

PARTICIPATION & ALONGSIDE GUIDELINES

Carrier	Standalone	Alongside Another Carrier
⇔ aetna™	Guideline: 1-4 enrolled employees: 60% participation rounded down 5+ enrolled employees: 25% participation rounded down 51% eligible in CA required. Does not require 51% of enrolled employees to reside in CA	1-4 California enrolled employees: 60% participation rounded down 5+ California enrolled employees: 25% participation rounded down and a minimum of 5 enrolling in California Requires Aetna waiver forms for those enrolling in the Alongside Carrier as well. Will not accept the Alongside Carrier Bill or the Alongside Carrier Enrollment form Employees covered by the same employer on another group policy are not considered a valid waiver Only one major medical HMO or PPO carrier is allowed to be written alongside Aetna
Anthem	Promotion: 1-4 enrolled employees: 65% participation through Quarter 3 2024 effective dates 5+ enrolled employees: 25% participation through Quarter 3 2024 effective dates For 51% Eligible vs Enrolled in CA please reach out to your Word & Brown Sales Representative Employer is reponsible for collecting all waivers. Only enough waivers to prove group is meeting participation are required for submission	Standalone participation requirements apply Employees covered by the same employer on another group policy are not considered a valid waiver Another carrier's HMO or PPO plans can be sold alongside Anthem as long as Anthem receives the required participation Requires Anthem waiver forms for those enrolling in the Alongside Carrier as well. Will not accept the Alongside Carrier Bill or the Alongside Carrier Enrollment form More than one medical carrier is allowed to be written alongside Anthem Employer is responsible for collecting all waivers. Only enough waivers to prove group is meeting participation are required for submission
blue 🕠	Guideline: 65% participation for both Mirror and Off Exchange plans Promotion: 25% participation for off exchange or mirror plans available to groups of 5+ enrolling through 12/31/2024 Applies to Specialty Products 51% eligible employees in CA required — eligible Owners do not count towards number of eligible employees in CA. Does not require 51% of enrolled employees to reside in CA Employees cannot split their enrollment between themselves and their dependent who is also enrolling as an employee. Whichever products an employee is electing must all be under employee coverage or all under dependent coverage through the other employee	At least 25% of the total number of eligible employees and no fewer than 5 enrolled on a Blue Shield healthcare plan are required May be offered alongside another carrier's HMO, or MediExcel or SIMNSA and another carrier's HMO At least 25% of the total number of eligible employees must enroll in a Blue Shield healthcare plan with no fewer than five enrolled Employees covered by the same employer on another group policy are not considered a valid waiver Will accept the Alongside Carrier Bill or the Alongside Carrier Enrollment forms in lieu of Blue Shield Refusal of Coverage Forms Job titles and dates of hire for the alongside employees are still required
CaliforniaChoice® Your Health. Your Choice.®	Guideline: 70% participation for all group sizes 51% eligible in CA required. Does not require 51% of enrolled employees to reside in CA	Cannot be written alongside another carrier
cigna + oscar	Guideline: 60% participation for all group sizes 51% eligible in CA required. Does not require 51% of enrolled employees to reside in CA	Minimum of 3 enrolling with Cigna+Oscar and 60% participation between three carriers

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health net	Promotions through Quarter 3 2024: Enhanced Choice package: 70% with 1-4 enrolling, 25% with 5+ enrolling HMO with 6 package: No participation required with 6+ active enrolling employees Waivers are not required Mix and Match any plans from the HMO networks 51% eligible in CA required. Does not require 51% of enrolled employees to reside in CA Employer is responsible for collecting all waivers. Only enough waivers to prove group is meeting participation are required for submission	Standalone participation requirements apply Another carrier's HMO or PPO plans can be sold alongside Health Net as long as the group meets the required participation Requires Health Net waiver forms for those enrolling in the Alongside Carrier as well Employer is responsible for collecting all waivers. Only enough waivers to prove group is meeting participation are required for submission Waivers are not required for the HMO with 6 package Will not accept the Alongside Carrier Bill or the Alongside Carrier Enrollment form 1-4 enrolling with Health Net: Employees covered by the same employer on another group policy are not considered valid waivers 5+ enrolling with Health Net: Employees covered by the same employer on another group policy are considered valid waivers More than one medical carrier is allowed to be written alongside Health Net
KAISER PERMANENTE	Guideline: 50% of all eligible employees must be covered by a valid health plan 49% maximum out of state enrollment allowed	A minimum of 1 must enroll with Kaiser Permanente Does not require waivers for those enrolling in the Alongside Carrier Employees covered by the same employer on another group policy are considered valid waivers When the group is offering SIMNSA or MediExcel as a slice carrier, employees declining Kaiser for these carriers count against the 50% participation requirement More than one medical carrier is allowed to be written alongside Kaiser
United Healthcare	Guideline: 60% participation for 1-4 enrolled 25% participation for 5+ enrolled Uniform child enrollment is required. All enrolling children's Product Selection must match for each line of coverage Employees who are waiving due to enrolling as dependents under another employee at the same group are not considered valid waivers 51% eligible in CA required. Does not require 51% of enrolled employees to reside in CA If the group does not meet 51% eligible in CA then Multi-Site Guidelines will apply. To be written in CA the majority of enrolling employees would need to reside in CA. If there is no majority, then the group must be headquartered in CA. Group must have at least one CA employee enrolled	Minimum of 5 enrolling in California with UnitedHealthcare and 25% participation between UHC alongside a Staff Model carrier Alongside Carrier Bill required when Alongside Carrier is not new Will accept the Alongside Carrier Bill in lieu of UnitedHealthcare waiver forms for those enrolling in the Alongside Carrier UnitedHealthcare waiver forms required for those enrolling in the Alongside Carrier who do not appear on the Alongside Carrier Bill Employees covered by the same employer on another group policy are considered valid waivers Only two medical carriers are allowed to be written alongside UnitedHealthcare. Only MediExcel or SIMNSA can be written alongside as a third carrier

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