

## **BASIC**

This option provides a monthly benefit to the member until death. It does not provide any benefits to the beneficiary after the member's death. It provides the highest monthly lifetime benefit. If the member dies before receiving an amount equal to his account balance at the time of retirement, his beneficiary will receive the difference. For this option, the member may name a single person, trust, or estate as beneficiary.

## **10 YEAR CERTAIN AND LIFE**

A member age 75 or younger may choose this option. This guarantees payments for a 120-month period which begins when the member retires. If the member dies before 120 payments have been made, the beneficiary will receive the remaining payments. For this option, the member may name a single person, trust, or estate as beneficiary. If the Estate is the beneficiary, the estate shall receive a lump-sum payment, which shall be the actuarial equivalent to the remaining payments. If the member survives past the 120 payments, the same monthly benefit continues to the member, but the beneficiary is no longer eligible for benefits.

## **15 YEAR CERTAIN AND LIFE**

A member age 67 or younger may choose this option. This guarantees payments over a 180-month period which begins when the member retires. If the member dies before 180 payments have been made, the beneficiary will receive the remaining payments. For this option, the member may name a single person, trust, or estate as beneficiary. If the Estate is the beneficiary, the estate shall receive a lump-sum payment, which shall be the actuarial equivalent to the remaining payments. If the member survives past the 180 payments, the same monthly benefit continues to the member, but the beneficiary is no longer eligible for benefits.

## **20 YEAR CERTAIN AND LIFE**

A member age 61 or younger may choose this option. This guarantees payments over a 240-month period which begins when the member retires. If the member dies before 240 payments have been made, the beneficiary will receive the remaining payments. For this option, the member may name a single person, trust, or estate as beneficiary. If the Estate is the beneficiary, the estate shall receive a lump-sum payment, which shall be the actuarial equivalent to the remaining payments. If the member survives past the

240-month period, the same monthly benefit continues to the member, but the beneficiary is no longer eligible for benefits.

### **SURVIVORSHIP 100%**

This option guarantees a monthly benefit to the member for life. If the member dies before the beneficiary, the beneficiary is eligible for the same monthly benefit until death. For this option, the member may name only a single person as beneficiary.

### **SURVIVORSHIP 66 2/3%**

This option guarantees a monthly benefit to the member for life. If the member dies before the beneficiary, the beneficiary is eligible for a monthly benefit equal to 66 2/3% of the member's monthly benefit until death. For this option, the member may name only a single person as beneficiary.

### **SURVIVORSHIP 50%**

This option guarantees a monthly benefit to the member for life. If the member dies before the beneficiary, the beneficiary is eligible for a monthly benefit equal to 50% of the member's monthly benefit until death. For this option, the member may name only a single person as beneficiary.

### **POP-UP**

Under this option, the member is guaranteed a monthly benefit for life. In the event the member dies, the beneficiary will receive the same monthly benefit for life. However, if the beneficiary dies before the member, the member's monthly benefit "pops up," or increases, to the Basic amount, the highest monthly amount. The member's benefit will also pop up if the member's beneficiary is a spouse and they become divorced. For this option, the member may name only a single person as beneficiary.

## **SOCIAL SECURITY ADJUSTMENT WITHOUT SURVIVOR RIGHTS**

A member under age 62 may elect to take a larger monthly payment until reaching age 62, when the member will be eligible for Social Security. The month following the member's 62<sup>nd</sup> birthday, the retirement system's monthly benefit will be reduced. This option allows the younger member to draw a larger benefit until eligible for Social Security. No Social Security funds are involved, and this option does not affect the amount of Social Security that the member will receive. If the member dies before receiving an amount equal to his account balance at the time of retirement, his beneficiary will receive the difference. The beneficiary is not eligible for monthly benefits if the member dies. For this option, the member may name a single person, trust, or estate as beneficiary.

## **SOCIAL SECURITY ADJUSTMENT WITH SURVIVOR RIGHTS**

This provides similar benefits as the Social Security Adjustment Option Without Survivor Rights. In addition, it guarantees the same benefit to the beneficiary if the member dies. If the member dies before age 62, the beneficiary draws the higher payment until the member would have become age 62. Thereafter, the beneficiary will receive the same reduced monthly benefit that the member would have received. For this option, the member may name only a single person as beneficiary.

## **TEN YEARS CERTAIN**

This option is only available for SPRS members or KERS or CERS members in hazardous positions. It is not offered to members who have hazardous and nonhazardous service in the same system.

This option provides a monthly payment guaranteed for 120 months to the member, or if the member dies, to the beneficiary for the remainder of the 120 months. After the 120-month period, the member still retains the insurance benefit but is no longer eligible for any other benefits. This benefit pays a high monthly amount, but only for 10 years. *After 10 years, this benefit ceases altogether and neither the member nor the beneficiary will receive further payments.* In addition, after the end of the 10 years, there will be no \$5,000 death benefit payment at the time of the member's death. For this option, the member may name a single person, trust, or estate as beneficiary.