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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOYER (for himself, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. FAZIO of California, Mr. FORD, and Mr. DAVIS of Virginia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8906 of title 5, United
5 States Code, is amended by striking subsection (a) and

1 all that follows through the end of paragraph (1) of sub-
2 section (b) and inserting the following:

3 “(a)(1) The Office of Personnel Management shall,
4 not later than October 1 of each year, determine the
5 weighted average of the subscription charges that will be
6 in effect during the following contract year with respect
7 to—

8 “(A) enrollments under this chapter for self
9 alone; and

10 “(B) enrollments under this chapter for self
11 and family.

12 “(2) In determining each weighted average under
13 paragraph (1), the weight to be given to a particular sub-
14 scription charge shall, with respect to each plan (and op-
15 tion) to which it is to apply, be commensurate with the
16 number of enrollees enrolled in such plan (and option) as
17 of March 31 of the year in which the determination is
18 being made.

19 “(3) For purposes of paragraph (2), the term ‘en-
20 rollee’ means any individual who, during the contract year
21 for which the weighted average is to be used under this
22 section, will be eligible for a Government contribution de-
23 termined under this section.

24 “(b)(1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and
25 (3), the biweekly Government contribution for health bene-

1 fits for an employee or annuitant enrolled in a health bene-
2 fits plan under this chapter is adjusted to an amount equal
3 to 72 percent of the weighted average under subsection
4 (a)(1)(A) or (B), as applicable. For an employee, the ad-
5 justment begins on the first day of the employee's first
6 pay period of each year. For an annuitant, the adjustment
7 begins on the first day of the first period of each year
8 for which an annuity payment is made.”.

9 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amend-
10 ment made by this section shall take effect on the first
11 day of the contract year that begins in 1999, except that
12 nothing in this subsection shall prevent the Office of Per-
13 sonnel Management from taking any action, before such
14 first day, which it considers necessary in order to ensure
15 the timely implementation of such amendment.

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