



# CalCPA Health

Group Insurance Trust of the  
California Society of Certified Public Accountants

## SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT Effective January 1, 2024

This Subscription Agreement (“Subscription Agreement”) is made by and between the employer identified below and the Board of Trustees of the Group Insurance Trust (“Trust”) of the California Society of Certified Public Accounts (“CalCPA”). It is established and maintained under a Trust Agreement amended and restated as of May 1, 1997, and as thereafter further amended from time to time (“Trust Agreement”). Certain capitalized terms used in this Subscription Agreement are defined in the Trust Agreement.

This Subscription Agreement contains information concerning the employer and its Eligible Persons who are Employee\* and who satisfy (1) CalCPA’s criteria for coverage under a particular plan and (2) the employer-imposed waiting period (“Eligible Employee(s)”). This information will be used to by the Board of Trustees to establish the employer’s eligibility to become a Participating Employer in the Trust. With the Board of Trustees’ approval (which it may give or withhold in its sole and exclusive discretion), the employer will become a Participating Employer as of the effective date specified by the Board of Trustees in the spaces provided below. Coverage effective dates for each Eligible Person will be determined according to the terms of the Group Membership Enrollment Form applicable to such person and the Plan Document or the terms of the applicable Policy, as appropriate. Any conflict between the terms of this Subscription Agreement and the Trust Agreement will be resolved in favor of the Trust Agreement.

**Note: it is important to understand the terms and conditions of the coverage(s) you select. As concerns coverage through the Benefit Plans of the Group Insurance Trust of the California Society of Certified Public Accountants (“Benefit Plan”), the Benefit Plan brochure contains essential information regarding the various coverage and benefit options available under the Benefit Plan. Please do not complete this Subscription Agreement before reading the Benefit Plan summaries. If you have any questions regarding the terms and conditions of any coverage(s), please call Banyan Administrators - Managers for the CalCPA Health Programs at 877-480-7923.**

**As the Trust reserves the right to modify the terms of the CalCPA Health plans at any time, the most current Subscription Agreement is located on the Trust’s website, [www.calcpahealth.com](http://www.calcpahealth.com), or can be made available upon request.**

It is the subscriber's responsibility to notify Banyan Administrators – Managers for the CalCPA Health Programs in the event there is any change in the information represented on this Subscription Agreement. Subscribers may be asked to provide proof of information represented on this Subscription Agreement from time to time. If the subscriber fails to do either of the above or violates any other provisions of this Subscription Agreement or the Trust Agreement, Trust participation privileges may be revoked.

\* As used in this Subscription Agreement, an Employee includes any proprietor, shareholder or partner of the employer as well as an employee in the usual parlance.

*Note: This document was written to summarize the main requirements for new group applications and additional information may be required. A complete list may be found in the Underwriting Guidelines.*

## New Group Application Guidelines

### **Submission Deadline:**

- All forms must be received by Banyan Administrators no later than the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) of the month for which coverage is being requested. If the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) of the month falls on a weekend or a holiday, then the submission deadline is the first subsequent regular workday.
- New group enrollment submissions must be received by the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) day of the month prior to the coverage effective date (or next business day if the 7<sup>th</sup> falls on a weekend or holiday) in order to have ID cards issued by the coverage effective date.

### **Employer Eligibility Requirements:**

- Must be an accounting firm in public practice or a firm offering general financial services.
- Must be headquartered in the state of California.
- Must have more than 50% of enrolled employees residing in California.
- More than 50% of all the firm's owners must be CPA Members of CalCPA or Associate Members of CalCPA.

### **Employee Participation Requirements:**

- Medical: at least 75% of Eligible Persons\* must enroll.
- Dental and Vision: 100% of Eligible Persons\* must enroll.
- Life and Long-Term Disability: 100% of full-time employees must enroll.

