

(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:

(1) is receiving an allowance under Title 29, Subtitle 2 of this article; or

(2) is the sole primary designated beneficiary and receiving a periodic distribution of benefits under an optional retirement program under Title 30 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.

(D) THE SURVIVING MINOR CHILD OF A CORRECTIONAL OFFICER WHO AT THE TIME OF DEATH WAS A MEMBER OF THE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND 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 IS RECEIVING AN ALLOWANCE UNDER TITLE 29, SUBTITLE 2 OF THIS ARTICLE.

29-202.

(a) (1) When the Board of Trustees receives proof of death of an individual who died while employed as a member, the Board of Trustees shall pay to the designated beneficiary or, if there is no designated beneficiary, to the member's estate the amounts specified in this subsection.

(2) Subject to paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Board of Trustees shall pay the member's accumulated contributions.

(3) Subject to paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Board of Trustees shall pay an amount equal to the member's annual earnable compensation at death if the member dies in the course of the performance of duty or the member has at least 1 year of eligibility service.

(b) (1) A death benefit under this section may not be paid for the death of a member of the State Police Retirement System if a special death benefit under § 29-204 of this subtitle is payable or has been paid for that death.

(2) A DEATH BENEFIT UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE PAID FOR THE DEATH OF A MEMBER OF THE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM IF A SPECIAL DEATH BENEFIT UNDER § 29-204.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE IS PAYABLE OR HAS BEEN PAID FOR THAT DEATH.

29-204.1.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DIES WHILE EMPLOYED AS A MEMBER OF THE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM:

(1) WITHOUT WILLFUL NEGLIGENCE BY THE MEMBER; AND