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# HOUSE BILL No. 1260

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## DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Medicare supplement birthday rule. Provides that the prohibition on denying, conditioning, or discriminating in the pricing of Medicare supplement policies for certain applicants applies to an applicant who submits an application for a Medicare supplement policy or certificate during the period beginning one month before the applicant's birthday and ending one month after the applicant's birthday. (Under current law, the provision applies to an applicant who submits an application for a Medicare supplement policy or certificate within 60 days of the applicant's birthday.) Specifies that a new Medicare supplement policy or certificate must go into effect on the first day of the next month after the signature date on the application.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning insurance.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 27-2-28-8, AS ADDED BY P.L.226-2023,  
2 SECTION 20, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) An insurer that makes a material change to  
4 an insured's personal automobile or homeowner's policy shall provide  
5 a written notice to the insured that:  
6 (1) explains the principal factors for the material change; or  
7 (2) states that the insured has a right to request and obtain an  
8 explanation of the principal factors for the material change.  
9 (b) **Not later than thirty (30) days after** an insured who receives  
10 a notice of a material change described in subsection (a)(2), **the**  
11 **insured** may submit to the insurer a written request for an explanation  
12 of the principal factors for the material change.  
13 (c) **Upon Not later than thirty (30) days after** receiving a request  
14 for an explanation under subsection (b), the insurer shall provide

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1 written notice to the insured explaining the principal factors for the  
 2 material change.

3 (d) An insurer shall provide a copy of a written notice provided  
 4 under subsection (a)(1) or (c):

5 (1) to the insurance producer, if any, who:

6 (A) represented:

7 (i) the insured in obtaining coverage from the insurer;  
 8 or

9 (ii) the insurer in regard to the providing of coverage to  
 10 the insured; and

11 (B) is not an employee, an exclusive agent, or a captive  
 12 agent of the insurer; and

13 (2) to the insurer's reporting portal for agent communications.

14 (e) A written notice provided under subsection (a) or (c), or a  
 15 written request submitted under subsection (b), must be provided by:

16 (1) first class mail; or

17 (2) electronic delivery as set forth in IC 27-1-43.

18 SECTION 2. IC 27-7-6-0.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 19 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 20 1, 2026]: **Sec. 0.5. Section 6 of this chapter, as amended in the 2026**  
 21 **session of the general assembly, applies to automobile insurance**  
 22 **policies that are issued, delivered, amended, or renewed after June**  
 23 **30, 2026.**

24 SECTION 3. IC 27-7-6-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.196-2021,  
 25 SECTION 36, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 26 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) An insurer shall not fail to renew a policy  
 27 unless it mails to the named insured, at the address shown in the policy,  
 28 at least ~~twenty~~ (20) ~~sixty~~ (60) days advance notice of its intention not  
 29 to renew the policy.

30 (b) If a policy was procured by an independent insurance producer  
 31 duly licensed by the state of Indiana, a notice of intent not to renew the  
 32 policy shall be mailed to the independent insurance producer at least  
 33 ten (10) days prior to the mailing of the notice of intention not to renew  
 34 to the named insured under subsection (a), unless such notice of intent  
 35 is or has been waived in writing by the independent insurance  
 36 producer.

37 (c) This section does not apply:

38 (1) if the insurer has manifested its willingness to renew; or  
 39 (2) in case of nonpayment of premium.

40 However, notwithstanding the failure of an insurer to comply with this  
 41 section, the policy shall terminate on the effective date of any other  
 42 insurance policy with respect to any automobile designated in both



1 policies.

2 (d) A notice of intention not to renew is not required under this  
3 section if:

4 (1) the insured is transferred from an insurer to an affiliate of the  
5 insurer for future coverage; and

6 (2) the transfer results in the same or broader coverage.

7 (e) Renewal of a policy shall not constitute a waiver or estoppel  
8 with respect to grounds for cancellation which existed before the  
9 effective date of such renewal.

10 SECTION 4. IC 27-7-12-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
11 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) **Except as**  
12 **provided in subsection (b)**, this chapter applies to policies of  
13 insurance covering risks to property located in Indiana that take effect  
14 or are renewed after June 30, 2001, and that insure loss of or damage  
15 to:

16 (1) real property consisting of not more than four (4) residential  
17 units, one (1) of which is the principal place of residence of the  
18 named insured; or

19 (2) personal property:

20 (A) in which the named insured has an insurable interest;  
21 and

22 (B) that is used within a residential dwelling for personal,  
23 family, or household purposes.

24 (b) **Section 4 of this chapter, as amended in the 2026 session of**  
25 **the general assembly, applies to policies of insurance described in**  
26 **subsection (a) that are issued, delivered, amended, or renewed**  
27 **after June 30, 2026.**

28 (b) (c) This chapter does not apply to the following:

29 (1) A policy of inland marine insurance.

