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Bureau of Employees' Compensation receives the election, and withholdings and contributions are effective beginning with the second 4-week period following receipt of the election. This paragraph does not apply to retired employees who have been, at any time, covered by the election of another under this part.

(f) Retired employees and survivors who, on January 1, 1973, were enrolled for either basic coverage only or major medical coverage only of the Uniform Plan are, effective January 1, 1973, automatically enrolled in basic plus major medical coverage of the Uniform Plan.

[33 FR 12516, Sept. 4, 1968, as amended at 37 FR 20845, Dec. 20, 1972]

§ 891.202 Change of election.

(a) When used in this section, ''month'' includes the 4-week period for which a retired employee (other than a survivor) receives compensation.

(b) A retired employee shall change his election in accordance with the following table:

TABLE OF REQUIRED CHANGES

Event requiring change	Type of election to which requirement applies	Change required	Effective date of change
(1) Loss of member of family by death or otherwise, leaving only one person covered by the election.	Election for self and family for uniform or private health benefits plan.	Change to self alone	First day of month following the event requiring change. Changes in withholdings and contributions are effective for annuity or compensation accruing for the month in which the event requiring change occurs.
(2) Termination of subscription to a private health benefits plan for all persons covered by the election but the retired employee making the election [1].	Election for self and family for private health benefits plan.	.....do	Do.
(3) Termination of subscription to a private health benefits plan for all persons covered by the election [1].	Election for self alone or for self and family for private health benefits plan.	Change to not participating (optional change may be made in accordance with paragraph (c) of this section).	Do.

[1] If the termination is immediately succeeded by a similar subscription in another private health benefits plan a change of election is not required, but the retired employee shall file a certificate of the new carrier that he is a subscriber. A form for the certificate may be obtained from the retirement office.

(c) An annuitant may change his or her election in accordance with the following table by notifying his or her retirement system at any time:

TABLE OF OPTIONAL CHANGES

Change permitted	Type of election from which changing	Effective date of change
(1) Change to not participating	Election for self alone or self and family for uniform or private health benefits plan.	First day of month specified in notice to retirement system, or first day of month following receipt of notice by retirement system, whichever is later. Changes in withholdings and contributions are effective for annuity or compensation accruing for the month preceding the effective date of the change.
(2) Change to self alone in same plan.	Election for self and family for uniform plan or private health benefits plan.	Do.
(3) Change to private health benefits plan for self alone or self and family.	Election for self alone or self and family for uniform plan.	Do.

TABLE OF OPTIONAL CHANGES—Continued

Change permitted	Type of election from which changing	Effective date of change
(4) Change to self and family in same plan.	Election for self alone for uniform or private health benefits plan.	First day of fourth month following the month in which notice is received by retirement system. Changes in withholdings and contributions are effective for annuity or compensation accruing for the third month following month in which notice is received by the retirement system.
(5) Change to self alone or self and family for uniform plan or private health benefits plan.	Election not to participate	Do.

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Subpart C—Suspension and Termination

§ 891.301 Suspension and termination.

(a) When used in this section, ''month'' includes the 4-week period for which a retired employee (other than a survivor) receives compensation.

(b) When compensation is entirely suspended or annuity is entirely waived or suspended, Government contributions are suspended. If the election is to subscribe to the uniform plan, and the annuity or compensation is suspended, or the annuity is waived to the extent that the retired employee's share of the cost cannot be withheld, withholdings and Government contributions are suspended, but the subscription continues.

(c) If the waiver or suspension covers 3 months or less, Government contributions and withholdings for the period of waiver or suspension shall be made when annuity payment is resumed. If the waiver or suspension covers more than 3 months, the retired employee's election is terminated effective at the end of the third month of waiver or suspension. A terminated election is renewed when annuity or compensation payment is resumed. When a terminated election is renewed pursuant to this paragraph, withholdings and Government contributions shall be made for the first 3 months of the waiver or suspension. Withholdings and Government contributions shall be made for annuity or compensation accruing after the election is renewed.

(d) If title of a retired employee to annuity or compensation is terminated, his eligibility under this part is terminated.

(e) If the eligibility of a retired employee is terminated and other members of the same family continue to be eligible under this part, the election of the former retired employee continues for the remainder of the family unless and until changed in accordance with § 891.202.

Subpart D—Contributions and Withholdings

§ 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 his or her 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 the current monthly premium paid by an individual for supplementary medical insurance under title XVIII of the Social Security Act (Medicare) for such