

§ 58-86A-4. (Effective July 1, 2025) Benefits.

The following benefits shall be provided under the Program:

- (1) Lump sum benefit. – Not to exceed a total of seventy-four thousand dollars (\$74,000), a lump sum benefit of thirty-seven thousand dollars (\$37,000) for each diagnosis of cancer shall be payable to an eligible firefighter upon sufficient proof to the insurance carrier, the Department, the Office of the State Fire Marshal, or other applicable payor of a diagnosis of cancer by a board-certified, licensed physician in the medical specialty appropriate for the type of cancer diagnosed.
- (2) Disability benefit. – Upon sufficient proof to the insurance carrier, the Department, the Office of the State Fire Marshal, or other applicable payor of total disability resulting from the diagnosis of cancer or that the cancer precludes the firefighter from serving as a firefighter, the following disability benefits shall be paid to an eligible firefighter beginning six months after the total disability or inability to perform the duties of a firefighter, whichever applies:
 - a. For a nonvolunteer firefighter. – A monthly benefit that is either (i) equal to seventy-five percent (75%) of the firefighter's monthly salary or (ii) five thousand dollars (\$5,000), whichever is less.
 - b. For a volunteer firefighter. – A monthly benefit of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500). (2024-29, s. 10.1.)