### **Required Forms:**

- Signatures cannot be dated more than 59 days prior to the requested effective date.
- Enrollment and Change Form must be completed by each full-time employee when:
  - Enrolling in Medical, Dental, Vision, Group Life or Long-Term Disability.
  - Waiving or terminating coverage for themselves and/or dependents.
- All former employees applying for COBRA/Cal-COBRA coverage must complete the COBRA/Cal-COBRA section of the Enrollment Form
- Beneficiary Designation Forms must be completed for Life and Long-Term Disability.
- Evidence of Insurability Information is required for groups of 2-3 employees applying for Life and/or LTD coverage.
- All groups must submit a copy of their most recent DE-9 and DE-9c.
- HSA Administration form must be completed for groups electing integrated HSA administration.

Missing signatures and questions left unanswered can delay the processing of your application. If you have any questions regarding or need assistance with reviewing the Subscription Agreement, please call Banyan Administrators – Managers for the CalCPA Health Programs at 877-480-7923. Once all questions have been answered, please sign and submit completed forms to:

Banyan Administrators  
1215 Manor Drive, Suite 200  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055  
Phone: (877) 480-7923  
Fax: (877) 237-4519  
Secure Email: [calcpahealth@calcpahealth.com](mailto:calcpahealth@calcpahealth.com)  
Secure portal: [www.calcpahealth.com/secure-portal/](http://www.calcpahealth.com/secure-portal/)

\* As used in this Subscription Agreement, Eligible Persons includes any W-2 employee, proprietor, shareholders or partners of the firm.

## Employer Information

To obtain and maintain eligibility as an employer, more than 50% of all the firm's owners (i.e., principals, proprietors, partners, shareholders, or other owners) must be CPA Members of CalCPA, or Associate Members of CalCPA. All CalCPA Members must hold and maintain their CalCPA membership in good standing. For purposes of this Subscription Agreement, all employers deemed to be part of an affiliated group under Internal Revenue Code Sections 414(b), (c) or (m) are considered to be a single "employer." Employers may be asked to provide proof of compliance with membership requirements from time to time

Employer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) – *REQUIRED*: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

**CalCPA Membership:** Please list all firm owners below and indicate if they are a current member of CalCPA. *Please note: the CalCPA membership identification number is not the CPA license #. If you do not know the CalCPA membership identification number, please call CalCPA Membership Services at (800) 922-5272.*

<u>Name and Title</u>	<u>CalCPA Member</u>	<u>CalCPA ID# (not CPA License #)</u>
_____	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
_____	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
_____	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
_____	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
_____	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
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_____	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
_____	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Check here if your firm is currently enrolled with CalCPA Health. If so, please provide your client code: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the requested effective date for CalCPA Health coverage to begin: \_\_\_\_\_

**Broker on Record:** Please confirm if your firm is working with a broker.

Brokerage Firm: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Agent: \_\_\_\_\_

Agent's Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Agent's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Waiting Period:** Please indicate the desired waiting period preceding the start of coverage for newly hired employees.

*Note: choose one option that will be applicable to all plans selected.*

Coverage will begin on the **1<sup>st</sup> of the month following:**  Date of hire  30 days  60 days

**Minimum Number of Hours Required to be Eligible for Benefits:** The Trust requires that employees must be employed by the firm on a permanent basis, with wages subject to withholding that are reported on a W-2 form. Such employees are eligible to enroll in CalCPA Health if they are actively at work at least 20 hours per week. However, the employer may elect to offer benefits only to those employees working 30 or more hours per week. *Note: This election must apply to all members of the firm. If no election is made, the standard for plan coverage will be set at a minimum of 20 hours. Choose one option that will be applicable to all employees:*

20 hours per week  30 hours per week  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Employer Contribution:** To obtain and maintain eligibility, the employer must contribute a minimum of 50% of the cost of the Employees' medical premiums, and 100% of the employee's dental, vision, life or long-term disability premiums (does not include cost of dependent coverage).

What percentage of the Employees' medical premium does the firm contribute?

