

2025-26 Employer Data Sheet – (New Group)

The Local Choice Program

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Instructions and Help

Step 1 – Help for Group

A group must have a separate Group ID, assigned by DHRM-TLC, for each Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) included in the group. Separate Group IDs with the same FEIN are also permitted. One of the Group IDs must be primary for submitting a Data Sheet. Unless otherwise approved by DHRM-TLC, the Group ID with most participants is primary.

Step 2 – Help for Classifications

- A selection for each Classification and its billing method is required. Some selections are mandatory, some are optional, and some are conditional.
- Full-time Employees is a mandatory classification.
- Part-time Employees is an optional classification. **(When adding coverage for this optional classification, you will be required to submit a board resolution and your rates are subject to change. Contact TLC if you need additional guidance.)**
- Elected Officials is an optional classification. If you offer coverage to Elected Officials, make your selection based on the premium cost-sharing. When the Elected Official receives the same employer contribution as a full-time employee, select Elected Officials with full-time premium. When the Elected Official receives the same employer contribution as a part-time employee, select Elected Officials with part-time premium. **(When adding coverage for this optional classification, you will be required to submit a board resolution and your rates are subject to change. Contact TLC if you need additional guidance.)**
- Long-Term Disability (LTD) Employees is not a classification offered by TLC. (This classification will always default to “No”.)
- Extended Coverage/COBRA Qualified Beneficiaries – Regular and Extended Coverage/COBRA Qualified Beneficiaries
 - Disability is mandatory classification. **You must select the Direct Bill Subscriber option.** When a COBRA participant is approved for an additional 11 months due to disability, the classification changes from Regular to Disability and the premium amount increases.
- Early Retirees is an optional classification. **If offered, you are required to select a billing option.** (When adding coverage for this optional classification, you will be required to submit a board resolution. Note, they are considered part of your group for enrollment and claim purposes. Contact TLC if you need additional guidance.)
- Medicare Retirees is a conditional classification. **If offered, you are required to select a billing option.** If you choose to offer coverage to this classification, you must also offer coverage to Early Retirees. (When adding coverage for this optional classification, you will be required to submit a board resolution. Note, they are considered part of your group for enrollment and claim purposes. Contact TLC if you need additional guidance.)
- Split Contract Dependents of Retirees is a conditional classification. If you choose to offer coverage to Medicare Retirees, you must also offer coverage to this classification. A split contract occurs when an Early Retiree with covered dependents has someone become eligible for Medicare.
- Survivors of Employees are an optional classification. If you choose to offer coverage to this classification, the survivors remain covered at the same employee premium for one extra month. When elected the survivor coverage is concurrent with the first month of Extended Coverage/COBRA.
- Retiree Survivors – not eligible for Medicare is a conditional classification. It is optional if you also offer coverage to Early Retirees.
- Retiree Survivors – eligible for Medicare is a conditional classification. It is optional if you also offer coverage to Medicare Retirees.

- Optional Billing Methods are available for some Classifications:
 - Group Bill means you receive a bill for this classification.
 - Direct Bill Subscriber means subscribers in this classification receive a bill and pay the insurance company rather than pay you. Automatic drafts are available to the subscriber from the insurance company.
 - Third-Party Administrator (TPA) means you will receive a bill for this classification.

Step 3 Eligibility Requirements

For this step, you will indicate that you have thoroughly reviewed and understood the TLC Eligibility Requirements outlined in **Section 6 of your TLC proposal**. It will be your responsibility to ensure that enrollees meet the outlined eligibility criteria before submitting enrollment forms, as this typically relates to compliance and eligibility standards necessary for enrollment in the TLC program.

Step 4 – Help for Election Rules

- Initial Enrollment as an Employee Election Request: Make your selection based on your group's new hire eligibility rules. To be compliant with the Affordable Care Act (ACA), a group cannot have more than a 60-day waiting period.
- Qualifying Mid-Year Event (QME) Election Change Request: Make your selection based on your group's pre-tax (section 125) plan document for qualifying mid-year event changes. If you do not have a pre-tax document, Rule 1 applies.
- If your election rules do not follow any of the choices offered, please contact TLC for guidance.

Step 5 – Help for Participation

The Total Group Participation Count determines how many plan choices are permitted.

