

EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 73B, §§ 163 THROUGH 170, INCLUSIVE.

(5) "Normal retirement age" means the age at which a vested retirement allowance shall commence.

(b) A beneficiary and their designated beneficiaries, other than designated beneficiaries in receipt of an option 1 or option 4 benefit, may participate, as provided by this section, in the State Employees' Health Insurance Program provided that the beneficiary:

- (1) (i) Retired directly from State service with a State retirement allowance from July 1, 1984; and
 - (ii) Had at least 5 years of creditable service;
- (2) Terminated State service with 16 years or more of creditable service;
- (3) Terminated State service prior to July 1, 1984; or
- (4) Terminated State service with 10 years of creditable service and within 5 years of normal retirement age.

(c) (1) A beneficiary and their designated beneficiaries are eligible to receive the subsidy provided by the State for the cost of the Program on the following basis:

(i) If a beneficiary had at least 5 years of creditable service, the beneficiary and their designated beneficiaries shall receive five-sixteenths of the subsidy provided to a State employee.

(ii) In addition, if a beneficiary had more than 5 but less than 16 years of creditable service, the beneficiary and their designated beneficiaries shall receive one-sixteenth of the subsidy for each year of creditable service that is more than 5 but less than 16 years.

(iii) If a beneficiary had 16 years or more of creditable service, the beneficiary and their designated beneficiaries shall receive the same subsidy that is provided to a State employee.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (c)(1) of this section:

(i) If a beneficiary, retired from State service, is in receipt of a State disability retirement allowance, the beneficiary and their designated beneficiaries may receive the same subsidy that is provided to a State employee; and

(ii) A person in receipt of a special death benefit under Article 88B, § 53(k) of the Code may receive the same subsidy that is provided to a State employee.

(d) The beneficiary and their designated beneficiaries shall pay the part of the cost of the Program that is not provided for under subsection (c) of this section.