50%  100%  Other %: \_\_\_\_\_

### Underwriting Worksheet (CalCPA Health Participation Calculation)

*Note: "Eligible Person" includes any W-2 employees, proprietor, shareholders or partners of the firm.*

	Medical	Dental and/or Vision	Life and/or LTD
1) Number of Eligible Persons as of the date this Subscription Agreement is executed:			
2) Number of W-2 employees working less than 20 hours per week (or 30 if elected by Employer):			
3) Number of W-2 employees covered by Medicare or another benefit plan: <i>(Medical, Dental, Vision only)</i>			N/A
4) Number of Eligible Persons (subtract lines 2 and 3 from line 1):			
5) Number of W-2 employees declining coverage: <i>(Medical only)</i>		N/A	N/A
6) Total number of Eligible Persons who will be covered (subtract lines 5 from line 4):			

### COBRA / Cal-COBRA Participants

Name of current COBRA Administrator:	Medical	Dental and/or Vision
Total number of former Eligible Persons on COBRA or Cal-COBRA:		

**Has your firm filed a DE-9 and DE-9C (Quarterly Contribution Return and Report of Wages) with the Employment Development Department (EDD)?**

- Yes. *Please provide a copy of your most DE-9 and DE-9C.*
- No, the firm has been newly established within the last 90 days. *Please provide 30 days of payroll.*
- No, the firm has been newly established within the last 30 days.

## Plan Selections Guidelines

On the following pages, please select the desired coverage(s) from one or more of the following plans: (1) CalCPA Health Medical/Rx Plans; (2) Dental Plans; (3) Vision Plans; and/or (4) Group Long-Term Disability and Group Term Life.

CalCPA Health plan changes are made during the Trust's annual renewal and are effective to all plans on January 1<sup>st</sup> regardless of the firm's renewal date with CalCPA Health. Annual plan changes will be made available in December via the Off-Cycle Renewal Change Notice.

**Underwriting Guidelines:** Subject to the provisions of the Plan Document and Disclosure Form relating to enrollment and late enrollment: (1) each Employee of the employer is an Eligible Person; (2) if the firm is a proprietorship or partnership, each principal or partner of the firm is an Eligible Person; (3) each spouse and family member, as such terms are respectively defined in the Plan Document and Disclosure Form, is an Eligible Person. Any conflict between the terms of this Subscription Agreement and the Plan Document and Disclosure Form will be resolved in favor of the Plan Document and Disclosure Form.

**Contribution Requirements:** The employer must contribute a minimum of 50% of the cost of the Employees' medical premiums, and 100% of employee's dental, vision, life and long-term disability premiums (does not include cost of dependent coverage). Payroll deduction withholding is required to collect Employee contributions used to pay premium costs.

**Employees:** Only active, regular, full-time (working at least 20 hours per week, or 30 if elected by the Employer) W-2 Employees and self-employed persons (such as proprietors and partners) are considered Eligible Persons for purposes of health coverage provided through the Trust.

**Employees Covered Under Other Benefit Plans:** Employees who waive coverage on the grounds that they have other group coverage shall not be counted as Eligible Persons. A valid waiver from must be completed.

**1099 Recipients:** Independent contractors whose annual payments from the employer are reported on IRS form 1099 are not eligible to participate.

**Spouses:** If spouses are employed by the same employer, they may both be covered as Employees. Eligible children may be considered Dependents of either one or both of the Employee parents.

**Stand-alone Ancillary Administration Fee:** A stand-alone Ancillary Administration fee (per employee) will be applied to the employer's monthly invoice if the employer terminates medical while continuing dental, vision or LTD coverage.

## Benefit Plan Selections

**Medical/Rx Plan Selection:** Employer may offer any combination of plans, check all that apply. All plans selection must be made available to all Eligible Persons.

