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Health Benefits

Circular Letter

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Distribution: Special

To: All CalPERS Health Benefits Officers and Assistant Health Benefits Officers
Subject: Employer Responsibilities Regarding Temporary COBRA Premium Assistance from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 – Additional Information

Purpose

This Circular Letter works in conjunction with [Circular Letter 600-025-21 \(PDF\)](#). The purpose of this Circular Letter is to provide additional information regarding your responsibilities under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021.

Employer Responsibilities

In addition to the responsibilities outlined in [Circular Letter 600-025-21 \(PDF\)](#), once an employer determines an individual qualifies as an Assistance Eligible Individual (AEI), the employer is responsible for the following:

1. Processing the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) enrollment in myCalPERS for the AEI(s) who have elected to enroll into COBRA continuation coverage and are not already enrolled.
2. Notifying the appropriate health plan of all individuals who qualify as an AEI utilizing the attached **CalPERS Health Plan ARPA Contacts**.
3. Paying the subsidy once a bill is received from the health plan. Health plans will provide instructions on submitting payments.

Questions

We are committed to assisting you conduct business with the CalPERS Health Benefits Program. If you have questions, visit www.calpers.ca.gov or call the CalPERS Customer Contact Center at **888 CalPERS** (or **888-225-7377**).

Rob Jarzombek, Chief
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Attachment: CalPERS Health Plan ARPA Contacts