

Sec. 3309.69. AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "INELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL" MEANS A FORMER MEMBER RECEIVING BENEFITS PURSUANT TO SECTION 3309.34, 3309.35, 3309.36, OR 3309.38 OF THE REVISED CODE FOR WHOM ELIGIBILITY IS ESTABLISHED MORE THAN FIVE YEARS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS AMENDMENT AND WHO, AT THE TIME OF ESTABLISHING ELIGIBILITY, HAS ACCRUED LESS THAN TEN YEARS OF SERVICE CREDIT, EXCLUSIVE OF CREDIT OBTAINED AFTER JANUARY 29, 1981, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 3309.021 AND 3309.31 OF THE REVISED CODE; THE SPOUSE OF SUCH FORMER MEMBER; OR THE BENEFICIARY OF SUCH FORMER MEMBER RECEIVING BENEFITS PURSUANT TO SECTION 3309.46 OF THE REVISED CODE.

(A) The school employees retirement board may enter into an agreement with insurance companies, hospital service associations, medical or health care corporations, or government agencies authorized to do business in the state for issuance of a policy or contract of health, medical, hospital, or surgical benefits, or any combination thereof, for those persons receiving service, disability, or survivor benefits subscribing to such plan and their eligible dependents. If all or any portion of the policy or contract premium is to be paid by any person receiving a service, disability, or survivor benefit, such person shall, by written authorization, instruct the board to deduct from his benefit the premiums agreed to be paid by him to such companies, associations, corporations, or agencies.

The board may contract for such coverage on the basis of part or all of the cost of the premium for the coverage to be paid from appropriate funds of the school employees retirement system. The cost paid from the funds of the school employees retirement system shall be included in the employer's contribution rate provided by section 3309.49 of the Revised Code. THE BOARD SHALL NOT PAY OR REIMBURSE THE PREMIUM COST FOR INSURANCE UNDER THIS SECTION OR SECTION 3309.375 OF THE REVISED CODE FOR ANY INELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.

The board shall make all necessary rules pursuant to the purpose and intent of this section.

THE BOARD MAY PROVIDE FOR SELF-INSURANCE OF RISK OR LEVEL OF RISK AS SET FORTH IN THE CONTRACT WITH SUCH COMPANIES, ASSOCIATIONS, CORPORATIONS, OR AGENCIES, AND MAY PROVIDE THROUGH THE SELF-INSURANCE METHOD SPECIFIC BENEFITS AS AUTHORIZED BY THE RULES OF THE BOARD.

(B) On and after January 1, 1977, the board shall upon receipt of satisfactory evidence of the payment for coverage, pay monthly to each recipient of service, disability, or survivor benefits under the school employees retirement system who is eligible for insurance coverage under part B of "The Social Security Amendments of 1965," 79 Stat. 301, 42 U.S.C.A. 1395j, as amended, an amount equal to the basic premium for such coverage, EXCEPT THAT THE BOARD SHALL MAKE NO SUCH PAYMENT TO ANY INELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.

SECTION 4. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity lies in the fact that the benefit increases provided for in the act are to become effective July 1, 1981 and should be included in payments made by PERS and SERS for the month of July. Therefore, this act shall go into immediate effect.

Effective: -
June 13, 1981
Emergency.