

## SECTION 125 ADMINISTRATORS GUIDE PERMISSIBLE MID-YEAR ELECTION CHANGES

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This matrix is provided to assist you, the Plan Administrator, in determining whether a request for a mid-year change of election is permissible within the rules established by Section 125 of the IRS code for such Plans.

Generally, an employee cannot change his election during the Plan Year, although his election will end upon terminate of employment. Generally, an employee may change his pre-tax election(s) only at the beginning of each Plan Year.

There are several important exceptions to this general rule as explained in the attached matrix. Please note, the inclusion of these permissible mid-year changes is optional to the employer. You must refer to your Section 125 Plan Document to ensure that you have chosen to include any or all of the permissible mid-year election changes.

If an employee has a permissible mid-year election change, you will need to:

- 1. Verify that the requested change of election is permissible; and
- 2. Notify payroll of the change, and
- 3. Complete and submit a *Change of Status Form* to FlexBank either by fax or by mail.

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If you have questions, please call FlexBank at 937.299.5515 or toll free 888.677.8373.

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#1—Change in Status					
A. Change in Employee'	s Legal Marital Status				
1. Gain Spouse (marriage) Note: HIPAA special enrollment rights may also apply.	Employee may enroll or increase election for newly-eligible spouse and dependent children (Under IRS "tagalong" rule, preexisting dependents also may be enrolled); coverage option (e.g., HMO to PPO) change may be made; employee may revoke or decrease employee's or dependent's coverage only when such coverage becomes effective or is increased under the spouse's plan.	Same as previous column.	dependents, or likely decrease election if employee or dependents	Employee may enroll or increase to accommodate newly-eligible dependents or decrease or cease coverage if new spouse is not employed or makes a DCAP coverage election under spouse's plan.	Employee may enroll, increase, decrease, or cease coverage even when eligibility is not affected.
2. Lose Spouse (divorce, legal separation, annulment, death of spouse) (see loss of dependent eligibility below for discussion of dependent eligibility loss following divorce, separation etc.) NOTE: HIPAA special enrollment rights may apply.	Employee may revoke election only for spouse; coverage option (e.g. HMO to PPO) change may be made. Employee may elect coverage for self or dependents who lose eligibility under spouse's plan if such individual loses eligibility as a result of the divorce, legal separation, annulment, or death. (under tag-along rule any dependents may be enrolled so long as at least one dependent has lost coverage under spouse's plan).	-	reflect loss of spouse's eligibility.	Employee may enroll or increase to accommodate newly eligible dependents (e.g., due to death of spouse) or cease coverage if eligibility is lost (e.g., due to dependent now residing with ex-spouse).	Employee may enroll, increase, decrease, or cease coverage even when eligibility is not affected.
B. Change in the Numbe	er of Employee's Dependents				
1. Gain Dependent (birth, adoption) Note: HIPAA special enrollment rights may also apply.	Employee may enroll or increase coverage for newly-eligible dependent (under tag-along rule and any other dependents who were not previously covered may also be enrolled); coverage option (e.g., HMO to PPO) change may be made. Employee may revoke or decrease employee's or dependent's coverage if employee or dependent becomes eligible under spouse's plan.	Same as previous column.	Same as previous column.		Employee may enroll, increase, decrease, or cease coverage even when eligibility is not affected.
2. Lose Dependent	Employee may drop coverage only for the dependent who loses eligibility; coverage option (e.g., HMO to PPO) change may be made.	Same as previous column.	Employee may decrease or cease election for dependent who loses eligibility.	Employee may decrease election for dependent who loses eligibility.	Employee may enroll, increase, decrease, or cease coverage even when eligibility is not affected.

