## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Provides that if a state or school district retiree without dependants elects to enroll in Medicare Parts A and B, his continued participation in Office of Group Benefits (OGB) health plans is limited to Medicare Advantage Plans only.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 42:1001 et seq.) authorizes state employees to participate in the federally managed Medicare Program.

<u>Present law</u> creates OGB to contract with providers to offer insurance products to state employees and employees of state, local, and special school districts. <u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u>.

<u>Present law</u> allows participating state and school employees to continue participation in OGB-sponsored health plans after retirement. <u>Proposed law</u> restricts continued coverage by retirees who have elected to enroll in Medicare Parts A and B to participation in a Medicare Advantage Plan.

Effective July 1, 2020.

(Adds R.S. 42:851.1)