- Groups with 14 or less eligible employees may offer one plan.
- Groups with 15-99 eligible employees may offer up to two plans.
- Groups with 100 or more eligible employees may offer up to four plans.

The Total Group Participation Percentage determines the minimum employer contribution for each plan selected.

- When the participation percentage is 75% or greater, the minimum employer contribution is 80% of the Self Only premium. (May be different for High-Deductible plan. See Step 6.)
- When the participation percentage is less than 75%, the minimum employer contribution is 80% of Self Only plus 20% of the dependent cost for the dependent tiers.

Step 6 – Help for Plans

Plan choices are available based on Classifications and Total Group Participation Counts. Select a plan or select "None" for each plan choice. The Regional HMO Plans are limited based on your group's eligibility, but you still have to select "None" if it is not offered.

- Groups with 14 or less eligible employees may select one plan: A Key Advantage plan, a High-Deductible plan, or a Regional HMO plan.
- Groups with 15-99 eligible employees may choose up to two plans: Two Key Advantage plans, a Key Advantage plan and a High-Deductible plan, a Key Advantage plan and a Regional HMO plan, or a High-Deductible plan and a Regional HMO plan.
- Groups with 100 or more eligible employees may choose up to four plans: Two Key Advantage plans, a High-Deductible Plan, and a Regional HMO Plan.
- Groups who offer coverage to Medicare Retirees must choose one Medicare supplement plan.

Step 7 – Help for Premiums

The Total Group Participation Percentage determines the minimum employer contribution required. Employers must contribute a minimum of 80% of the cost of Self Only coverage plus 20% of the cost of dependent coverage. When the participation percentage is 75% or greater, the employer is not required to contribute to the cost of dependent coverage.

The minimum employer contribution required for part-time employees is 50% of the employer contribution for full-time employees.

For Key Advantage, High Deductible and the Regional HMO plans, if the employer contribution is more than the minimum, that contribution then becomes the minimum for the dependent tiers.

If the High-Deductible Plan is offered, the minimum employer contribution is 80% of the cost of Self Only coverage plus 20% of the cost of dependent coverage. If the participation percentage is 75% or greater and the employer funds a HSA/HRA, the 20% dependent contribution requirement is waived.

Premium Averaging is an option for employers offering multiple plans (excluding the High-Deductible Plan). Employers may choose to determine one minimum premium contribution requirement for all plans except the High-Deductible plan. Premium averaging will be determined by using the average Self Only Comprehensive dental premium for all included plans. **Once the average premium has been determined, the minimum employer contribution is applied to all applicable plans.**

Groups selecting plans with both comprehensive and preventive dental options must offer both options and enter employer (ER) contributions for each option.

Step 8 – Help for ACA Reporting

DHRM will file Affordable Care Act (ACA) employer reports on behalf of groups that:

1. Participate in TLC for the full calendar year.
2. Sign an ACA Designated Government Entity Reporting Agreement (The Local Choice (TLC) Government Entity Reporting Agreement); and
3. Submit an annual ACA Employer Reporting Certification.

The ACA employer reports are filed by FEIN. Group IDs using the same employer FEIN must be combined and submitted to the IRS together.

Step 9 – Initial Enrollment

TLC requires an Open Enrollment period for employees. All enrollment forms must be completed and signed within your Open Enrollment timeframe and delivered to TLC by the New Group Enrollment Deadline. The deadline to submit New Group enrollment forms to TLC is 45 days prior to effective date.

Future Renewal Open Enrollment dates are designated by DHRM.

- July renewals must hold Open Enrollment as designated by TLC.
- October (for certain school groups) renewals must hold Open Enrollment in August.

Remember, all Open Enrollment forms must be signed and dated during your Open Enrollment Period, or they will not be processed.

Step 10 – Contact Information

A mailing address, a shipping address, and contacts are required for each Group ID. Updates can be requested at any time by sending a Group Data Change form to DHRM-TLC. Contacts receive communications from DHRM-TLC and are granted access to on-line TLC applications and group reports posted to Cardinal HCM. You are encouraged to have at least two but may have up to four different contacts in the event one is not available.

Step 11 – Certification

Please review carefully. Be sure all sections on the form are complete. Return the completed datasheet to your Anthem Account Manager by the required deadline to ensure timely processing.

