

This fact sheet provides information to help you understand the provisions of the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP), but is not a contract document. The basic statutory provisions of the SBP law are in [Chapter 73, Title 10, United States Code](#).

NDAAs 2013 PL 112-239

-- Repeal of requirement for payment of Survivor Benefit Plan premiums when participant waives retired pay to provide a survivor annuity under Federal Employees Retirement System and terminating payment of the Survivor Benefit Plan annuity.

-- Effective 1 Jan 13, SBP threshold increased to \$760; 1.7 percent retiree COLA effective 1 Dec 2012

-- Effective 1 Dec 12 DIC rates increase (Basic spouse DIC rate \$1215; additional \$258 if veteran rated totally disabled 8 continuous years prior to death and surviving spouse married to veteran those same 8 years; each dependent child younger than 18, \$301.

NDAAs 2014 – No SBP Law Changes

-- Effective 1 Jan 14, SBP threshold increased to \$768; 1.5 percent retiree COLA effective 1 Dec 2013

-- Effective 1 Dec 13 DIC rates increase (Basic spouse DIC rate \$1233.23; additional \$261.87 if veteran rated totally disabled 8 continuous years prior to death and surviving spouse married to veteran those same 8 years; each dependent child younger than 18, \$305.52.

NDAAs 2015 PL 113-291

-- Survivor Benefit Plan annuities for special needs trusts established for the benefit of dependent children incapable of self-support.

-- Effective 1 Jan 15, SBP threshold increased to \$776; 1.7 percent retiree COLA effective 1 Dec 2014

-- Effective 1 Dec 14-15 DIC rates increase (Basic spouse DIC rate \$1254.19, additional \$266.32 if veteran rated totally disabled 8 continuous years prior to death and surviving spouse married to veteran those same 8 years; each dependent child younger than 18 \$310.71

NDAAs 2016 PL 114-92

-- Effective 1 Jan 16, SBP threshold increased to \$786; 0 percent retiree COLA effective 1 Dec 2015

Effective 1 Dec 15 DIC rates increase (Basic spouse DIC rate \$1254.19, additional \$266.32 if veteran rated totally disabled 8 continuous years prior to death and surviving spouse married to veteran those same 8 years; each dependent child younger than 18 \$310.71

-- Effective 25 Nov 2015 the election of a new spouse beneficiary under the Survivor Benefit Plan after the death of a former spouse beneficiary

NDAA 2017 PL 114- 537

-- SSIA \$310.00 extended to 1 June 2018

-- Equal benefits under Survivor Benefit Plan for Survivors of Reserve Component Members who die in the Line of Duty during Inactive-Duty Training.

-- Effective 1 Jan 17, SBP threshold increased to \$803; 0.3 percent retiree COLA effective 1 Dec 2016

-- Effective 1 Dec 16 DIC rates increase (Basic spouse DIC rate \$1257.95; additional \$267.12 if veteran rated totally disabled 8 continuous years prior to death and surviving spouse married to veteran those same 8 years; each dependent child younger than 18 \$311.64