



Ohio Revised Code

Section 124.824 Elections by death benefit fund recipient.

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(A) As used in this section, "death benefit fund recipient" means any recipient of a death benefit paid under section 742.63 of the Revised Code except a parent who receives a death benefit paid under division (E) of that section.

(B) (1) Except as otherwise provided under division (B) (3) of this section, a death benefit fund recipient may elect to participate in any health, medical, hospital, dental, surgical, or vision benefit the department of administrative services contracts for under section 124.82 of the Revised Code or otherwise provides for the benefit of state employees who are paid directly by warrant of the director of budget and management. A death benefit fund recipient who elects to participate in a benefit under this section shall do both of the following:

(a) File a notice with the department of the death benefit fund recipient's election to participate that specifies the benefits or combination of benefits in which the recipient elects to participate.

(b) Pay to the department the percentage of the premium or cost for the applicable benefits that would be paid by a state employee who elects that coverage.

(2) A parent, guardian, custodian, or other person responsible for the care of a death benefit fund recipient who is under eighteen years of age or who is a surviving child entitled to extended benefits under division (H)(3) of section 742.63 of the Revised Code due to disability may file the election required by division (B) (1) of this section on the death benefit fund recipient's behalf.

(3) A death benefit fund recipient is ineligible to participate in a health, medical, hospital, dental, surgical, or vision benefit under division (B) (1) of this section if the recipient is eligible to enroll in the medicare program established by Title XVIII of the "Social Security Act," 79 Stat. 291 (1965), 42 U.S.C. 1395c, as amended.

(C) For each death benefit fund recipient who participates in health, medical, hospital, dental,



surgical, or vision benefits under division (B) of this section, the department shall pay the percentage of the premium or cost for the applicable benefits that would be paid by a state employer for a state employee who elects that coverage.

(D) The director of administrative services shall prescribe procedures for the administration of benefits for death benefit fund recipients under this section, including the development of required forms for death benefit fund recipients to enroll, disenroll, or re-enroll in benefits under this section.

(E) The board of trustees of the Ohio police and fire pension fund shall provide any information to the department that the department requires to provide benefits under this section, including information regarding the identities, ages, and family relationships of death benefit fund recipients.