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C. Change in Employmen	nt Status of Employee, Spouse, or Depe	endent That Affects Eligibility			
1. Commencement of Em	aployment by Employee, Spouse, or De	pendent (or Other Change in Er	mployment Status) That Triggers E	ligibility	
a. Commencement of Employment by Employee or Other Change in Employment Status (e.g., PT to FT, hourly to salaried, etc.) Triggering Eligibility Under Component Plan.	Provided eligibility was gained for this coverage, employee may add coverage for employee, spouse, or dependents and coverage option (e.g., HMO to PPO) change may be made.	Same as previous column	Same as previous column.	Same as previous column.	Employee may enroll, increase, decrease, or cease coverage even when eligibility is not affected.
or Dependent or Other	Employee may revoke or decrease election under employee's, spouse's, or dependent's coverage if employee, spouse or dependent is added to spouse's or dependent's plan; coverage option (e.g., HMO to PPO)change may be made.	Same as previous column.	election if gains eligibility for health coverage under spouse's or dependent's plan.	Employee may make or increase election to reflect new eligibility (e.g., if spouse previously did not work). Employee may revoke election for dependent's coverage if dependent is added to spouse's plan.	Employee may enroll, increase, decrease, or cease coverage even when eligibility is not affected.
2. Termination of Emplo	yment by Employee, Spouse, or Depend	dent (or Other Change in Empl	oyment-Status) That Causes Loss of	f Eligibility	
Change in Employment Status (e.g., unpaid leave, FT to PT, strike, salaried to hourly) Resulting in a Loss of Eligibility.	election for employee, spouse or dependent who loses eligibility under the plan. Coverage option change may be made.	Same as previous column.	reflect loss of eligibility (note that under most health FSAs, employee loses coverage automatically).	Employee may revoke or decrease election to reflect loss of eligibility	Employee may, enroll, increase, decrease, or cease coverage even when eligibility is not affected.
change in employment status resulting in a loss of eligibility under their	Employee may enroll or increase election for employee, spouse or dependents who lose eligibility under spouse's or dependent's employer's plan. Also, coverage option (e.g., HMO to PPO) change may be made. In addition, other previously eligible dependents may also be enrolled under tag-along rule.	Same as previous column.	election to reflect loss of eligibility for health coverage.	Employee may enroll or increase election if spouse or dependent loses eligibility for DCAP. Employee may decrease or cease election to reflect loss of eligibility for coverage (e.g., if spouse stops working)	

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*Termination and	Prior elections at termination are	Same as previous column.			
Rehire Within 30 Days.	reinstated unless another event has				
	occurred that allows a change. An				
	employer wishing to minimize penalties				
	under health care reform's employer				
	shared responsibility provisions must				
	offer full-time employees (and				
	dependents) an annual opportunity to				
	enroll in affordable, minimum value				
	health coverage. Terminated employees				
	who are rehired within a specified				
	period must be treated as "continuing				
	employees, and the employer avoids				
	penalties if the continuing employee is				
	offered coverage as soon as				
	administratively practicable. If a				
	continuing employee previously				
	declined coverage during an open				
	enrollment period, the employer				
	generally is not required to offer a				
	second opportunity to enroll at the time				
	of rehire. For employees rehired within				
	30 days, if elections are reinstated (as				
	required under the 30-day-plus safe				
	harbor) as soon as administratively				
	practicable after rehire, the employer				
	will avoid shared responsibility				
	penalties. For employees rehired after				
	more than 30 days, employer shared				
	responsibility penalties will be avoided				
	for continuing employees if an offer of				
	affordable, minimum value coverage is				
	made as soon as administratively				
	practicable after rehire. If previously				
	enrolled continuing employees are not				
	offered coverage that will be effective				
	within the required timeframe (e.g.,				
	continuing employees are kept out of				
	the health plan until the next plan year),				
	the employer may incur shared				
	responsibility penalties.				
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*Termination and Rehire After 30 Days	Employee may make new elections. An employer wishing to minimize penalties under health care reform's employer shared responsibility provisions must offer full-time employees (and dependents) an annual opportunity to enroll in affordable, minimum value health coverage. Terminated employees who are rehired within a specified period must be treated as "continuing employees, and the employer avoids penalties if the continuing employee is offered coverage as soon as administratively practicable. If a continuing employee previously declined coverage during an open enrollment period, the employer generally is not required to offer a second opportunity to enroll at the time of rehire. For employees rehired within 30 days, if elections are reinstated (as required under the 30-day-plus safe harbor) as soon as administratively practicable after rehire, the employer will avoid shared responsibility penalties. For employees rehired after more than 30 days, employer shared responsibility penalties will be avoided for continuing employees if an offer of affordable, minimum value coverage is made as soon as administratively practicable after rehire. If previously enrolled continuing employees are not offered coverage that will be effective within the required timeframe (e.g., continuing employees are kept out of the health plan until the next plan year), the employer may incur shared responsibility penalties.		Same as previous column.	Same as previous column.	Same as previous column
D. Event Causing Emplo  1. Event by Which Dependent Satisfies Eligibility	yee's Dependent to Satisfy or Cease to  Employee may enroll or increase election for newly eligible dependent.  In addition, other previously eligible	Satisfy Eligibility Requirement Same as previous column.	s (also see discussion of gain/loss of Employee may increase election or enroll only if dependent gains eligibility under Health FSA.	eligibility under dependent or spouse's  Employee may increase election or enroll to take into account expenses of affected dependent.	employer's plan)  Employee may enroll, increase, decrease or cease coverage even when eligibility is not affected.
Requirements Under Employer's Plan (e.g.,	dependents may also be enrolled under tag-along rule; coverage option (e.g., HMO to PPO) change may be made.		engionity under ricatul 15A.	перепиент.	when engionity is not affected.

