

Definition of Dependent

The definition of dependent is subject to the following conditions and limitations:

The Participant's legal spouse of the opposite sex or a dependent child of the Participants or the Participant's spouse. The term child includes any of the following:

- A natural child
- A stepchild
- A legally adopted child
- A child placed for adoption
- A child for whom legal guardianship has been awarded to the Participant or the Participant's spouse

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A dependent includes a child who is under 26 years of age (24 years of age for Delta Dental), or a handicapped child over the age of 26 (or 24 for Delta Dental).

Definition of Same-Sex Domestic Partner

"Domestic Partner" – a person of the same sex with whom the Subscriber has established a "Domestic Partnership".

"Domestic Partnership" – a relationship between a Subscriber and one other person of the same sex. The following requirements apply to both persons:

- They have a single dedicated relationship of at least 12 months duration and intend to remain in the relationship indefinitely;
- They share the same permanent residence and have done so for at least 12 months;
- They are not related by blood;
- Each is at least 18 years of age;
- Each is mentally competent to consent to contract;
- Neither is currently married to another person under either statutory or common law;
- They are financially interdependent.