

ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS - SPECIAL FUND

A special fund has been established to be used exclusively to reduce the monthly contributions paid by certain retirees participating in a district-sponsored group medical plan. A retiree who meets all of the following conditions will be eligible for this benefit.

1. The employee was compensated on the Operations-Support Salary Schedule as of the last day of paid service in a monthly salaried position.
2. The employee immediately upon separation from the district began to receive a disability or service retirement benefit from the State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS) or Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS).
3. The employee had 20 years of paid monthly salaried service with the District with a minimum of 10 years of service in the Operation Support Services Bargaining Unit (excluding unpaid leaves of absence).
4. The minimum age for eligibility in the Retiree Medical Benefits Fund is 59 years of age. Notice to member benefits to participate must be given within 30 calendar days of member's 59th birthday.
5. The employee's retirement effective date with PERS or STRS is on or after June 1, 1987.
6. The employee is under age 65 as of the retirement effective date with PERS or STRS.
7. The employee was covered under a district-sponsored group medical benefits plan as an employee immediately prior to the effective date of retirement with PERS or STRS and chooses to maintain coverage under such plan as a retiree by executing the appropriate form and making the required contribution to the District.
8. Retired spouses with dual Retiree Medical Benefits Fund contributions eligibility may apply both contributions towards the cost of maintaining only one plan (rather than two separate plans) if they so desire. The spouses may be from different employee groups. The amount and duration of each member's contributions will be determined by the agreement of the specific employee group to which the spouse belongs.

Eligibility for this reduction in retiree contributions will cease at the end of the month in which the retiree dies, or reaches age 65, or ceases to make the required contributions, whichever occurs first. The retiree may continue coverage in the district-sponsored medical plan beyond age 65 by contributing the full cost of coverage to the district.

The monthly reduction for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, shall not exceed **\$70.00**.