

employment or to membership in the association of persons licensed by the State of Maryland or authorized by law to engage in a recognized profession, or to both.

(2) The premium for the policy shall be paid by the trustees wholly from funds contributed by the association of persons licensed by the State of Maryland or authorized by law to engage in a recognized profession, or partly from such funds and partly from funds contributed by the insured persons. The premiums may be paid by the insured persons specifically for their insurance if the policy is issued to the trustees of an association of persons licensed by the State of Maryland or authorized by law to engage in a recognized profession, provided the total number of persons covered at date of issue exceeds 600 or 75% of the eligible persons whichever is less, excluding any as to whom evidence of insurability is not satisfactory to the insurer, elect to make the required contribution. A policy on which no part of the premium is to be derived from funds contributed by the insured persons specifically for their insurance must insure all eligible persons, or all except any as to whom evidence of individual insurability is not satisfactory to the insurer.

(3) The policy must cover at date of issue at least one hundred persons.

(4) The amounts of insurance under the policy must be based upon some plan precluding individual selection either by the insured persons or by the policyholder.

422. Public Employee Groups.

(a) The lives of a group of individuals may be insured under a policy issued to a county or to an incorporated city or town or an association of counties, cities, or towns, state college or university, or any department of the state, county, city or town government, which employer or association shall be deemed the policyholder, to insure the employees of any such county, incorporated city, or town, of any such state college or university, or of any such department of the state, county, city or town government for the benefit of persons other than the policyholder subject to the following requirements:

(1) The employees eligible for insurance under the policy shall be all of the employees of the employer or all of any class or classes thereof determined by conditions pertaining to their employment. The policy may provide that the term "employees" shall include retired employees.

(2) The premium for the policy shall be paid by the policyholder, wholly from funds contributed by it as employer or partly from such funds and partly from funds contributed by the insured employees or wholly from funds contributed by the insured employees, except that:

(i) The employer may deduct from the employees' salaries the required contributions for the premiums when authorized in writing by the respective employees so to do; and

(ii) The premium for the policy may be paid by the policyholder wholly or partly from funds contributed by any incorporated city, town or village policyholder when authorized by the charter of such city, town or village or as otherwise authorized by law.