Plan Structure	PPO HSA Plans	EPO HSA Plans	Select PPO HSA Plans	PPO Copay Plans	EPO Copay Plans	Select PPO Copay Plans	HMO Plans	Select HMO Plans
<b>Network access</b>	PPO	PPO	Select PPO	PPO	PPO	Select PPO	HMO	Select HMO
<b>Pharmacy Network</b>	ESI	ESI	ESI	ESI	ESI	ESI	Carelon	Carelon
<b>In-network Benefits</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Out-of-network Benefits non-emergency</b>	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
<b>Direct access to care: No Gate Keeper (PCP) or referrals</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No

<b>PPO Plans</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> PPO HSA PRx 1600	<input type="checkbox"/> PPO HSA PRx 1800	<input type="checkbox"/> PPO HSA PRx 2000	<input type="checkbox"/> PPO HSA PRx 3000	<input type="checkbox"/> PPO HSA PRx 3900
<input type="checkbox"/> PPO HSA PRx 5000	<input type="checkbox"/> PPO HSA PRx 6350			
<input type="checkbox"/> PPO 10/0	<input type="checkbox"/> PPO 30/650	<input type="checkbox"/> PPO 25/750	<input type="checkbox"/> PPO 30/1000	<input type="checkbox"/> PPO 30/1250
<input type="checkbox"/> PPO 45/1850	<input type="checkbox"/> PPO 45/2250	<input type="checkbox"/> PPO 50/2500	<input type="checkbox"/> PPO 45/2850	<input type="checkbox"/> PPO 65/4250
<input type="checkbox"/> PPO 50/6250/OV3	<input type="checkbox"/> PPO 75/7250			
<b>EPO Plans</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> EPO HSA PRx 3000	<input type="checkbox"/> EPO 25/750	<input type="checkbox"/> EPO 50/2500		
<b>Select PPO Plans</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> S.PPO HSA PRx 1600	<input type="checkbox"/> S.PPO HSA PRx 1800	<input type="checkbox"/> S.PPO HSA PRx 2000	<input type="checkbox"/> S.PPO HSA PRx 3000	<input type="checkbox"/> S.PPO HSA PRx 3900
<input type="checkbox"/> S.PPO HSA PRx 5000	<input type="checkbox"/> S.PPO HSA PRx 6350			
<input type="checkbox"/> S.PPO 10/0	<input type="checkbox"/> S.PPO 30/650	<input type="checkbox"/> S.PPO 25/750	<input type="checkbox"/> S.PPO 30/1000	<input type="checkbox"/> S.PPO 30/1250
<input type="checkbox"/> S.PPO 45/1850	<input type="checkbox"/> S.PPO 45/2250	<input type="checkbox"/> S.PPO 50/2500	<input type="checkbox"/> S.PPO 45/2850	<input type="checkbox"/> S.PPO 45/2850
<input type="checkbox"/> S.PPO 65/4250	<input type="checkbox"/> S.PPO 50/6250/OV3			
<b>HMO Plans</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> HMO 10/0	<input type="checkbox"/> HMO 35/0	<input type="checkbox"/> HMO 25/1000	<input type="checkbox"/> HMO 30/3000	
<b>Select HMO Plans</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Select HMO 10/0	<input type="checkbox"/> Select HMO 35/0	<input type="checkbox"/> Select HMO 25/1000	<input type="checkbox"/> Select HMO 30/3000	

**Dental Plan Selection:** Not available as a stand-alone product, must also select at least one medical plan. Dental requires 100% participation of all Eligible Persons without a valid waiver form. Stand-alone Ancillary Administration Fee of \$1.65/PEPM applies if medical is canceled.

Dental PPO

**Vision Plan Selection:** Choose one plan, not available as a stand-alone product, must also select at least one medical plan. Vision plans require 100% participation of Eligible Persons without a valid waiver form. Stand-alone Ancillary Administration Fee of \$1.65/PEPM applies if medical is canceled.

Choice Standard Plan

Choice Enhanced

Choice Premier Plan

Signature Standard Plan

Signature Enhanced Plan

**Group Term Life:** Choose one option to offered to all Eligible Persons, not available as a stand-alone product. Life plans require 100% participation of all active, regular, full-time (working at least 30 hours per week) employees.

- Option 1: one times annual earnings up to \$50,000
- Option 2: one times annual earnings up to \$100,000

**Group Long Term Disability:** Choose one option to offered to all Eligible Persons, not available as a stand-alone product. LTD plans require 100% participation of all active, regular, full-time (working at least 30 hours per week) employees. Stand-alone Ancillary Administration Fee applies should medical get canceled.