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2. Event by Which	Employee may decrease or revoke	Same as previous column.	Employee may decrease or revoke	Employee may decrease or drop election	Employee may enroll, increase,
Dependent Ceases to Satisfy Eligibility Requirements Under Employer's Plan (e.g., attaining a specified age)	election only for affected dependent; coverage option (e.g., HMO to PPO) change may be made.	·	election to take into account	to take into account expenses of affected dependent.	decrease or cease coverage even when eligibility is not affected.
E. Change in Place of Re	sidence of Employee, Spouse, or Depen	dent			
Eligibility	Employee may enroll or increase election for newly eligible employee, spouse, or dependent. Also, other previously-eligible dependents may be enrolled under tag-along rule; coverage option (e.g., HMO to PPO) change may be made.	Same as previous column.		N/A. Dependent care eligibility is not generally affected by place of residence	Employee may enroll, increase, decrease or cease coverage even when eligibility is not affected.
	Employee may revoke election or make new election if the change in residence affects the employee's, spouse's, or dependent's eligibility for coverage option.	•	No change allowed, even if underlying health coverage change occurs.	N/A. Dependent care eligibility is not generally affected by place of residence	Employee may enroll, increase, decrease or cease coverage even when eligibility is not affected.

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#2—Cost Changes					
A. With Automatic Increase / Decrease in Elective Contributions (including employer motivated changes and changes in employee contribution rates)	decrease (on a reasonable and consistent basis) affected employees' elective contributions under the plan, so long as the terms of the plan require employees to make such corresponding changes.	Same as previous column.	No change permitted.	Application is unclear. Presumably, plan may automatically increase or decrease (on a reasonable and consistent basis) affected employees' elective contributions under the plan, so long as the terms of the plan require employees to make such corresponding changes.	Same as major medical column.
#3—Significant Cost C	hanges				
A. Increase	Employee may increase election correspondingly or may revoke election and elect coverage under another benefit package option providing similar coverage. If no option providing similar coverage is available, employee may revoke election.	Same as previous column.	No change permitted.	Same as major medical column for significant cost increase, except no change can be made when the cost change is imposed by a dependent care provider who is a relative of the employee.	Same as major medical column.
B. Decrease	Employees may decrease election correspondingly or may elect coverage (even if had not participated before) with decreased cost, and may drop election for similar coverage option. Though unclear, it appears that tagalong concepts may apply.	Same as previous column.	No change permitted.	Same as major medical column for significant cost increase, except no change can be made when the cost change is imposed by a dependent care provider who is a relative of the employee.	Same as major medical column.
#4—Significant Covera	nge Curtailment				
A. Without Loss of Coverage	Affected participant may revoke election for curtailed coverage and make new prospective election for coverage under another benefit package option which provides similar coverage.	Same as previous column.	No change permitted.	Election change may apparently be made whenever there is a change in provider or a change in hours of dependent care.	Same as major medical column.
B. With Loss of Coverage	Affected participant may revoke election for curtailed coverage and make new prospective election for coverage under another benefit package option which provides similar coverage or drop coverage if no similar benefit package option is available. Though unclear, it appears that tag-along concepts may apply.	Same as previous column.	No change permitted.	Election change may apparently be made whenever there is a change in provider or a change in hours of dependent care.	Same as major medical column.

