



Introduction

Notice of Election of Benefits (Option D)

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 32, Section 12(2)(d)
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This form permits an eligible spouse to elect to receive a benefit pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 32, Section 12(2)(d) (Option D). An eligible spouse is one who:

- Is married to a member with at least two years of creditable service
- Has been married to the member for at least one year
- If living apart from the member, it was for a justifiable cause

If the spouse is eligible, he or she may elect this benefit, and any other person named as an Option D beneficiary by the member will no longer be eligible for a benefit.

If a member dies without an eligible spouse, but with a nominated Option D beneficiary, that beneficiary will receive the Option D benefit.

If an eligible spouse does not elect this benefit, and there is also no nominated Option D beneficiary, then the member's accumulated deductions will be disbursed in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 32, Section 11(2)(c) to the beneficiary or beneficiaries listed on the *Beneficiary Selection Form for Refund of Accumulated Deductions*.

