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SENATE BILL No. 275

DIGEST OF SB 275 (Updated January 15, 2026 3:06 pm - DI 120)

Citations Affected: IC 12-11; IC 12-15; IC 29-1.

Synopsis: FSSA fiscal matters. Establishes a time frame in which the bureau of disabilities services must review and approve or deny requests for an increase in service units provided to certain individuals with a disability. Reduces the income levels as a percentage of the federal poverty level for purposes of the Medicaid eligibility of certain Medicare beneficiaries. Repeals a provision prohibiting the office of the secretary of family and social services from reducing reimbursement for home health services. Specifies that public notice of at least six months (rather than one year) must be provided before a health facility service reimbursement that results in a reduction in reimbursement may be changed. Provides that a claim by the estate recovery unit of the office of Medicaid policy and planning (estate recovery unit) is forever barred unless the estate recovery unit files a claim in the court in which the decedent's estate is being administered not later than 180 days after the estate has been opened.

Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 2026; July 1, 2027.

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January 8, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Appropriations.
January 20, 2026, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 12-11-2.1-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.99-2007,
2 SECTION 78, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. **(a)** All services provided to an individual must
4 be provided under the individual service plan of the individual with a
5 disability. To the extent that services described in IC 12-11-1.1-1(e) are
6 available and meet the individual's needs, services provided to an
7 individual shall be provided in the least restrictive environment
8 possible.

9 **(b) Pursuant to the applicable home and community based**
10 **services waiver, a request to increase service units on an**
11 **individual's approved service plan must be submitted to the bureau**
12 **for review and approval or denial not later than forty-five (45)**
13 **calendar days from the first day of the qualifying event, as**
14 **prescribed by the bureau.**

15 SECTION 2. IC 12-15-2-3.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.210-2015,
16 SECTION 45, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
17 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 3.5. An individual:

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1 (1) who is:
2 (A) at least sixty-five (65) years of age; or
3 (B) disabled, as determined by the Supplemental Security
4 Income program; and
5 (2) whose income and resources do not exceed those levels
6 established by the Supplemental Security Income program;
7 is eligible to receive Medicaid assistance. if the individual's family
8 income does not exceed one hundred percent (100%) of the federal
9 income poverty level for the same size family, using income counting
10 standards and criteria established by the federal Social Security
11 Administration;

12 SECTION 3. IC 12-15-2-26, AS ADDED BY P.L.278-2013,
13 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
14 JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 26. (a) This section applies beginning the later of
15 the following:

16 (1) The date that the office is informed that the United States
17 Department of Health and Human Services has approved
18 Indiana's conversion to 1634 status within the Medicaid program.
19 (2) January 1, 2014.

(b) As used in this section, "qualified Medicare beneficiary" means an individual defined in 42 U.S.C. 1396d(p)(1).

22 (c) As used in this section, "qualifying individual" refers to an
23 individual described in 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(E)(iv).

24 (d) As used in this section, "specified low-income Medicare
25 beneficiary" refers to an individual described in 42 U.S.C.
26 1396a(a)(10)(E)(iii).

27 (e) The following individuals are eligible for the specified coverage
28 under this section:

29 (1) A qualified Medicare beneficiary whose:
30 (A) income does not exceed one hundred fifty percent (150%)
31 (100%) of the federal income poverty level; and
32 (B) resources do not exceed the resource limits established by
33 the office;
34 is eligible for Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B premiums,
35 coinsurance, and deductibles

37 (A) income does not exceed one hundred **seventy twenty**
38 percent (**170%**) (**120%**) of the federal income poverty level;
39 and
40 (B) resources do not exceed the resource limits set by the
41 office;

42 is eligible for coverage of Medicare Part B premiums.



(3) A qualifying individual whose:

(A) income does not exceed one hundred ~~eighty-five~~ ~~thirty-five~~ percent (+85%) (135%) of the federal income

poverty level; and
(B) resources do not exceed the resource limits set by the
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is eligible for coverage of Medicare Part B premiums.

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f) The office may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this section.

SECTION 4. IC 12-15-14-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.241-2023, SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 8. (a) The office may implement an end of therapy reclassification methodology in the RUG-IV, 48-Group model or its successor for payment of nursing facility services.

(b) Before the office changes a health facility service reimbursement that results in a reduction in reimbursement, the office shall provide public notice of at least **one (1) year, six (6) months**. The public notice under this subsection:

(1) is not a rulemaking action or part of the administrative rulemaking process under IC 4-22; and

(2) must include the fiscal impact of the proposed reimbursement change.

SECTION 5. IC 12-15-34-14.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]. See. 14.5. (a) This section is effective beginning July 1, 2017.

(b) The office of the secretary may not reduce reimbursement for home health services.

(c) 405 IAC 14.2-4(l) and any successor rule concerning reducing home health services reimbursement are void and may not be renewed or otherwise implemented.

SECTION 6. IC 29-1-14-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.99-2024, SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) Except as provided in IC 29-1-7-7, all claims against a decedent's estate, other than expenses of administration and claims of the United States, the state, or a subdivision of the state, whether due or to become due, absolute or contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, founded on contract or otherwise, shall be forever barred against the estate, the personal representative, the heirs, devisees, and legatees of the decedent, unless filed with the court in which such estate is being administered within:

(1) three (3) months after the date of the first published notice to creditors; or



4 whichever is later.

5 (b) No claim shall be allowed which was barred by any statute of
6 limitations at the time of decedent's death.

10 (1) three (3) months after the date of the first published notice to
11 creditors; or

15 whichever is later.

16 (d) All claims barable under subsection (a) shall be barred if not
17 filed within nine (9) months after the death of the decedent.

18 (e) Nothing in this section shall affect or prevent any action or
19 proceeding to enforce any mortgage, pledge, or other lien upon
20 property of the estate.

21 (f) Nothing in this section shall affect or prevent the enforcement of
22 a claim for injury to person or damage to property arising out of
23 negligence against the estate of a deceased tortfeasor within the period
24 of the statute of limitations provided for the tort action. A tort claim
25 against the estate of the tortfeasor may be opened or reopened and suit
26 filed against the special representative of the estate within the period
27 of the statute of limitations of the tort. Any recovery against the tort
28 feasor's estate shall not affect any interest in the assets of the estate
29 unless the suit was filed within the time allowed for filing claims
30 against the estate. The rules of pleading and procedure in such cases
31 shall be the same as apply in ordinary civil actions.

32 (g) A claim by the unit against a decedent's estate is forever barred
33 unless

34 (+) the unit files a claim in the court in which the decedent's estate
35 is being administered **or**

38 not later than one hundred twenty (120) days one hundred eighty
39 (180) days after the date of death of the decedent: estate has been
40 opened.

41 SECTION 7. An emergency is declared for this act.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 275, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 4, delete lines 32 through 39, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(g) A claim by the unit against a decedent's estate is forever barred unless

(1) the unit files a claim in the court in which the decedent's estate is being administered **or**
 (2) the unit opens an estate for the decedent and files a claim against the decedent in the estate;
 not later than **one hundred twenty (120) days one hundred eighty (180) days** after the date of death of the decedent. **estate has been opened.**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 275 as introduced.)

MISHLER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 2.