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#5—Addition or Signifi	cant Improvement of Benefit Package	Option			
	Eligible employees (whether currently participating or not) may revoke their existing election and elect the newly-added (or newly improved) option. Though unclear, it appears that tagalong concepts may apply.	Same as previous column.	No change permitted.	Eligible employees (whether currently participating or not) may revoke their existing election and elect the newly-added (or newly-improved) option.	Same as previous column.
#6—Change in Coverage	ge Under Other Employer Cafeteria Pla	an or Qualified Benefits Plan			
A. Other Employer Plan Increases Coverage	Employee may decrease or revoke election for employee, spouse, or dependents if employee, spouse, or dependents have elected or received corresponding increased coverage under other employer plan.	Same as previous column.	No change permitted.	Employee may decrease or revoke election for employee, spouse, or dependents if employee, spouse, or dependents have elected or received corresponding increased coverage under other employer plan.	Same as previous column.
B. Other Employer Plan Decreases or Ceases Coverage	Employee may enroll or increase election for employee, spouse, or dependents if employee, spouse, or dependents have elected or received corresponding decreased coverage under other employer plan. Though unclear it appears that tag-along concepts may apply.	Same as previous column.	No change permitted.	Employee may enroll or increase election for employee, spouse, or dependents if employee, spouse, or dependents have elected or received corresponding decreased coverage under other employer plan.	Same as previous column.
C. Open Enrollment Under Other Employer Plan / Different Plan Year	Corresponding changes can be made under employer's plan.	Corresponding changes can be made under employer's plan.	No change permitted.	Corresponding changes can be made under employer's plan.	Corresponding changes can be made under employer's plan.
#7—FMLA Leave	1				
A. Employee's Commencement of FMLA Leave	Employee can make same election changes as employee on non-FMLA leave. In addition, an employer must allow an employee on unpaid FMLA leave either to revoke coverage or to continue coverage but allow employee to discontinue payment of his or her share of the contribution during the leave (the employer may recover the employee's share of contributions when the employee returns to work). FMLA also allows an employer to require that employees on paid FMLA leave continue coverage if employees on non-FMLA paid leave are required to continue coverage	Same as previous column.	Same as previous column.	Employee may revoke election and make another election as provided under FMLA.	Same as previous column.

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B. Employee's Return from FMLA Leave	Employee may make a new election if coverage terminated while on FMLA leave. In addition, an employer may require an employee to be reinstated in his or her election upon return from leave if employees who return from non-FMLA leave are required to be reinstated in their elections.	·	Same as previous column. Upon return, employee whose coverage has lapsed has the right to resume coverage at prior coverage level (and make-up unpaid premiums) or at a level reduced pro rata for the missed contributions.	Employee may make a new election if coverage terminated while on FMLA leave. In addition, an employer may require an employee to be reinstated in his or her election upon return from leave if employees who return from non-FMLA leave are required to be reinstated in their elections.	Same as previous column.
#8—Changes in 401(k)	Contributions				
	No change.	No change.	No change.	No change.	No change.
#9—HIPAA Special En	rollment Rights				
A. Special Enrollment for Loss of Other Health Coverage	has lost other coverage. Coverage		Same as Major Medical column if plan is subject to HIPAA portability rules; otherwise, no change permitted.	No change permitted.	No change permitted.
Placement for Adoption (salary reductions may	coverage option change (e.g., HMO to	Same as previous column if plan is subject to HIPAA portability rules; otherwise, no change permitted.	Same as previous column if plan is subject to HIPAA portability rules.	No change permitted.	No change permitted.
<b>CHIP Coverage</b> (applies beginning April 1, 2009). Note: There is a 60-day		is subject to HIPAA portability rules; otherwise, no change permitted.	Same as previous column if plan is subject to HIPAA portability rules.	No change permitted.	No change permitted.

