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section shall certify to the retirement system the premium paid for the federal insurance benefits described in division (A) of this section. Payment of the amount described in division (A)(2) of this section shall begin for the first month that the recipient is participating in both the federal hospital insurance benefits and a health care arrangement offered by the system.

(B) The board need not make the hospital insurance coverage or amount described in division (A) of this section available to any person for whom it is prohibited by section 145.58 of the Revised Code from paying or reimbursing the premium cost of such insurance.

Sec. 145.63. (A) Deposits under section 145.62 of the Revised Code, together with earnings, shall be refunded under whichever of the following circumstances applies:

(1) On withdrawal of accumulated contributions as provided in sections 145.40 and 145.43 of the Revised Code or payment of a lump sum under section 145.384 of the Revised Code;

(2) On the death of a contributor prior to retirement;

(3) In the case of a contributor participating in the PERS defined benefit plan, on application of the contributor prior to attaining eligibility for age and service retirement;

(4) In the case of a contributor under section 145.38 or 145.383 of the Revised Code, on application of the contributor prior to attaining eligibility for a benefit under section 145.384 of the Revised Code;

(5) In the case of a contributor who has attained eligibility for an age and service retirement benefit or a benefit under section 145.384 of the Revised Code and is not married, on application;

(6) In the case of a contributor who has attained eligibility for an age and service retirement benefit or a benefit under section 145.384 of the Revised Code and is married, on application if the application is accompanied by a statement of the spouse's consent to the refund or the public employees retirement board waives the requirement that the spouse consent;

(7) In the case of a contributor who has attained eligibility for an age and service retirement benefit as a consequence of section 145.37 of the Revised Code and will receive a retirement or disability benefit from the state teachers retirement system or school employees retirement system but has not requested a transfer of funds to the other retirement system under division (B)(1)(g)(8) of section 145.37 of the Revised Code, at the time the public employees retirement system pays to the other retirement system the amount required under division (B)(1)(e)(6) of that section;

(8) In the case of a disability benefit recipient under section 145.36 of

the Revised Code who is not eligible for an age and service retirement allowance, on the effective date of disability retirement.

(B) The consent of a spouse to a refund is valid only if it is in writing, signed, and witnessed by a notary public.

The board may waive the requirement of consent if the spouse is incapacitated or cannot be located or for any other reason specified by the board. Consent or waiver is effective only with regard to the spouse who is the subject of the consent or waiver.

Sec. 145.64. (A) As used in this section, "joint-life plan," "single-life plan," and "multiple-life plan" have the same meanings as in division (B) of section 145.46 of the Revised Code.

(B) A contributor who has not received a refund of amounts deposited under section 145.62 or the version of division (C) of section 145.23 of the Revised Code as it existed immediately prior to April 6, 2007, may file an application with the public employees retirement system for a benefit under this section. Except as provided in section 145.62 of the Revised Code, the benefit shall consist of an annuity that shall be paid as described in division (B) of section 145.46 of the Revised Code.

The application must be filed prior to receipt of an age and service retirement benefit from the retirement system or, in the case of a contributor under section 145.38 or 145.383 of the Revised Code, a benefit under section 145.384 of the Revised Code. A contributor who fails to file an application for a benefit under this section prior to receipt of an age and service retirement benefit or a benefit under section 145.384 of the Revised Code shall be eligible only for a refund under section 145.63 of the Revised Code.

(1) Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section, a contributor who is married at the time of application for a benefit under this section shall receive the benefit as a monthly annuity under a joint-life plan.

(2) A contributor may receive a benefit under this section under a plan of payment other than a joint-life plan if one of the following is the case:

(a) The contributor is unmarried;

(b) The benefit application is accompanied by a statement of the spouse's consent to another plan of payment or the public employees retirement board waives the requirement that the spouse consent;

(c) A plan of payment providing for payment in a specified portion of the benefit continuing after the member's death to a former spouse is required by a court order issued under section 3105.171 or 3105.65 of the Revised Code or the laws of another state regarding division of marital property prior to the effective date of the contributor's benefit application.