

Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 145-4-60 Plans offered to medicare-eligible benefit recipients.

Effective: January 1, 2019

(A) Rules 145-4-60 to 145-4-68 of the Administrative Code apply to the plans sponsored by the public employees retirement system and offered to medicare-eligible benefit recipients and their dependents.

- (B) Public employee and public employer have the same meanings as in section 145.01 of the Revised Code.
- (C) Upon a benefit recipient or dependent becoming eligible for medicare, the system may provide an eligible benefit recipient with access to a monthly allowance through a health reimbursement arrangement account. A benefit recipient who is a public employee shall not participate in the health reimbursement arrangement sponsored by the system during any month that the recipient is a public employee.
- (D) The system may provide to a medicare-eligible benefit recipient who is a public employee health care coverage that pays secondary to medicare as described in rules 145-4-62 to 145-4-68 of the Administrative Code. In its sole discretion, the system may also make this coverage available on a temporary basis to eligible benefit recipients who are not public employees until such time as the benefit recipient: (1) begins participation in the health reimbursement arrangement or (2) becomes medicare-eligible following a medicare coordination period.
- (E) Medicare-eligible benefit recipients are not eligible for coverage or allowances described in paragraph (C) or (D) of this rule during any period of benefit suspension or forfeiture.
- (F) The retirement system shall offer continuation coverage, as applicable, in accordance with the requirements of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget and Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA), 42 United States Code 300gg-1.