### PREMIUM ASSISTANCE APPLICATION ACTIVE OR RETIRED MEMBERS Public Education Employees' Health Insurance Plan P. O. Box 302150 Imes Montgomery, Alabama 36130-2150 334.517.7000 or 877.517.0020 Website: www.rsa-al.gov



This form is to be used to apply for the Premium Assistance Program. **Complete steps 1-4 below.** 

Step 1: Complete the PEEHIP subscriber information below.									
Name must be entered as shown on your Social Security card.									
SSN (Required)	First Name		Middle Initial	Last Name					
Mailing Address		City			State	ZIP Code			
Physical Address		City			State	ZIP Code			
Home Phone	Cell Phone		Email Address						
Marital Status			_						
Single Marr		vorced	] Legally Sepa						
Step 2: Include your fe	ederal tax return	<i>transcript</i> wit	h this Premi	UM ASSIST	ANCE APPLICA	TION.			
This <b>Premium Assistance Appli</b>	CATION must be fille	d out completely a	nd signed by b	oth you and	your spouse (	if married).			
□ You must provide a copy of your current year <b>federal income tax return transcript</b> when you send this application to PEEHIP. If you were married and filed taxes separately, you must also include a copy of your spouse's current year <b>federal tax return transcript</b> . <b>Include all pages of the transcript(s)</b> . There is no charge to get your transcript from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).									
To receive your <b>free</b> federal income tax return transcript, visit <u>https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript</u> or call 800.908.9946. You should receive your transcript within 7-10 business days.									
Note: You are not required to send your W-2s or 1099s with your application this year.									
Step 3: Sign and date this application.									
I declare that the above information and the accompanying transcript(s) are true, complete, and accurate. I understand that submitting false or misleading information on this application is a crime punishable under state and federal law. I also understand that if any statements or accompanying transcript(s) are found to be incorrect, incomplete, false, or misleading, I will be required to repay all discounts plus interest. This certification authorizes the Alabama Department of Revenue (or corresponding agency of the state of member's residency) to release to PEEHIP all of the member's and his/her spouse's tax returns in the agency's records for the current and prior tax year.									
Subscriber Signature	Date Signed								
Spouse Signature	Date Signed								
Step 4: Mail this completed application and all transcript(s) to address on top of this page.									
Reminders									
1. Only one application can be submitted per plan year regardless of income change.									
2. You must reapply every year during Open Enrollment or your discount will expire on the upcoming October 1.									
3. Any PREMIUM ASSISTANCE APPLICATION postmarked after the Open Enrollment period (July 1 – August 31) will be effective for the first day of the second month after the receipt and approval of the application.									
Any information provided to PEEHIP is kept strictly confidential and in compliance with HIPAA regulations. Your income									

and tax information will not be shared with any third party.

# See reverse side for more information.

## **PEEHIP Premium Assistance Guidelines**

PEEHIP can provide some assistance to its members by giving a discount on Hospital Medical premiums based on (1) family size and (2) total combined household income. To apply for this discount, PEEHIP members must submit the PREMIUM ASSISTANCE APPLICATION and furnish acceptable proof of total annual household income by providing a transcript of their current year filed federal income tax return.

Active and retired members may apply. The discount will be effective the first day of the second month after PEEHIP's receipt and approval of the application. The discount only applies to Hospital Medical premiums and is for the current plan year only. Members must reapply each plan year.

The discount does not apply to the tobacco premium or wellness premium for those who are subject to these premiums. The discount does not apply to members on a Leave of Absence, COBRA, or surviving dependent contract.

Estimate eligibility for the discount using the table below. If eligible, fill out the PREMIUM ASSISTANCE APPLICATION on the reverse side and send it to PEEHIP with your federal income tax return transcript for the current year.

For free tax preparation help, visit <u>https://www.irs.gov/individuals/free-tax-return-preparation-for-you-by-volunteers</u> For free tax preparation software, visit <u>https://www.irs.gov/uac/free-file-do-your-federal-taxes-for-free</u> To receive your free transcript, visit <u>https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript</u> or call 800.908.9946

## **Discount Estimate Chart**

• Find the discount column for the range below that includes your total household income on the row for your total family size. Your total household income is found on:

#### Form: 1040, line 7b

• For example, if you are married with 2 children (your family size is 4) and have a total household income of \$47,000, then your potential premium discount is 30%.

Discounts for Family Size and Household Income									
Family Size	50% Discount for Incomes:	40% Discount for Incomes:	30% Discount for Incomes:	20% Discount for Incomes:	10% Discount for Incomes:				
1 member	0 - \$12,760	\$12,761 - \$19,140	\$19,141 - \$25,520	\$25,521 - \$31,900	\$31,901 - \$38,280				
2 members	0 - \$17,240	\$17,241 - \$25,860	\$25,861 - \$34,480	\$34,481 - \$43,100	\$43,101 - \$51,720				
3 members	0 - \$21,720	\$21,721 - \$32,580	\$32,581 - \$43,440	\$43,441 - \$54,300	\$54,301 - \$65,160				
4 members	0 - \$26,200	\$26,201 - \$39,300	\$39,301 - \$52,400	\$52,401 - \$65,500	\$65,501 - \$78,600				
5 members	0 - \$30,680	\$30,681 - \$46,020	\$46,021 - \$61,360	\$61,361 - \$76,700	\$76,701- \$92,040				
6 members	0 - \$35,160	\$35,161 - \$52,740	\$52,741 - \$70,320	\$70,321 - \$87,900	\$87,901 - \$105,480				
7 members	0 - \$39,640	\$39,641 - \$59,460	\$59,461 - \$79,280	\$79,281 - \$99,100	\$99,101 - \$118,920				
8 members	0 - \$44,120	\$44,121 - \$66,180	\$66,181 - \$88,240	\$88,241 - \$110,300	\$110,301 - \$132,360				

# **Premium Assistance Policy (Section 16-25A-17.1, Code of Alabama 1975):** The annual income of an employee or retiree shall be aggregated with the annual income of the spouse of such employee or retiree and shall include all sources of income including, but not limited to, wages, pension benefits, and Social Security benefits, that may be included in gross income for purposes of federal income taxation. Applicants must submit with their application a copy of their federal tax return and, if the applicant did not file a joint return with his or her spouse, a copy of the spouse's federal tax return. Any reduction in an employee's or retiree's contribution pursuant to this section shall not be considered income of the employee or retiree for purposes of determining Medicaid eligibility for such employee or retiree.