§ 891.401 Government contributions.

(a) For retired employees and survivors receiving an annuity. (1) Each month, an amount equal to the current monthly premium paid by an individual for supplementary medical insurance under title XVIII of the Social Security Act (Medicare) for such month shall be paid by the Office of Personnel Management, through the appropriate retirement office, to each retired employee or survivor who:
   (i) Is in receipt of annuity for such month;
   (ii) Is eligible for coverage under this part; and
   (iii) Elects to receive a Government contribution toward the cost of coverage for:
       (A) A private health insurance plan in which he or she is a subscriber for self-only; or
       (B) Supplementary medical insurance under Medicare.
   (2) Each month, an amount equal to twice the current monthly premium paid by an individual for supplementary medical insurance under title XVIII of the Social Security Act (Medicare) for such month shall be paid by the Office of Personnel Management, through the appropriate retirement office, to each retired employee or survivor who:
       (i) Is in receipt of an annuity for such month;
       (ii) Is eligible for coverage under this part; and
       (iii) Elects to receive a Government contribution toward the cost of coverage for self and family under:
           (A) A private plan or plans; or
           (B) Supplementary medical insurance under Medicare.

(b) For retired employees and survivors receiving compensation. (1) For each retired employee or survivor who is in receipt of compensation and who meets the requirements of paragraph (a)(1) of this section, other than the requirement of being in receipt of an annuity, the Office of Personnel Management shall contribute, through the Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs, an amount equal to 93 1/3 percent of the current monthly premium paid by an individual for supplementary medical insurance under title XVIII of the Social Security Act (Medicare) rounded to the nearest cent, counting one-half cent and over as a whole cent, for each 4-week period in which payment of such compensation is made.
   (2) Each month, an amount equal to twice the current monthly premium paid by an individual for supplementary medical insurance under title XVIII of the Social Security Act (Medicare) rounded to the nearest cent,
§ 891.501 Standards for uniform plan.

The uniform plan shall be open to all eligible retired employees and members of their families, without regard to race, sex, health status, or age. It shall not deny or limit benefits because of any preexisting condition. It shall offer basic plus major medical coverage. It shall provide a 31-day extension of coverage on termination of subscription other than by change of election or termination of the contract. A person confined in hospital for care or treatment on the 31st day of the extension of coverage shall be entitled to continuation of the benefits of the contract during the continuance of the confinement, but not beyond the 60th

The appropriate retirement office shall withhold from the annuity or compensation of each of its retired employees who has elected to subscribe to the uniform plan so much as is necessary to pay his share of the cost of his subscription. The withholdings shall be forwarded, in accordance with OPM instructions, to the Retired Employees Health Benefits Fund.