

(4) ANY OTHER DEDUCTION THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ALLOWS BY REGULATION, IN THE INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR RETIREES.

(B) LOCAL MEDICAL INSURANCE PROGRAMS.

(1) A RETIREE WHO PARTICIPATES IN MEDICAL INSURANCE OFFERED THROUGH A COUNTY MAY ELECT TO HAVE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES DEDUCT FROM THE RETIREE'S ALLOWANCE AND PAY TO THE COUNTY ALL OR PART OF THE PREMIUM FOR LOCALLY APPROVED MEDICAL INSURANCE.

(2) EXCEPT FOR PAYMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE STATE SYSTEM OR ANY UNIT OF THE STATE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING FOR MEDICAL INSURANCE OFFERED THROUGH A COUNTY.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is in part new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 73B, §§ 2-412(a) and the first and second sentences of (b), 3-409(a), (b), (c), and the first and second sentences of (d), 4-412(a) and the first and second sentences of (b), 5-411(a), (c), and the first and second sentences of (b), 6-408, 7-408, 8-407, and 10-223 and in part new language added to reflect the application of this section to the Judges' Retirement System. Although the former law did not provide for deductions from retirees' allowances under the Judges' Retirement System, in practice the State Retirement Agency treats this system the same as other systems covered by this section.

In subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the reference to the "Board of Trustees" is substituted for the references to the individual systems for clarity and to reflect the consolidation in this subtitle of formerly separate, but similar, provisions.

In subsection (a) of this section, the general term "allowance" is substituted for the former specific term "annuity", which appeared in former Art. 73B, § 6-408, applicable to the State Police Retirement System, for consistency.

Also in subsection (a) of this section, the reference to insurance "offered through" an employee organization is substituted for the former reference "authorized" by an employee organization for clarity. Similarly, in subsections (a) and (b)(1) of this section, the former references to "payment to the carrier" are deleted as implicit in the reference to insurance offered "through" the subdivision.

In subsection (b)(1) of this section, the specific references to health care programs sponsored by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore in former Art. 73B, §§ 3-409(d) and 5-411(c) are deleted in light of the general reference to medical insurance offered through a county, which is defined to include Baltimore City. See § 20-101 of this article. Although former Art. 73B, §§ 3-409(d) and 5-411(c) did not specifically state that neither the retirement system nor any State agency is responsible for the payment of the retiree's