



# Family Member Eligibility Fact Sheet

# Spouse

## Is my **spouse** an *eligible* family member for **FEHB**?

### Eligibility

Your spouse who you are currently married to is eligible for FEHB coverage.

**Note:** If you are in a common law marriage, please see the fact sheet for common law spouses.

Example: You retired over twenty years ago and are covered under FEHB. You are in love and are planning to get married. When you get married, your new spouse will be an eligible family member for FEHB.

Example: Your long-time partner who lives with you doesn't have health insurance. You want to add your partner to your FEHB plan. Your partner is not an eligible family member on your FEHB plan. Only legally married spouses are eligible for FEHB coverage.

### Eligibility Documents

You must provide a copy of your official marriage certificate to prove that you are legally married to your spouse.

If you've been married for 12 months or more, then you must also show that you **and** your spouse are both listed on **one** of the following:

- The first page of your most recent tax return, or
- Proof of common residency **and** proof of combined finances.



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/).