Note: All provisions of this policy require continuous coverage as an employee, retiree or dependent spouse under a BSSP medical plan unless otherwise excepted below.

A. Coverage for retired employees is at the option of each district. Contributions may be paid by the retiree and/or the district but all contributions will be remitted to BSSP JPA by the district.

B. A retiree must qualify for retirement according to the district requirements or the requirements of the State Teachers’ Retirement System (STRS) or the Public Employees’ Retirement System (PERS).

C. Retirees and their covered spouses/registered domestic partners and dependent children must secure Medicare Parts A and B when eligible.

D. Retirees and/or covered spouses/registered domestic partners who discontinue coverage may not re-enroll in any plan unless:
   1. The individual becomes an eligible employee or the spouse/registered domestic partner of another individual covered under either an active or retiree plan of BSSP JPA; or
   2. The spouse/registered domestic partner provides proof of creditable coverage terminating immediately prior to the enrollment date.

The provisions of policy 1.8, Break in Coverage, do not apply to a retiree or the spouse/registered domestic partner of a retiree.

E. Where both spouses have the option of retiree coverage from the same or different member districts of BSSP JPA:
   1. Each spouse/registered domestic partner may enroll in an individual retiree plan under his/her member district; or
   2. The couple may enroll in a retiree plan under the member district of one of the spouses/registered domestic partners.
      a. When coverage for the spouse/registered domestic partner under which the couple is enrolled terminates:
         i. The couple may enroll a retiree plan under the member district of the other spouse/registered domestic partner, or
         ii. The individuals may enroll in individual plans under their respective member districts.
      b. Upon the death of the spouse/registered domestic partner under which the coverage is provided, the surviving spouse/registered domestic partner may enroll in an individual retiree plan under his/her member district.
3. Upon dissolution of the marriage or termination of the domestic partnership, each individual may enroll in an individual plan under his/her member district.

F. CONFORMITY TO SELF-INSURED SCHOOLS OF CALIFORNIA (SISC): SISC guidelines will apply to benefits programs administered through SISC as well as those programs administered independent of SISC.