

## [8-107.] 2-507.

(a) Subject to the regulations adopted under [§ 8-103] § 2-503 of this subtitle, a State employee may enroll and participate in any of the health insurance or other benefit options established under the Program.

(b) The surviving spouse of a State employee who died while employed by the State may enroll and participate in the health insurance benefit options established under the Program as long as the surviving spouse is receiving an allowance under Title 29, Subtitle 2 of this article.

(c) The surviving minor child or dependent parent of a State Police officer who died while employed by the State may enroll and participate in the health insurance benefit options established under the Program as long as the child or parent is receiving an allowance under Title 29, Subtitle 2 of this article.

## [8-108.] 2-508.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Creditable service" means:

(i) service credited toward a retirement allowance under Division II of this article; or

(ii) service while a member of the Judges' Retirement System under Title 27 of this article.

(3) (i) "Retiree" means:

1. a former State employee who receives a retirement allowance under Division II of this article; or

2. a former employee of the Medical System Corporation, as defined in § 13-1B-01 or § 13-1C-01 of the Education Article, who receives a retirement allowance from the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland or the Employees' Pension System of the State of Maryland under Title 22 or Title 23 of this article.

(ii) "Retiree" does not include:

1. a member of the faculty or staff of a community college;

2. a teacher or a staff member employed by a county board of education; or

3. an individual who retired under an optional program under Title 30 of this article.

(4) "State service" means service with [this] THE State by:

(i) an employee while a member of the Employees' Retirement System or the Employees' Pension System under Title 22 or Title 23 of this article;