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STEP 1: Group

1. Enter the group Name: _____
2. Enter the Plan Effective Date for a NEW group: Begins ____/____/____ (MM/DD/YYYY)
3. Check one: Government Group____ School Group____ Combined Government & School Group____
4. Check one: July Renewal ____ Begins July 1 Ends June 30
October Renewal____ Begins October 1 Ends September 30
5. A group must have a separate group ID, assigned by DHRM, for each Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) included in the group and one of the group IDs must be primary. Separate group IDs with the same FEIN are also permitted.

Check one: This group has one FEIN and one group ID.

This group has one FEIN and more than one group ID.

This group has more than one FEIN and more than one group ID.

6. Enter the Group ID assigned by DHRM, the FEIN, and check 'yes' or 'no' for primary. Only one group ID may be primary. The primary group submits the Employer Data Sheet on behalf of all group IDs.

Group ID: 999-999-999 Text	FEIN: 99-9999999	Primary Group ID?
		Yes No
		Yes No
		Yes No
		Yes No
		Yes No

Each FEIN may have different employer cost-sharing, Open Enrollment dates, and contacts. A grandfathered Government & School group may also have different classifications and billing methods. Attach separate pages when there are differences between group IDs.

STEP 2: Classifications

7. Check 'yes' or 'no' for each enrollee category to be offered coverage and the billing method where applicable.

Enrollee Category	Offer Coverage?	Billing Method
Full -time Employees	Yes No	Group Bill
Part-time Employees	Yes No	Group Bill
Elected Officials with full-time premium	Yes No	Group Bill
Elected Officials with part-time premium	Yes No	Group Bill
Extended Coverage/COBRA Qualified Beneficiaries – Regular	Yes No	Direct Bill Subscriber
Extended Coverage/COBRA Qualified Beneficiaries - Disability	Yes No	Billed as COBRA – Regular

Group Name: _____

Enrollee Category	Offer Coverage?		Billing Method
Early Retirees – not eligible for Medicare	Yes	No	Group Bill Direct Bill Subscriber Third-Party Administrator (TPA)
Medicare Retirees – eligible for Medicare	Yes	No	Group Bill Direct Bill Subscriber Third-Party Administrator (TPA)
Split Contract Dependents of Retirees	Yes	No	Billed as Early Retiree when dependent is not eligible for Medicare. Billed as Medicare Retiree when dependent is eligible for Medicare.
Survivors of Employees (includes Elected Officials if applicable)	Yes	No	One extra month on Group Bill
Retiree Survivors – not eligible for Medicare	Yes	No	Billed as Early Retiree
Retiree Survivors – eligible for Medicare	Yes	No	Billed as Medicare Retiree

Step 3 Eligibility Requirements

- ☐ When you check this box, you indicate that you have thoroughly reviewed and understood the TLC Eligibility Requirements outlined in **Section 6 of your TLC proposal**. It will be your responsibility to ensure that enrollees meet the outlined eligibility criteria before submitting enrollment forms, as this typically relates to compliance and eligibility standards necessary for enrollment in the TLC program.

STEP 4: Election Rules

8. Check one and enter the number of days if you check Rule 2 or Rule 3.

Initial Enrollment as an Employee Election Request			
Rule 1: Number of days in waiting period:	0	Number of days allowed to make the enrollment election request:	30
Rule 2: Number of days (1-60) in waiting period:		Number of days (1-60) allowed to make the enrollment election request:	

9. Check one and enter the number of days if you check Rule 2.

Qualifying Mid-Year Event (QME) Election Change Request	
Rule 1: Number of days allowed to make the election change request:	60
Rule 2: Number of days (1-59) allowed to make the election change request:	

Group Name: _____

STEP 5: Participation

10. Enter the counts and sum the totals for each group ID.

Group ID	Enrolled Count	Waived Count	Eligible Count (Enrolled + Waived)
Primary Group ID:			
Full-time Employees			
Part-time Employees			
Elected Officials with full-time premium			
Elected Officials with part-time premium			
Total for Primary Group ID			
Additional Group ID:			
Full-time Employees			
Part-time Employees			
Elected Officials with full-time premium			
Elected Officials with part-time premium			
Total for this Additional Group ID			
Additional Group ID:			
Full-time Employees			
Part-time Employees			
Elected Officials with full-time premium			
Elected Officials with part-time premium			
Total for this Additional Group ID			
Additional Group ID:			
Full-time Employees			
Part-time Employees			
Elected Officials with full-time premium			
Elected Officials with part-time premium			
Total for this Additional Group ID			

