



## **Dependent Eligibility Matrix**

The following outlines the eligibility criteria and documentation required to verify the eligibility of enrolled dependents in Ardent's medical, pharmacy, dental, and vision benefit plans.

- Provide your supporting documentation for each enrolled dependent to Benefit Harbor.
- You can do so in two ways:
  - Online: Scan and upload your documents at www.getardentbenefits.com/enroll
  - Fax: Toll-free to 866-770-6393
- Please only submit your 2009 tax return and blackout any sensitive information (see sample provided)

**Remember!** Failure to complete and submit required documentation *immediately after your enrollment* may result in your dependents coverage being terminated.

Dependent	Dependent	Eligibility	Documents Required for Verification
Number	Type	Criteria	
1	Spouse	Your current legal spouse of the opposite sex.	<ul> <li>A copy of your marriage certificate, AND</li> <li>Recent (within 6 months) documentation establishing current marital status such as:         <ul> <li>Joint household bill</li> <li>Joint bank/credit account</li> <li>Joint mortgage or lease</li> <li>Page 1 of your federal tax return (If you are married and file separately, Page 1 of both Federal Income Tax Returns must be provided.)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>





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2	Domestic Partner	Two people (same-sex or opposite sex) who have met ALL of the following criteria:  For at least 12 months have shared the same principal residence in an intimate, committed relationship of mutual caring and intend to do so indefinitely.  Agree to be responsible for each other's basic living expenses during the domestic partnership and agree that anyone who is owed these expenses can collect from either of them.  Are both 18 years of age or older and of sufficient mental competence to enter binding legal contracts.  Are not married to anyone and are not so closely related by blood that a legal marriage between them would be prohibited for that reason in their state of residence.  Do not presently have a different domestic partner.  Did not have a different domestic partner in the last 12 months.  If you have an opposite-sex domestic partner and the two of you generally represent yourselves as married, you may have a commonlaw marriage if it is recognized by the state in which you reside. A common-law husband or wife is considered a "spouse" rather than a "domestic partner."	<ul> <li>A signed AND notarized Affidavit of Domestic Partnership (available online at www.getardentbenefits.com or from Benefit Harbor or your Human Resources Department)</li> <li>TWO forms of documentation providing proof of financial interdependence:         <ul> <li>Mortgage or deed showing joint ownership of permanent residence</li> <li>Lease showing joint tenancy for residence</li> <li>Proof of common ownership of a motor vehicle</li> <li>Joint bank account statement</li> <li>Documentation of joint responsibility for debt</li> <li>Joint credit card account statements</li> <li>Designation as primary beneficiary for life insurance, retirement benefits, or under a partner's will</li> <li>Assignment of durable property power of attorney to partner</li> <li>Assignment of health care power of attorney to partner</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
3	Natural Born Child	Your natural born child who has not attained age 26	A copy of the child's birth certificate naming you as the child's parent.





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4	Stepchild OR Child of Domestic Partner	Your stepchild who has not attained age 26	<ul> <li>Verification of Spouse (See Spouse) or Domestic Partner (See Domestic Partner), AND</li> <li>A copy of the child's birth certificate naming your Spouse or Domestic Partner as the child's parent</li> </ul>
5	Legally Adopted Child OR Child Placed for Adoption or in Legal Guardianship OR an Eligible Foster Child	<ul> <li>Your legally adopted child or child placed for adoption or in legal guardianship OR</li> <li>A foster child who is placed with you by an authorized placement agency or by judgment, decree, or other order of any court of competent jurisdiction AND</li> <li>Not attained age 26</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>A copy of adoption decree or legal court documents naming you as the child's adoptive parent, foster parent, or guardian, AND</li> <li>A legal document showing age of child</li> </ul>
6	Child covered by a NMSN or QMCSO	A child covered under a National Medical Support Notice or a Qualified Medical Child Support Order	A copy of NMSN or QMCSO
7	Disabled/ Incapacitated Natural Born Child, Stepchild or Legally Adopted Child/Child Placed for Adoption	<ul> <li>Same as natural born child, stepchild, legally adopted child or child placed for adoption or in legal guardianship, OR eligible foster child AND</li> <li>Age 26 or older AND</li> <li>A child who is physically or mentally incapable of self-support if the incapacity occurred before age 26</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Same as natural born child, stepchild, legally adopted child or child placed for adoption or in legal guardianship, OR eligible foster child, AND</li> <li>Statement of Disability from the Social Security Administration</li> </ul>

In all cases, the Summary Plan Description is the governing document with respect to eligibility.