

To comply with the ACA, Premier Health will provide affordable medical coverage for employees who qualify for the ACA eligibility classification, based on the following guidelines.

All actively employed Full-Time, Part-Time, Support, and other non-benefit eligible employees who worked an average of 30 hours per week or 1560 hours during the annual look-back period between 10/2016 and 10/2017 are eligible to enroll in the Premier Health Employee Plan.

Newly-eligible employees that qualify will need to actively enroll during the Open Enrollment period if they wish to elect medical coverage.

1. **How will I know if I qualify for the ACA eligibility class?**
All non-benefit eligible employees who qualify for the ACA eligibility class will be notified by mail of their opportunity to enroll in the medical plan during Open Enrollment.
2. **If I qualify for the ACA eligibility class, what benefits am I eligible for?**
The ACA eligibility class requirement only applies to medical benefits. To qualify for most other employee benefits, you must be a full-time or part-time employee.
3. **If I qualify for the ACA eligibility class, how much will I pay for medical benefits?**
If you qualify and enroll in the Premier Health Medical Plan, your employee contribution will be based on your budgeted hours, as follows:
 - **Full-Time employees budgeted for 72 hours or more per bi-weekly pay period** will pay the full-time employee contribution rate.
 - **Part-Time employees budgeted for 40 - 71 hours per bi-weekly pay period** will pay the part-time employee contribution rate.
 - **Employees budgeted for less than 40 hours per bi-weekly pay period** or considered to be support employees will pay the part-time employee contribution rate.
4. **What if I don't qualify for the ACA eligibility class - can I still get medical benefits?**
That depends on your employment status. If you don't qualify for the ACA eligibility class because you didn't work 1560 hours during the annual look-back period, you are still eligible for medical benefits if you are a full-time or part-time employee budgeted 40 or more hours per bi-weekly pay period. However, if you are budgeted for less than 40 hours per pay, or considered to be a support employee, you are not eligible to participate in the medical plan.
5. **If I am a full-time or part-time employee who qualifies for the ACA eligibility class, but later transfer to a Support position in 2018, what will happen to my medical benefit?**
If an ACA-eligible employee changes employment status from a full-time or part-time benefit-eligible position to a non-benefit-eligible position, the employee will continue to be covered under the medical benefit, but will be responsible for paying the part-time employee contribution rate.
6. **Who can I call if I have questions about the ACA eligibility class?**
The benefits department is available to assist you if you have further questions:
 - Premier Physician Network Benefits Administrator - 937-499-8211