

AN INDIVIDUAL MAY ENROLL AND PARTICIPATE IN THE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT OPTIONS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE PROGRAM IF THE INDIVIDUAL:

(1) RETIRED UNDER AN OPTIONAL PROGRAM UNDER TITLE 11 OF ARTICLE 73B OF THE CODE; AND

(2) WAS IN SERVICE WITH A STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AT THE TIME OF THE RETIREMENT.

(B) STATE SUBSIDY.

AN ENROLLEE UNDER THIS SECTION IS ENTITLED TO THE SAME STATE SUBSIDY ALLOWED A RETIREE UNDER § 8-108 OF THIS SUBTITLE. HOWEVER, THE SUBSIDY SHALL APPLY ONLY TO THE COSTS OF COVERAGE FOR THE ENROLLEE AND MAY NOT APPLY TO ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS OF COVERAGE FOR THE ENROLLEE'S SPOUSE OR CHILDREN.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 64A, § 48C(a) and (b).

In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the reference to an "optional program" is added for clarity and to distinguish the individual who retires under this section from a retiree under § 8-108 of this subtitle.

In subsection (a)(2) of this section, the phrase "of higher education" is added to modify "State institution" for clarity.

Former Art. 64A, § 48C(c), which allowed participation by a "spouse or the children" only if the employee paid the cost, is deleted as unnecessary. The scope of coverage available to employees with optional retirement may include family members, even though the "subsidy" only applies to individual coverage.

Defined term: "Program" § 8-101

8-110. SAME — LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.

(A) WHO MAY ENROLL.

AN EMPLOYEE OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY ENROLL AND PARTICIPATE IN THE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT OPTIONS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE PROGRAM WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

(B) PAYMENT OF COSTS.

THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SHALL:

(1) PAY TO THIS STATE THE TOTAL COSTS RESULTING FROM THE PARTICIPATION OF ITS EMPLOYEES IN THE PROGRAM; AND

(2) DETERMINE THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION WILL SUBSIDIZE PARTICIPATION BY ITS EMPLOYEES IN THE PROGRAM.