

(I) SHALL INCLUDE THE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT OPTIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE SECRETARY; AND

(II) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, MAY INCLUDE ANY OTHER BENEFIT OPTION THAT THE SECRETARY CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.

(2) THE PROGRAM MAY NOT CONTAIN ANY OF THE BENEFITS PROVIDED UNDER ARTICLE 73B OR ARTICLE 73C OF THE CODE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsection (a) of this section is new language that, in part, is derived without substantive change from the first clause of former Art. 64A, § 48(a)(1), and, in part, is added as standard language establishing the Program.

Subsection (b) of this section is new language derived without substantive change from the second and third clauses of former Art. 64A, § 48(a)(1) and, as it specified a health insurance benefit, § 48(a)(2)(ii).

In subsection (b)(1)(i) of this section, the phrase "established by the Secretary" is added to indicate the discretion of the Secretary to establish a broad range of options.

Also in subsection (b)(1)(i) of this section, the term "health insurance" is substituted for the former reference to "hospital, medical, and surgical insurance" options for brevity.

Defined terms: "Program" § 8-101
"Secretary" § 1-101

8-103. DUTIES AND AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY.

(A) IN GENERAL.

THE SECRETARY SHALL:

(1) ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM;

(2) ENSURE THAT THE PROGRAM COMPLIES WITH ALL FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS GOVERNING EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS; AND

(3) EACH YEAR, RECOMMEND TO THE GOVERNOR THE STATE SHARE OF THE COSTS OF THE PROGRAM.

(B) ARRANGING BENEFIT OPTIONS.

THE SECRETARY MAY ARRANGE AS THE SECRETARY CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE ANY BENEFIT OPTION FOR INCLUSION IN THE PROGRAM.

(C) DETERMINING EMPLOYEE ELIGIBILITY.

THE SECRETARY SHALL SPECIFY BY REGULATION THE TYPES OR CATEGORIES OF EMPLOYEES WHO: