

Before your first annuity payment is made, you may elect to receive your annuity as a straight life annuity or you may elect to have your annuity reduced and designate a beneficiary. All annuity options are payable to you for your lifetime. The following information describes your annuity options.

Straight Life

Under the straight life option, you receive unreduced monthly benefits. If you die within 12 months of the effective date of retirement, an Option B75 annuity may be payable, upon application, to your surviving spouse. If no surviving spouse exists, your beneficiary, as indicated by our records, will receive a lump-sum of any balance of your accumulated employee contributions not paid to you in the form of a monthly annuity payment.

A-Options

Under the "A-Options," you receive reduced monthly benefits. If you die before receiving a set number of monthly benefits, your beneficiary will receive the remaining monthly benefits. Your beneficiary may be anyone you choose. In the case of multiple beneficiaries, the benefit will be shared equally by each.

Option A120

You receive 94% of the computed straight life annuity. If your death occurs before you have received 120 monthly payments, your beneficiary is entitled to the same annuity for the remainder of the 120 months. *

Option A60

You receive 98% of the computed straight life annuity. If your death occurs before you have received 60 monthly payments, your beneficiary is entitled to the same annuity for the remainder of the 60 months. *

B-Options

Under the "B-Options," you receive reduced monthly benefits. In the event of your death, a percentage of your monthly benefits is payable to your beneficiary for his or her lifetime. *

For the "B-Options," your beneficiary must be either of the following:

1. Your spouse (to whom you have been married for at least six months), or
2. A dependent child 40 years of age or older who was claimed as a dependent on your previous year's federal tax return.

Option B50

You receive 88% of the computed straight life annuity (adjusted upward or downward for the difference in age between yourself and your beneficiary). Upon your death, 50% of your monthly annuity will be paid to your beneficiary for his or her lifetime. *

Option B75

You receive 83% of the computed straight life annuity (adjusted upward or downward for the difference in age between yourself and your beneficiary). Upon your death, 75% of your monthly annuity will be paid to your beneficiary for his or her lifetime. *

* *Less the temporary benefit, if applicable.*