11. Enter the total group counts and calculate the total group Participation Percentage.

Total Group Participation Counts	Enrolled Count	Waived Count	Eligible Count (Enrolled + Waived)
Total Participation Counts (sum of all group IDs):			
Total Participation Percentage (Divide Enrolled County by Eligible Count and round down):			

STEP 6: Plans & STEP 7: Premiums

12. **Plan selections** apply to all group IDs. **Employer (ER) Contribution Amounts** may vary by Group ID.
 ER Contribution Amounts Apply to Group ID _____
Check one: ER Contribution Amounts apply to all group IDs _____

Group Name: _____

13. For each plan choice, check a plan selection. Then, for each plan selection, enter the total premium amounts from the proposal rate sheet, and the full-time employer (ER) and enrollee (EE) contribution amounts. If you offer part-time coverage, also enter the part-time contribution amounts.

	Self Only	Self + One	Self + Family
Key Advantage Plan Choice 1	KA Expanded _____ KA250 _____	KA500 _____	KA1000 _____ None _____
+ comprehensive dental – Total	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Full-time ER	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
EE	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Part-time ER	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
EE	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
+ preventive dental – Total	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Full-time ER	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
EE	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Part-time ER	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
EE	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Key Advantage Plan Choice 2	KA Expanded _____ KA250 _____	KA500 _____	KA1000 _____ None _____
+ comprehensive dental – Total	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Full-time ER	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
EE	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Part-time ER	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
EE	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
+ preventive dental – Total	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Full-time ER	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
EE	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Part-time ER	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
EE	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
High-Deductible Plan Choice	HDHP with employer HSA/HRA funding _____	HDHP without employer HSA/HRA funding _____	
	None _____		
+ comprehensive dental – Total	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Full-time ER	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
EE	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Part-time ER	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
EE	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
+ preventive dental – Total	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Full-time ER	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
EE	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Part-time ER	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
EE	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Regional HMO Plan Choice	Kaiser HMO _____	Optima _____	None _____
+ comprehensive dental – Total	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Full-time ER	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
EE	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Part-time ER	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
EE	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Medicare Plan Choice	Advantage 65 _____	Advantage 65 with Dental/Vision _____	None _____
	\$ _____	N/A	N/A

Group Name: _____

STEP 8: ACA Reporting

14. Unless an employer opts-out, DHRM will file ACA reports on their behalf when the group has been with TLC for a FULL calendar year.

STEP 9: New Group Enrollment

15. Please provide the date that the enrollment will be sent to DHRM: _____

STEP 10: Contact Information

16. Please provide current contact information. **If subsequent updates are needed, please submit a Group Data Change form.**

Mailing Address:			
Street or PO Box:		Suite:	
City:	State:	Zip+4:	
Shipping Address: This is the physical location. <input type="checkbox"/> Shipping Address same as Mailing Address			
Street or PO Box:		Suite:	
City:	State:	Zip+4:	
Benefits Administrator: This person handles eligibility and enrollment.			
First Name:	Middle Initial:	Last Name:	Suffix:
ID or SSN:	Date of Birth:		
Email:			
Phone: () -	Ext:	Fax: () -	
Benefits Executive: This person authorizes the renewal.			
First Name:	Middle Initial:	Last Name:	Suffix:
ID or SSN:	Date of Birth:		
Email:			
Phone: () -	Ext:	Fax: () -	
Billing Administrator: This person receives and handles inquiries about billing.			
First Name:	Middle Initial:	Last Name:	Suffix:
ID or SSN:	Date of Birth:		
Email:			
Phone: () -	Ext:	Fax: () -	
Billing Executive: This person authorizes premium payments.			
First Name:	Middle Initial:	Last Name:	Suffix:
ID or SSN:	Date of Birth:		
Email:			
Phone: () -	Ext:	Fax: () -	

STEP 11: Certification

17. Enter information about the person authorizing this Employer Data Sheet and the person submitting it..

Authorized By: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

Phone: () - _____ Ext: _____

Submitted By: _____ Phone: () - _____ Ext: _____

We certify that the information on this form is true, correct and complete to the best of our knowledge: YES_____ NO_____