

## Washington Group Eligibility Certification Renewing Groups

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This form is used to evaluate the size of our Washington small employer groups on an annual basis. Please complete and return it promptly to your producer or Kaiser Permanente account manager.

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