

**18A.2256 TRICARE supplement insurance for public employees.**

- (1) The provisions of this section shall take effect to the extent that they are not preempted by 10 U.S.C. sec. 1097c, other federal law, or federal regulation.
- (2) As used in this section:
  - (a) "TRICARE" means the Department of Defense health care program for active duty and retired uniformed service members and their families; and
  - (b) "Employee" has the same meaning as in KRS 18A.225.
- (3) Beginning with plan year 2009, the Personnel Cabinet, Department for Employee Insurance, shall select and contract with one (1) or more providers to offer a group TRICARE supplement product to eligible employees who are eligible TRICARE beneficiaries.
- (4) The Commonwealth of Kentucky shall pay the cost of individual TRICARE supplement insurance to cover the employee, not to exceed the cost of the lowest-priced individual plan offered to public employees. The employee shall pay the cost of coverage for his or her spouse and dependent children.
- (5) Those employees eligible for TRICARE insurance who elect the Commonwealth of Kentucky-sponsored TRICARE supplement insurance shall not be eligible for other coverage offered through the Public Employee Health Insurance Program. Those employees eligible for TRICARE insurance who choose not to elect the Commonwealth of Kentucky-sponsored TRICARE supplement insurance shall continue to be eligible for the coverage offered through the Public Employee Health Insurance Program.
- (6) The secretary of the Personnel Cabinet may promulgate administrative regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.

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