10.5  Part-time Employees

10.5.1  Part-time employees who are members of the unit, who have been employed two previous semesters within the last six semesters, and as of Monday of the third week of the semester who have teaching assignments of five hours or more per week for the semester, or as of Monday of the fifth week of the semester are assigned the equivalent of five hours or more per week of a non-teaching assignment shall be eligible to receive Kaiser medical insurance. The District shall contribute an amount equal to the single party Kaiser Health Maintenance Plan premium not under PERS. In lieu of the Kaiser plan, eligible employees may elect a composite dental or vision plan. Employees who lose non-District-provided coverage as a result of divorce or death of a spouse shall be allowed to change their election; otherwise changes to election of Kaiser or dental or vision plans are limited to the open enrollment period.

If a part-time faculty elects the Kaiser medical insurance, he/she may purchase at his/her cost, coverage for dependents, the composite dental, and/or vision insurance plan.

If a part-time faculty elects the composite dental or vision plan in lieu of the Kaiser plan, he/she may purchase at his/her cost, coverage for the plan not covered by the District’s contribution.

All premiums paid by any faculty for the purpose of purchasing health insurance shall be pre-tax.

10.5.2  In the event that during the college year a covered employee’s load drops below the number of hours stated in 10.5.1 but is at least three hours per week during that semester, the employee’s coverage shall continue through that college year, except in cases where the employee requests the reduction in load.

Effective with the fall 2000 semester, once a part-time faculty member becomes eligible for health benefits as set forth in section 10.5.1, if the part-time faculty member falls below the required 5 hours (except when a reduction in hours is voluntarily requested by the faculty member) he/she shall retain eligibility for at least two semesters.

10.5.3  This benefit does not apply to full-time employees of the District who teach overload classes.