30 (2) The cancellation or nonrenewal of an automobile insurance  
31 policy under IC 27-7-6.

32 (3) The cancellation or nonrenewal of a commercial property and  
33 casualty insurance policy under IC 27-1-31-2.5.

34 SECTION 5. IC 27-7-12-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.196-2021,  
35 SECTION 38, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
36 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) Notice of nonrenewal by an insurer must:

37 (1) be in writing;

38 (2) be mailed to the named insured at the last known address of  
39 the named insured;

40 (3) state the insurer's intention not to renew the policy upon  
41 expiration of the current policy period;

42 (4) upon request of the named insured, be accompanied by a

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1 written explanation of the specific reasons for the nonrenewal;  
2 and

(5) be mailed to the named insured at least ~~twenty (20)~~ ~~sixty (60)~~ days before the expiration of the current policy period.

11 (c) Notice of nonrenewal under this section is not required if:

14 (2) the transfer results in the same or broader coverage.

15 (d) If an insurer mails to an insured a renewal notice, bill,  
16 certificate, or policy indicating the insurer's willingness to renew a  
17 policy and the insured does not respond, the insurer is not required to  
18 mail to the insured notice of intention not to renew.

19 SECTION 6. IC 27-7-18.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
20 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
21 JULY 1, 2026]:

## Chapter 18.7. Property and Casualty Insurance for Condominium Units

24 Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "condominium" has the  
25 meaning set forth in IC 32-25-2-7.

26 Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "condominium unit" has the  
27 meaning set forth in IC 32-25-2-9.

28                   **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "co-owner" has the meaning set**  
29                   **forth in IC 32-25-2-11.**

30 Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "property and casualty  
31 insurance" means one (1) or more of the types of insurance  
32 described in IC 27-1-5-1, Class 2 and Class 3.

33           **Sec. 5. (a) This section applies to a condominium in which all**  
34           **of the condominium units:**

42 (1) By purchasing a master policy for property and casualty

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insurance.

**(2) By allowing each co-owner to purchase property and casualty insurance on an individual basis.**

(c) This section may not be construed to relieve the co-owners from any obligation under IC 32-25-8-9 to provide insurance coverage under a master policy for:

- (1) the land on which the condominium is located;
- (2) swimming pools and other recreational facilities; or
- (3) any other parts of the condominium existing for common use.

[ SECTION 7. IC 27-8-13-9.3, AS ADDED BY P.L.56-2025,  
SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 9.3. (a) **Except as provided in subsection**

**(b), this section applies to a Medicare supplement policy or certificate**  
delivered, issued, or renewed on or after January 1, 2026.

**(b) The amendments made to this section in the 2026 session of the general assembly apply to a Medicare supplement policy or certificate delivered, issued, or renewed on or after March 15, 2026.**

(b) (c) This section applies to:

(1) an applicant who submits an application for a Medicare supplement policy or certificate before or during the six (6) month period beginning on the first day of the first month during which the applicant is;

(A) at least sixty-five (65) years of age; and

**(B)** timely enrolled for benefits under without penalty under federal law; and

(2) an applicant who:

(A) is at least sixty-five (65) years of age;

(B) is insured under a Medicare supplement policy or certificate:

(C) submits an application for a policy or certificate;

(i) to an issuer that is different than the issuer of the applicant's current Medicare supplement policy or

certificate; and  
(ii) within sixty (60) days of during the period  
beginning one (1) month before the applicant's  
birthday and ending one (1) month after the  
applicant's birthday; and

(D) seeks to maintain the same type of lettered Medicare supplement plan, including any variation of the lettered

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plan.

**(e) (d)** An issuer of a Medicare supplement policy or certificate shall not deny, condition the issuance or effectiveness of, or discriminate in the pricing of a Medicare supplement policy or certificate because of the health status, claims experience, receipt of health care, or medical condition of an applicant to which subsection **(b) (c)** applies.

**(d) (e) A new Medicare supplement policy or certificate issued to an applicant under subsection (b)(2) (c)(2) must go into effect on the first day of the next month that is at least thirty (30) days after the signature date on the application for the Medicare supplement policy or certificate.**

1 SECTION ~~27~~<sup>27</sup>[8]. IC 27-19-3-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 1.5. The commissioner shall have the authority to do the following:**

(1) Establish any program, promulgate any rule, policy, guideline, or plan, or change any program, rule, policy, or guideline to:

(A) implement;

(B) establish;

(C) create;

(P) administer; or

(E) otherwise operate;

### **a health benefit exchange.**

**(2) Apply for, accept, or expend federal money related to the creation, implementation, or operation of a health benefit exchange.**

(3) Establish any advisory board or committee that the commissioner deems necessary to provide recommendations on the creation, implementation, or operation of a health benefit exchange.<sup>1</sup>

## SECTION 9. An emergency is declared for this act.

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