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D. Special Enrollment Due to Eligibility for		Same as previous column if plan i subject to HIPAA portability rules	s Premium assistance subsidy does	No change permitted.	No change permitted.
State Premium Assistance Subsidy from Medicaid or CHIP (applies	become eligible for premium assistance subsidy from Medicaid or CHIP; coverage option change (e.g., HMO to PPO) may be made. Though unclear, it appears that tag-along concepts may apply.	otherwise, no change permitted.	, and apply		
E. Special Enrollment Under Health Care Reform Transition Rules (applies for first plan year beginning on or after September 23, 2010). Unclear whether IRS would allow pre-tax funding of retroactive coverage if retroactive special enrollment is required.	newly eligible employee or dependent; coverage option change (e.g., HMO to PPO) may be made. Though unclear it appears that tag-along concepts may apply.	rules; otherwise, no change	Same as previous column if plan is subject to HIPAA portability rules; otherwise, see the discussion in subsection K.3.c.	No change permitted.	No change permitted.
#10——COBRA Qualifyin	g Events				
COBRA Qualifying Events	Employee may increase pre-tax contributions under employer's plan for coverage if COBRA event (or similar state law continuation coverage event) occurs with respect to the employee, spouse or dependents (such as loss of eligibility for regular coverage due to loss of dependent status or a reduction of hours, etc.) and, if applicable, the individual still qualifies as a tax dependent for health coverage purposes.	Same as previous column.	Same as previous column.	No change permitted.	No change permitted.
#11—Judgments, Decree	es, or Orders		•		<u>.</u>
A. Order That Requires Coverage for the Child Under Employee's Plan	Employee may change election to provide coverage for the child. Though unclear, it appears that tagalong concepts may apply.	Same as previous column.	Same as previous column.	No change permitted.	No change permitted.

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B. Order That Requires Spouse, Former Spouse, or Other Individual to Provide Coverage for the Child	Employee may change election to cancel coverage for the child.	Same as previous column.	Same as previous column	No change permitted.	No change permitted
#12—Medicare or Medi	caid Entitlement	<u> </u>			1
Dependent Enrolled in Employer's Accident or Health Plan Becomes Entitled (entitled means enrolled) to Medicare or Medicaid (other than coverage solely for pediatric vaccines)	dependent, as applicable.	Though not entirely clear, our reference source believes that an employee should be able to drop dental or vision coverage. But, there is an argument that an employee would be prohibited from dropping such coverages.	Employee may decrease or revoke election under employer plan.	No change permitted.	No change permitted.
Dependent Loses Eligibility for Medicare or Medicaid (other than coverage	increase coverage for employee, spouse, or dependent, as applicable. While unclear, tag-along concepts might apply, allowing the employee to add coverage for family members as well.	reference source believes that an	Employee may commence or increase election under employer plan.	No change permitted.	No change permitted.
Loss of Group Health Coverage Sponsored by Government or Educational Institution. (Note: In the event of a loss of CHIP coverage, HIPAA special enrollment rights may also apply.)	dependent if employee, spouse or dependent loses group health coverage sponsored by governmental or educational institution. Though the issue is unclear, tag-along concept might apply, allowing the employee who loses individual coverage to add	Same as previous column, although there is an argument that a consistency requirement would prohibit an employee from electing such coverages if only major medical coverage was lost (and not dental and vision coverage) under the governmental or educational institution's plan.	No change permitted.	No change permitted.	No change permitted.
#13 Pre-Tax HSA Contri	butions			<u> </u>	<del>'</del>
	No change.	No change.	No change.	No change.	No change.

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#14 Reduction of Hours					
employee is expected to	Employee may revoke election for self and any related individuals (even if reduction of hours does not result in loss of eligibility for plan), so long as employee and any related individuals ceasing coverage intend to enroll in another plan providing minimum essential coverage, with coverage effective no later than first day of second month following month in which employer-provided coverage is revoked.	No change permitted where coverage is an excepted benefit. In rare cases where plan provides minimum essential coverage, changes in previous column may be permitted.	No change permitted.	No change permitted.	No change permitted.
#15 Exchange Enrollmen	ıt .				
Exchange Enrollment (employee is eligible to enroll in Exchange coverage during an Exchange special or open enrollment period)	and any related individuals, so long as the revocation corresponds to intended enrollment of employee (and any	No change permitted where coverage is an excepted benefit. In rare cases where plan provides minimum essential coverage, changes in previous column may be permitted	No change permitted.	No change permitted.	No change permitted.