

Dependent Definitions and Relationship Documentation

In order to enroll a dependent in benefits, they must meet their appropriate eligibility definition and all required documents must be presented within 30 days of new hire.

DEPENDENT	ELIGIBILITY DEFINITION	RELATIONSHIP DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED
Spouse	An individual to whom you are legally married	 A photocopy of your marriage license AND A copy of the front page of your federal tax return for the most recent tax year showing your spouse's name
Child	Your child, that meets the specific benefit eligibility criteria as below, includes: Your Biological Child(ren) Your Step-Child(ren) Your Legally Adopted Child(ren) Child Under Legal Guardianship* Medical/Dental/Vision/Life Insurance A child, who is under the age of 26. Coverage is available through the end of the month in which they turn age 26. Tuition You IRS tax-dependent, unmarried child(ren). Child may be IRS tax-dependent of employee's ex-spouse. Step-children must be the employees IRS tax-dependent. Visit www.nmu.edu/hr/tuition for full eligibility.	 Biological Child(ren): A photocopy of the child's birth certificate showing your name as the parent AND A photocopy of your (or your ex-spouse's) federal tax return for the most recent tax year showing the dependent listed. Step-Child(ren): A photocopy of the child's birth certificate showing your spouse's name as the parent AND A photocopy of your federal tax return for the most recent tax year showing the dependent listed. Legally Adopted Child(ren): A photocopy of the Adoption Final Decree with the presiding judge's signature and seal Child Under Legal Guardianship: A photocopy of the Final Court Order appointing guardianship
Child with Disability	Any dependent child that otherwise meets the criteria of "child" as specified above and is disabled:	 Documentation as noted above for "child" dependent type AND A photocopy of your federal tax return for the most recent tax year showing the dependent listed
Household Member*	 An adult individual that you desire to enroll in the health care plan, if a spouse is not already enrolled, that meets the following criteria: At the time of proposed enrollment, has resided with you for a minimum of the previous 18 continuous months. Is not a "dependent" of you as defined by the IRS. NOT ELIGIBLE: Your children and their descendants, your parents and their descendants, siblings, nieces, nephews, grandparents and their descendants, renters, boarders, tenants. 	Household Member Program (HMP) enrollment form and affidavit NOTE: This is a taxable benefit
Household Member Dependent*	Children under age 26 of the Household Member, as defined above, who are a member of your household and meet IRS dependent criteria.	 Household Member Program (HMP) enrollment form and affidavit AND Appropriate documentation of a child as defined above

*Please note that you may black out all financial information on required documentation.

*Individual is not eligible for the NMU Tuition Scholarship Program