

3. an individual who retired under an optional program under Title [11 of Article 73B of the Code] 30 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(4) "State service" means service with this State by:

(i) an employee[, as defined in Article 73B, § 2-101 or § 4-101 of the Code] WHILE A MEMBER OF THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OR THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM UNDER TITLE 22 OR TITLE 23 OF THIS ARTICLE;

(ii) a judge[, as defined in Article 73B, § 9-101 of the Code] WHILE A MEMBER OF THE JUDGES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM UNDER TITLE 27 OF THIS ARTICLE;

(iii) a teacher[, as defined in Article 73B, § 3-101 or § 5-101 of the Code] WHILE A MEMBER OF THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OR TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEM UNDER TITLE 22 OR TITLE 23 OF THIS ARTICLE;

(iv) a correctional officer, while a member of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System under Title [7 of Article 73B of the Code] 25 OF THIS ARTICLE;

(v) an employee of the Medical System Corporation, as defined in § 13-1B-01 or § 13-1C-01 of the Education Article, while a member of the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland or the [Pension System for Employees] EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM of the State of Maryland under [Title 10, Subtitle 1 of Article 73B of the Code] TITLE 22 OR TITLE 23 OF THIS ARTICLE;

(vi) a State Police officer[, as defined in Article 73B, § 6-101 of the Code] WHILE A MEMBER OF THE STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM UNDER TITLE 24 OF THIS ARTICLE; or

(vii) a law enforcement officer[, as defined in Article 73B, § 8-101 of the Code] WHILE A MEMBER OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES PENSION SYSTEM UNDER TITLE 26 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(b) (1) A retiree may enroll and participate in the health insurance benefit options established under the Program if the retiree:

(i) ended State service with at least 10 years of creditable service and within 5 years before the age at which a vested retirement allowance normally would begin;

(ii) ended State service with at least 16 years of creditable service;

(iii) ended State service on or before June 30, 1984;

(iv) retired directly from State service with a State retirement allowance on or after July 1, 1984, and had at least 5 years of creditable service; or

(v) retired directly from State service with a State disability retirement allowance on or after July 1, 1984.