standard Health Questionnaire, did you include the required proof (see **Section 5. Exceptions for the Standard Health Questionnaire**)?
- ✓ Did you complete **Section 6. Other Coverage Information?** Please provide us with documentation of current or prior coverage showing beginning and ending dates of coverage for you and/or your dependent(s) unless the current or prior coverage was with Regence BlueShield. Examples of documentation of coverage could include a copy of your Certificate of Coverage from your current or prior carrier. If you do not have a Certificate of Coverage, you may provide other documentation in accordance with federal law.
- ✓ If you and/or your dependent spouse are non-smokers, did you read **Section 7. Non-Smoker Certification Statement** and sign, if applicable?
- ✓ Please read **Section 8. Release of Information** and **Section 9. Application Agreement**.
- ✓ Did you sign and date this application (including all family members age 18 and over) in **Section 10. Signature and Date?**
- ✓ If an agent is helping you complete these forms, he or she must complete the **Agent Information** section.

Do not send a rate payment with your application. You will receive a statement from us upon acceptance of your application.

AGENT INFORMATION

IF APPLICATION IS BEING MADE THROUGH AN AGENT, HE/SHE MUST PROVIDE THE INFORMATION BELOW.

NOTE: Agents who do not have a current appointment with Regence BlueShield are not authorized to enroll members.

Agent Name	Firm or Agency	
Agent Address		Agent Telephone Number
<p>I certify I have verified that all persons applying for coverage are eligible. I further certify, to the best of my knowledge, the information on this application and the Standard Health Questionnaire (if applicable) has been completed truthfully by the applicant(s).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> </p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Agent Signature Date </p>		
Agent's Washington State License Number	Expiration Date	Regence BlueShield Agent Number
Contact Person		

If you have an agent, that agent may receive bonuses, commissions, administrative service fees, or other compensation, including non-cash compensation, from Regence BlueShield. Incentives may be based on any of several factors, including the products you buy, your agent's volume of business with Regence, and the other services your agent provides to you. These incentives may have an indirect impact on your rates. For more information, please contact your agent.



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ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER FORM

I hereby authorize Regence BlueShield to initiate funds transfers for the amount of monthly rate for contract coverage from my bank* account indicated below and authorize my bank to honor these transfers.

Subscriber Name _____ Phone # _____

Subscriber Address _____

Identification Number _____

Account Name _____
(Please print as it appears on your bank account)

Bank _____ Bank Account # _____

City _____ State _____

Branch _____ Branch Phone # _____

Account funds are to be transferred from: Checking Savings (Please check only one)

Transfer funds on the following day of each month: 15th 25th (Please check only one)

I understand that this agreement will remain in effect until Regence BlueShield has received written notice from me that it should be cancelled. This notice shall be given not less than five days before the next scheduled payment.

Payment will be deducted each month on the date selected above for the following month's rate. The deduction will also include any outstanding balance on my account.

I have the right to stop payment of a transfer from my bank account to Regence BlueShield. I must notify my bank at least three days before the scheduled payment date.

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Regence BlueShield for any claims arising out of transfers or deductions from my account pursuant to this agreement.

I understand it may take two to three months to process this form through my bank.

Subscriber Signature _____ Date _____

Account Holder Signature _____ Date _____

MUST ENCLOSE A VOIDED CHECK WITH THIS AGREEMENT

* As used herein, the term "bank" includes all types of depository financial institutions.



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Electronic Funds Transfer Payment Option

An automatic payment plan for Regence BlueShield
Individual and Medicare Supplement members

We encourage you to consider enrolling in our Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) payment plan. Your monthly rate payment will be electronically transferred from your bank account to Regence BlueShield, saving you both time and money. There is no trip to the post office and no check to write. EFT also saves you the expense of envelopes and stamps.

It's a simple way to pay your monthly plan rate by having it deducted from your bank account and paid directly to Regence BlueShield. Because your rate is automatically withdrawn, EFT ensures timely payments, preventing a possible lapse in coverage. And, your payments are taken care of even if you're out of town.

It's easy to enroll on our EFT payment plan.

To have your Regence BlueShield monthly rate paid through our EFT option, just complete, sign, and return the EFT authorization form located on the reverse side of this sheet. Be sure to include a voided check from the account you wish to make payment from. A return envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Once your EFT form is processed by Regence BlueShield, your payments will be deducted from your account.

Our EFT payment plan makes life just a little simpler for you.

EFT payment option is offered as a convenience for all Regence BlueShield Individual and Medicare Supplement enrollees. If you would like more information about our EFT payment option, call 1-888-344-8234.

Note: It may take two to three months to process the EFT information through your bank. Until then, please continue to submit your monthly rate payment directly to Regence BlueShield.

To sign up for the Regence BlueShield EFT payment plan today, simply complete and return the form on the reverse side of this sheet.

Electronic Funds Transfer Form located on reverse side.