- Option 1: 60% of the monthly rate of basic earnings less other benefits up to \$6,000 per month
- Option 2: 60% of the monthly rate of basic earnings less other benefits up to \$10,000 per month

### General Provisions

- 1) The employer agrees, and, as a condition of being entitled to receive any benefit provided through the Trust, the Benefit Plan, or any Policy, each Eligible Person or any other person claiming such benefits must agree (the employer and each Eligible Person and such other person being hereafter referred to collectively in this paragraph 1 as the "Employer") that:
  - (a) CalCPA, the committee, the administrator, the Board of Trustees, the Trust, the Benefit Plan and the shareholders, directors, trustees, officers, employees and agents of each (hereafter referred to collectively in this paragraph 1 as "CalCPA") shall have no responsibility or liability with respect to the provision or quality of any service provided by any benefit or other service provider (including, without limitation, any malpractice liability); and
  - (b) all claims and controversies ("Claims") that the Employer may have against CalCPA, and that CalCPA may have against the Employer, which claims arise under or relate to this Subscription Agreement, the Benefit Plan Document and Disclosure Form (if applicable), or the Trust Agreement, shall be resolved by binding arbitration in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Procedures of the American Arbitration Association, except as otherwise provided herein. Each party shall share equally the fees and costs of the arbitrator. The Employer and CalCPA agree that the aggrieved party must give written notice to the other party within 120 days of the date the aggrieved party first has knowledge of the event giving rise to the claim; otherwise the claim shall be void and deemed waived notwithstanding any Federal or State statute of limitations. Either party may bring an action in a court of competent jurisdiction to compel arbitration hereunder and to enforce an arbitration award. The Employer and CalCPA agree that, except as otherwise provided in this paragraph 1, neither of them shall initiate nor prosecute any lawsuit or other proceeding in any way related to a claim covered by this Subscription Agreement. The provisions of this paragraph 1 do not apply to any claim subject to arbitration under the Benefit Plan Document and Disclosure Form.
- 2) The employer agrees to enroll all Eligible Persons to be covered under the Benefit Plan Document and Disclosure Form or any Policy provided under the Trust Agreement, as appropriate, on enrollment forms provided by the Trust's sales agent ("Agent"). The enrollment forms should be sent to the Agent at the address indicated at the end of this Subscription Agreement.
- 3) The employer agrees to complete and submit enrollment forms for any new Eligible Person who is to be covered under the Benefit Plan Document and Disclosure Form or any Policy provided under the Trust Agreement, as appropriate, to the Agent within 31 days after such person achieves Eligible Employee status. Coverage for such persons may be delayed or denied if enrollment forms are not submitted in a timely manner. In addition, the employer agrees to timely update the

Agent regarding any changes (including without limitation terminations and changes in Dependents' status) in the information supplied on this Subscription Agreement or, if known to the employer, on any enrollment forms.

- 4) The employer agrees to submit in writing any requests to terminate this Subscription Agreement and withdraw from participating in the CalCPA Health programs to the Agent at least 30 days in advance of the requested group's termination date.
- 5) The employer agrees to make contributions to the Trust in the amount, at the time or times, and in the manner specified from time to time by the Board of Trustees. *Note: Any failure by the employer to pay contributions in a timely manner may result in an irrevocable lapse of coverage, without any prior notice of delinquency. Failure to make timely pay contributions will result in the termination of this Subscription Agreement with applicable claims and fee liability.*
- 6) The employer agrees to be bound by the terms of the Trust Agreement to the extent applicable to the employer and its Eligible Persons and to abide by all operating rules and regulations established from time to time by the Board of Trustees.
- 7) The employer acknowledges that the Trust was created to provide for the provision of group coverage as a matter of convenience and accommodation to the employer and its Eligible Persons and, in consideration therefor, agrees to indemnify and hold harmless CalCPA, the Board of Trustees, the Agent, the service administrator, and any fiduciary of the Trust against and from all claims, demands, losses, liabilities, and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs) arising out of the negligence or willful misconduct or material breach of this Subscription Agreement by the employer.

**Full Name of Employer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed By:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_