

BLUE SHIELD/CALPERS HMO

Blue Shield HMO health plan is available to employees of Humboldt State University. This HMO option is being offered to employees as an alternate health plan to PERS Choice and PERS Care PPO plans.

Comprehensive information for the Blue Shield HMO is located at their CalPERS-specific web site: https://www.blueshieldca.com/bsc/calpers/calpers_welcome.jhtml or; brochures explaining HMO benefits are available in Human Resources.

All new employees or employees who are now eligible to enroll in health benefits due to a permitting event (loss of other coverage, etc.) are eligible to enroll in either the HMO or PPO health plan. If you are interested in changing health plans in the future you may do so during the Open Enrollment period scheduled each year in the fall.

*****You must submit an HBD-12 enrollment form completing the highlighted areas and returning to the Human Resources office. You will not be enrolled in the HMO plan unless you complete and return the HBD-12 within the timeliness guidelines set forth by CalPERS.**

In addition, when selecting the Blue Shield Access+ HMO option it is necessary to select a Primary Care Physician for yourself and for each of your dependents as this is a requirement for coverage through an HMO plan:

You may complete one form that will allow you to designate a physician for each member of your family and send directly to Blue Shield; or you may call 1-800-334-5847 (member services) and designate by telephone to a Blue Shield representative. The Designation of Primary Care Physician forms are in the campus Human Resources office. If you change to the HMO and fail to designate a physician *directly* to Blue Shield, they will choose a physician for you.

Below we have attached an informational link for your convenience:

Summary of Benefits Blue Shield/CalPERS HMO -
https://www.blueshieldca.com/bsc/calpers/calpers_hmo_benefits.jhtml

Please note—due to the availability of an HMO in Humboldt County, the Rural Health Care Stipend issued to eligible employees as part of bargaining unit negotiations will no longer be offered to the campus, even if employees remain in the PERS Choice/PERS Care health plans.