

PARTICIPATION AND ALONGSIDE GUIDELINES

Carrier

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Participation Promotion for medical contributory plans.

Aetna relaxed its participation guidelines.

Small groups enrolling 5-100 employees can now meet 25% participation.

Standard 60% participation applies to groups enrolling less than 5.

Anthem.

Participation for medical contributory plans

1-14 enrolling: 70% participation **15+ enrolling:** 50% participation Anthem may conduct periodic audits to confirm participation levels.

Participation Promotion through 12/31/2025

25% participation for groups with 5 or more enrolled subscribers. 65% participation for groups with 4 or less enrolled subscribers



Mirror plans

65% participation

Off-exchange plan promotion through 12/31/25:

1-4 enrolling: 65% participation **5+ enrolling:** 25% participation

Includes Medical, Dental, Vision, and Life

The promotion includes mirror package.

51% eligible employees in CA required - eligible Owners do not count towards number of eligible employees in CA

Alongside Another Carrier

1-4 enrolling: 60% participation for 4 or less CA enrolled employees

5+ enrolling: 25% participation and a minimum of 5 or more CA employees enrolling in Aetna plan

Groups offering another carrier's HMO or PPO must have a minimum of 5 employees and 25% participation in an Aetna plan.

Employees covered by the same employer on another group policy are not considered a valid waiver.

Employees enrolling in another carrier Alongside Aetna need the Aetna waiver form. Aetna will not accept the Alongside carrier bill or enrollment form.

The owner is declining due to coverage under another entity in which he/she holds ownership.

Dual coverage by the same employer would not be considered a valid waiver.

Another carrier's HMO or PPO plans can be sold alongside Anthem so long as Anthem receives the required participation.

Employees enrolling in another carrier Alongside Anthem need the Anthem waiver form. Anthem will not accept the Alongside carrier bill or enrollment form.

Relaxed Participation Promotion

25% participation for groups of 5 or more enrolled subscribers.

65% participation for groups with 4 or less enrolled subscribers.

Mirror plans can be offered alongside other carriers.

Off-exchange plans

If Blue Shield is offered alongside another carrier (Promotion through December 31, 2025)

Relaxed Participation Guidelines:

1-4 enrolled: 65% participation

5+ enrolled: 25% participation

Blue Shield must also be sole carrier when offering Dental, Vision, and Life products.

At least 25% of the total number of eligible employees must enroll in a Blue Shield healthcare plan with no fewer than five enrolled Employees covered by the same employer on another group policy are not considered a valid waiver

^{*100%} employee participation required with 100% employer contribution Always refer to carrier underwriting guidelines for all pertinent details. Note: Information is subject to change and carriers can request additional documents as needed.



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CalCPA

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f the employer contribution is less than

If the employer contribution is less than 100%, 75% participation is required.

4+ employees must enroll at least 75% of eligible employees in medical and 100% of eligible employees in ancillary.

Employees who waive coverage on the grounds that they have other medical coverage, including Kaiser, are not counted as eligible employees.

Alongside Another Carrier

May offer CalCPA Health plans alongside Kaiser.

Firms may enroll in CalCPA with one eligible employee if all other employees enroll with Kaiser or have another valid waiver.



1-2 enrolling: 100% participation

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3-100 enrolling: 70% participation

51% of eligible employees must reside in California

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70% participation of eligible

70% participation of eligible employees enrolled If the group doesn't meet participation, they may still sign up during SEP (Nov 15th - Dec 15th).

Cannot write alongside other carriers.



May sell another carrier alongside if 70% of eligible employees who do not have a valid waiver are enrolled with CCSB, except if the enrollment occurs during SEP. The SEP allows employers to enroll without meeting the CCSB participation requirements. If employers write non-CCSB health coverage alongside, that coverage should only include fully-insured, age-rated, ACA-compliant small group metal or small group grandfathered plans.



Enhanced Choice Promo:

4-9 enrolled: 25% participation

10+enrolled: No minimum participation requirement

Sell HMO with 6:

6+ enrolled: No minimum participation

51% eligible in CA: does not require all eligible employees to reside in CA. For Enhanced Choice promo, all eligible employees declining coverage must provide a waiver including those enrolling with another carrier.

Note: Information is subject to change and carriers can request additional documents as needed. May sell another carrier alongside Health Net so long as Health Net participation requirements are met. More than one carrier can be written alongside Health Net. Will not accept alongside carrier bill or enrollment form.

Enhanced Choice Promo:

1-3 enrolled: 70% participation

Employees covered by the same employer who are on another group plan are NOT considered valid waivers.

4+enrolled: 25% participation

Employees covered by the same employer who are on another group plan ARE considered valid waivers.

Sell HMO with 6:

6+ enrolled: No minimum participation

HMO (6+ active subscribers)

No DE9C, attestation, prior carrier bill, nor waivers required.

Mix and match any plans from the HMO networks



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At least 1 eligible employee must enroll. **1-100 enrolling**: 50% participation 50% of all eligible employees must be covered by a valid health plan 51% eligible required in CA, only 49% of enrolled can be out of state

At least 1 eligible employee must enroll.

Waivers are not required for employees enrolling in the alongside carrier.

Employees covered by the same employer or another group policy are considered valid waivers when offering SIMNSA or MediExcel alongside.

With PPO offering, Kaiser must be the sole carrier for medical coverage.

Only one PPO plan may be offered in Multiple Plan Options (when offering other Kaiser Permanente Plans)

May write alongside another carrier so long as 50% of eligible employees are enrolled in a valid health plan



As sole carrier

Wrap alongside any other carrier

GM plan: 1 eligible employee

PM, P5, and P20 plans: 3 eligible

GM plan: 1 eligible employee

employees minimum Small Group: 1 employee on Gold 80 and Platinum P90. 3+ required for Platinum P5 and P10

Large Group: 1 enrolled employee

PM, P5, and P20 plans: 3 eligible employees minimum

May sell alongside any CA HMO, PPO, and/or cross-border carrier so long as MediExcel's participation requirement is met.



HMO

1-4 subscribers: 60% participation, excluding any valid waivers. 5+ subscribers: 25% participation, excluding any valid waivers. Valid waivers include spousal, Medicare, Medi-Cal, military, other employer-sponsored, and crossborder coverages. Individual (onexchange or off-exchange) and COBRA coverage are not valid waivers.

60% of eligible W-2 employees AND a minimum of 5 enrolled with Sharp.

Wrapping with another carrier, minimum of 5 enrolled subscribers. Multiple HMO plans are allowed. Wrapping alongside a private or public exchange is prohibited.

Sharp Health Plan partnership PPO product is not available alongside another carrier.



At least 5 employees enrolling

Multiple carriers may be offered alongside with SIMNSA as the only option across the border.



At least 60% participation required, excluding COBRA participants.

May write alongside 2 other carriers which must be staffmodel carriers. This includes Chinese Community Health Plan, Kaiser, MediExcel, Sharp, SIMSA, Sutter and Western Health Advantage. May not write alongside California Choice or Covered California.

UHC Choice Simplified Package with a staff model: 60% participation between carriers with 5 CA employees enrolling with UHC.

UHC Multi-Choice® State Package with a staff model: 60% participation with UHC

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