

Public Law 96-156  
96th Congress

An Act

Dec. 27, 1979  
[S. 716]

To amend the Retired Federal Employees Health Benefits Act, as amended, with respect to the Government contribution toward subscription charge.

Retired Federal  
Employees  
Health Benefits  
Act, amendment.  
Subscription  
charge,  
Government  
contribution.

42 USC 1395r.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That (a) section 4 of the Retired Federal Employee Health Benefits Act (Public Law 86-724; 74 Stat. 850), as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. If a retired employee enrolls for self-only in the health benefits plan provided for by section 3 of this Act, the Government shall contribute each month toward his subscription charge an amount equal to the current monthly premium of an individual for such month under section 1839(c)(3) of the Social Security Act. The Government contribution for a retired employee enrolled for self and family shall be twice the contribution for one enrolled for self-only. A retired employee may not receive a Government contribution for more than one plan, nor may a retired employee receive a Government contribution if he is covered under the enrollment of another employee or retired employee who is receiving a Government contribution toward his enrollment. The immediately preceding sentence shall not apply with respect to the plan for supplementary medical insurance provided by part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act."

42 USC 1395j.

(b) Subsection (a) of section 6 of such Act is amended—

(1) by striking out "appropriate Government contribution established by the Commission pursuant to section 4(a) of the Act" and inserting "Government contribution under section 4 of this Act"; and

(2) by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence: "The immediately preceding sentence shall not apply with respect to the plan for supplementary medical insurance provided by part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act."

(c) The amendments made by this Act shall apply to contributions made by the Government on or after the later of—

(1) the first day of the first month beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act, or  
(2) October 1, 1979.

Approved December 27, 1979.

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