

Survivor Benefits

Medical Coverage for Surviving Spouse and/or Dependent(s) Highmark Blue Shield If a deceased faculty member was eligible for benefits under the SSHE/APSCUF health plan, his/her spouse and/or dependent(s) are eligible for the same benefits for the following time periods:

1. If death occurs within the first 15 days of the month, survivor benefits will end the last day of the month.
2. If death occurs within the last 14 days of the month, survivor benefits will end the 14th day of the next month.

Surviving spouses may qualify to purchase the deceased annuitant's coverage, for their lifetime, at the group rate under Act 35 of 1991 and Act 183 of 1992. If you do not qualify for purchasing benefits under these Acts, surviving spouse/dependent(s) may qualify for continuation of same benefits under the Consolidation Omnibus Reconciliation Budget Act (COBRA) of 1986.

Please contact your local personnel office for more information.