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Kaiser Permanente Washington Original Medicare will no longer be available in your area

Dear Subscriber:

Beginning January 1, 2025, the PEBB Program will no longer offer the Kaiser Permanente Washington Original Medicare plan in Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Mason (ZIP code 98560), Walla Walla, Whitman, and Yakima counties.

You need to select a new medical plan for 2025

You can select a new plan during the PEBB Program's annual open enrollment from **October 28 through November 25, 2024**. There are two ways to enroll in a new plan:

- Visit Benefits 24/7 at **benefits247.hca.wa.gov** starting October 28 and submit your new plan selection by 11:59 p.m. on November 25.
- Complete the *2025 PEBB Retiree Open Enrollment Election/Change Form* (form A-OE). (This form will be available online starting or call our automated line at 1-866-577-2793 starting October 11 to request a paper form to be mailed to you.) We must **receive** your form by November 25.

Here are some things to keep in mind when picking a new medical plan:

- Your provider may be available through a different PEBB retiree plan.
- The PEBB Program offers Medicare plans that are nationwide and available in all Washington counties.
 - Visit PEBB retiree webpages at **hca.wa.gov/pebb-retirees**, select *Medical plans and benefits (including vision)*, and use the *Medical Benefits Comparison Tool* to find a new plan that meets your needs.

What if I do not select a new plan during open enrollment?

If you do not select a new PEBB medical plan for 2025, you will be automatically enrolled in the UMP Classic Medicare with Part D (PDP) plan effective January 1, 2025. (This plan coordinates with Medicare and includes prescription drug coverage through Medicare Part D.) You will be billed the higher UMP Classic Medicare with Part D (PDP) premium amount starting January 1, 2025.

Questions?

If you have questions, send us a secure message through HCA Support at **support.hca.wa.gov** (a secure website that allows you to log in to your own account to communicate with us), or call us at 1-800-200-1004 (TRS: 711).

Sincerely,
PEBB Program

