

57 (e) current spouses of those who are eligible under Subsections (5)(a) through (d).

58 Section 2. Section 53-2d-703 (Effective 07/01/24) is amended to read:

59 **53-2d-703 (Effective 07/01/24). Volunteer Emergency Medical Service Personnel**
60 **Insurance Program -- Creation -- Administration -- Eligibility -- Benefits -- Rulemaking**
61 **-- Advisory board.**

62 (1) As used in this section:

63 (a) "Basic life insurance benefit" means the standard group life insurance benefit
64 offered by PEHP that combines basic life, line-of-duty, accidental death and disability, and
65 dependent coverage into one benefit package.

66 (b) "Basic long-term disability benefit" means a \$1,000 monthly benefit arising from a
67 disability determined in accordance with Title 49, Chapter 21, Public Employee's Long-term
68 Disability Act and excluding any coverage offered on a pilot basis.

69 (c) "Dental plan" means the same as that term is defined in Section 31A-22-646.

70 (d) "Health benefit plan" means the same as that term is defined in Section 31A-1-301.

71 ~~(b)~~ (e) "Local government entity" means a political subdivision that:

72 (i) is licensed as a ground ambulance provider under Part 5, Ambulance and Paramedic
73 Providers; and

74 (ii) as of January 1, 2022, does not offer health insurance benefits to volunteer
75 emergency medical service personnel.

76 ~~(c)~~ (f) "PEHP" means the Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program created
77 in Section 49-20-103.

78 ~~(d)~~ (g) "Political subdivision" means a county, a municipality, a limited purpose
79 government entity described in Title 17B, Limited Purpose Local Government Entities -
80 Special Districts, or Title 17D, Limited Purpose Local Government Entities - Other Entities, or
81 an entity created by an interlocal agreement under Title 11, Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation
82 Act.

83 ~~(e)~~ (h) "Qualifying association" means an association that represents two or more
84 political subdivisions in the state.

84a ~~H~~→ (i) **"Qualifying community" means a city or community that:**

84b **(a) has a population less than or equal to 3,000; and**

84c **(b) is located within a county of the second class.** ←~~H~~

85 (2) The Volunteer Emergency Medical Service Personnel ~~[Health]~~ Insurance Program
86 shall promote recruitment and retention of volunteer emergency medical service personnel by
87 making ~~[health]~~ insurance available to volunteer emergency medical service personnel in

88 accordance with this section.

89 (3) (a) The bureau shall contract with a qualifying association to create, implement, and
 90 administer the Volunteer Emergency Medical Service Personnel [~~Health~~] Insurance Program
 91 described in this section.

92 (b) The qualifying association will create promotional campaigns for the Volunteer
 93 Emergency Medical Service Personnel Insurance Program and volunteer emergency medical
 94 service recruitment and retention including outreach to local government entities through social
 95 media, video production, and other media platforms.

96 (4) Participation in the program is limited to [~~emergency medical service personnel~~]
 97 any individual who:

98 (a) [~~are~~] is licensed under Section 53-2d-402 [~~and~~] as an emergency medical
 99 technician, an advanced emergency medical technician, or a paramedic;

100 (b) [~~are~~] is able to perform all necessary functions associated with the license;

101 [~~(b)~~] (c) [~~provide~~] provides emergency medical services under the direction of a local
 102 governmental entity:

103 (i) by responding to 20% of calls for emergency medical services in a rolling
 104 twelve-month period; and

105 (ii) within a ~~H~~→ qualifying community or a ←~~H~~ county of the third, fourth, fifth, or sixth
 105a class by responding to the number
 106 of calls described in Subsection (4)(c)(i); and

107 (iii) (A) as a volunteer under the Fair Labor Standards Act, in accordance with 29
 108 C.F.R. Sec. 553.106; or

109 (B) as a part-time unbenefited employee, as classified by the employing local
 110 government entity;

111 [~~(c)~~] (d) if seeking health insurance:

112 (i) (A) [~~are~~] is not eligible for a health benefit plan through an employer or a spouse's
 113 employer; and

114 [~~(d)~~] (B) [~~are~~] is not eligible for medical coverage under a government sponsored
 115 healthcare program; [~~and~~] or

116 (ii) the individual's premium cost for individual, double, or family coverage through
 117 another source exceeds 20% or greater of the premium cost of the program created by this
 118 section;