



# Family Member Eligibility Fact Sheet

# Child

## Under Age 26

Is my **child** an *eligible* family member for **FEHB**?

### Eligibility

Your child under the age of 26 is eligible for FEHB coverage if they are your:

- Biological child,
- Stepchild, or
- Married child (but not the child's spouse or kids).

Example: Your new spouse has a twenty-three-year-old son. You want to add him to your FEHB plan. Your step-child under the age of 26 is an eligible family member for FEHB.

Example: Your partner has a twelve-year-old daughter from a prior relationship who does not live with you. You want to add your partner's daughter on your FEHB plan. Since you are not the stepparent to your partner's child, you cannot add the child to your FEHB plan.

### Eligibility Documents

You must provide a copy of **one** of the following documents that lists you **and** your child:

- Official birth certificate;
- Certificate of live birth;
- The first page of your most recent tax return;
- Consular Report of Birth Abroad;
- Official paternity test;
- Voluntary affidavit of paternity or similar document; or
- Court or administrative order (for example, a National Medical Support Notice).

**Note:** In the case of a stepchild, the birth certificate must list your current spouse as parent, and you must also verify your spouse's eligibility even if you are not enrolling your spouse.



This resource is for the purpose of providing general information about FEHB rules. It does not replace official guidance. The employing office will determine who is eligible and what evidence is acceptable. Additional information is available at [OPM.gov/healthcare-insurance/](https://www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance/).