

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY**  
**OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS**  
**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6825**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1279

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 29, 2025

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Collection of Cost Sharing.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Barrett

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**    **GENERAL**  
                           **DEDICATED**  
                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides that an insurer:

- (1) must pay a health care provider the full amount due for health care services under the health care provider's agreement with the insurer, including any cost sharing;
- (2) has the sole responsibility for collecting cost sharing from a covered individual; and
- (3) upon request of the covered individual, must collect cost sharing throughout the policy year in increments defined by the insurer.

This bill prohibits an insurer from taking certain actions regarding the collection of cost sharing. It also requires each insurer to certify to the Insurance Commissioner, before December 31 of each year, that the insurer has fully and completely complied with the requirements during the previous calendar year.

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2027.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The bill will increase workload for the Indiana Department of Insurance to ensure compliance with the bill's requirements, but should be able to be implemented using existing staffing and resources. *[The DOI is funded through a dedicated agency fund.]*

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** The bill requires insurers to directly pay health care providers the full amount due for health care services incurred for covered individuals, including all cost sharing amounts. This may increase total revenue collected by locally-owned hospitals to the extent that any cost sharing would have otherwise gone unpaid by covered individuals.

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Insurance.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Locally-owned hospitals.

**Information Sources:**

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