

## Bulletin for ALL TSA Employees – 5/1/2019

### Open Enrollment Begins Today - SAMBA Employee Benevolent Fund (EBF)

Beginning today and ending Friday, May 31, 2019, Open Enrollment is available for the Special Agents Mutual Benefit Association (SAMBA) Employee Benevolent Fund (EBF). During this time, all permanent full and part-time employees who are actively at work (not on official leave, active military duty, or leave without pay status), can enroll, increase, or decrease coverage by visiting the SAMBA website, or follow this [link](#). Please note that if you are accessing SAMBA's website through TSA's network, you may need to manually type in the website address into the browser ([www.sambaplans.com](http://www.sambaplans.com)). The website may be blocked if you click on the link.

The Employee Benevolent Fund (EBF) is a unique benefit fund that promptly provides a lump sum death benefit payment of a participating deceased employee in the amount of:

- \$17,500 for a cost of \$39 per year, or
- \$35,000 for a cost of \$78 per year

**Note:** The benefit is usually paid within 24 to 48 hours after notification of death. Beneficiary(ies) can use this benefit to help sustain while other benefits are being finalized.

To enroll or increase in the SAMBA Employee Benevolent Fund (EBF), following the steps below:

- **STEP 1:** Go to the Employee Benevolent Fund page, or follow this [link](#)
- **STEP 2:** Click on the Participating Federal Agencies button, or follow this [link](#)
- **STEP 3:** Select **TSA – Transportation Security Administration** from the participating agency dropdown list
- **STEP 4:** Follow the prompts to register on the SAMBA website and enroll or increase coverage

Enrollment for the SAMBA Employee Benevolent Fund (EBF) must be completed by May 31, 2019.

For more information, contact SAMBA at 1-800-638-6589.

#### Questions?

Please contact the HCAccess Help Desk by phone at 1-877-872-7990, by fax at 1-877-872-7993, or by email at this [link](#). Live agents are available 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays, with additional hours for recruitment calls only from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. EDT Saturday and 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EDT Sunday. Visit our website at this [link](#), and check out HCAccess online at this [link](#).