



Family Member Eligibility Fact Sheet

Adopted Child

Under Age 26

Is my **adopted child** an *eligible* family member for **FEHB**?

Eligibility

Your adopted child under the age of 26 is eligible for FEHB coverage once the child is

- Placed for adoption with you and
- You take legal responsibility for financial support.

Example: You routinely help your struggling neighbor by caring for his son. You see the boy as your adopted child and want to add him to your FEHB plan. Since the child has not been placed for adoption with you, this child is not an eligible family member for FEHB.

Example: After years of waiting, a child is finally placed for adoption with you. When you take financial responsibility for the child, your adopted child will be an eligible family member for FEHB.

Eligibility Documents

You must provide a copy of **one** of the following documents that lists you **and** your child:

- Final adoption certificate or decree;
- Authorized letter from an adoption placement agency;
- The first page of your most recent tax return; or
- Court or administrative order (for example, a National Medical Support Notice).



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/).