

# Adding a dependent due to adoption

This checklist can help guide you through the process of adding a dependent to coverage. Please note, not all items apply to all employees

## Applicable insurance changes

*Changes must be made within 31 days of your special eligibility situation. You cannot drop coverage; you can only change or add coverage.*

### **Effective date of change:**

- *Health, dental, vision and Dependent Life-Child: date of adoption.*
- *Optional Life and Dependent Life-Spouse: first day of month following request if no medical evidence needed; otherwise, first day of month following approval.*
- Enroll in a health plan or change coverage level if adding spouse, child.
- Enroll in Dental Plus or Basic Dental or change coverage level if adding spouse, child.
- Enroll in State Vision Plan.
- Enroll in or increase Optional Life insurance (up to \$50,000 without medical evidence; more than \$50,000 requires medical evidence).
- Enroll in or increase Dependent Life-Spouse insurance (\$10,000 or \$20,000 without medical evidence; more than \$20,000 requires medical evidence).
- Enroll in Dependent Life-Child.
- Enroll in or increase MoneyPlus flexible spending accounts.

## Applicable retirement changes

- Update retirement plan beneficiaries.
- Update Deferred Compensation Program beneficiaries, if applicable.

## Employee to-dos

- Review *Insurance Summary* and *Insurance Benefits Guide*.
- Elect insurance coverage changes in MyBenefits and submit required documentation.
- Complete *Statement of Health* if medical evidence is required for life insurance.
- Update life insurance, retirement plan and Deferred Compensation Program beneficiaries.
- Contact PEBA for State Employee Adoption Assistance Program application.