

**21.425 Benefits to surviving or disabled children -- Designation of beneficiaries.**

- (1) In any circumstances in which a surviving spouse would be entitled to any allowance under KRS 21.420, but there is no surviving spouse or the surviving spouse subsequently dies, and there is a surviving child or children of the member under the age of twenty-one (21), or there is a disabled child or children, the monthly allowance that the surviving spouse would have received or was receiving shall be continued, as follows:
  - (a) If the member does not have a disabled child or children, the benefit shall continue until there are no children remaining under the age of twenty-one (21); or
  - (b) If the member has a disabled child or children, the benefit shall continue until the death of the last remaining disabled child.
- (2) A member may designate his child or children under the age of twenty-one (21), or his disabled child or children, to receive the death benefit payable under KRS 21.420 instead of his spouse, or he may designate that his spouse shall receive a percentage of the death benefit, and his child or children under the age of twenty-one (21), or his disabled child or children, shall receive the remainder. The member making such a choice shall designate his beneficiary or beneficiaries in writing to the manager of the Judicial Form Retirement System on a form provided by the manager.
- (3) For purposes of this section, "disabled" means an individual determined by the Social Security Administration to be entitled to total disability benefits.

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