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Eligibility for pre-medicare health care coverage for the dependents and survivors of this system's members and retirants.

- (A) Health care coverage may be available to an eligible survivor benefit recipient or an eligible dependent upon application on a form provided by the public employees retirement system.
- (B) An eligible survivor benefit recipient may enroll in health care coverage if the survivor benefit recipient is an eligible dependent, as defined in rule 145-4-09 of the Administrative Code.
- (C) The primary benefit recipient, or surviving spouse of an age and service retirant or member, who is enrolled in health care coverage or participating in the health reimbursement arrangement, may enroll an eligible dependent in pre-medicare health care coverage while the dependent continues to be eligible under this rule and rule 145-4-09 of the Administrative Code. A survivor benefit recipient who is a surviving child of the member may enroll in health care coverage regardless of a surviving spouse's enrollment, provided the child continues to be eligible under this rule and rule 145-4-09 of the Administrative Code.
- (D) A spouse of a primary benefit recipient shall cease to be eligible for health care coverage on the first day of the month following the date of the final decree of divorce or dissolution from the primary benefit recipient.
- (E) An eligible dependent described in paragraph (B) of rule 145-4-09 of the Administrative Code shall cease to be eligible for health care coverage on the first day of the month following the dependent's twenty-sixth birthday. An eligible dependent described in paragraph (C) of rule 145-4-09 of the Administrative Code shall cease to be eligible for health care coverage on the first day of the month following the eighteenth birthday of the primary benefit recipient's child who is the parent of the primary benefit recipient's enrolled grandchild.
- (F) Upon the death of a primary benefit recipient, any individual who would have been treated as an eligible dependent of the primary benefit recipient but for the recipient's death shall be treated as an eligible dependent of the primary benefit recipient for purposes of this chapter until the individual reaches the age limitation set forth in rule 145-4-09 of the Administrative Code.
- (G) A benefit recipient shall inform the retirement system, in writing, not later than thirty days after an eligible dependent no longer meets the requirements of this rule.
- (H) The retirement system may require a benefit recipient to certify the status of an individual as an eligible dependent for purposes of health care coverage. Failure to provide certification within sixty days of the request by the retirement system shall result in the denial or withdrawal of health care coverage for such individual until the next annual health care open enrollment period.

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