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ENGROSSED

SENATE BILL No. 275

DIGEST OF SB 275 (Updated February 18, 2026 2:34 pm - DI 125)

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. Provides that a provision prohibiting the office of the secretary of family and social services (office of the secretary) from reducing reimbursement for home health services expires June 30, 2027. Requires the office of the secretary to collaborate with certain entities to develop a new reimbursement methodology for home health services. Requires a provider of services under a home and community based services waiver to provide certain information to an individual receiving 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 365 days after the date of death of the decedent.

Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 2026.

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(HOUSE SPONSORS — LOPEZ, JORDAN)

January 8, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Appropriations.
January 20, 2026, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.
January 28, 2026, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.
January 29, 2026, engrossed. Read third time, passed. Yeas 39, nays 9.

HOUSE ACTION

February 2, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.
February 18, 2026, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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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 12-15-11-11 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
16 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
17 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 11. A provider of services under**

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1 a home and community based services waiver (as defined in
2 IC 12-8-1.6-2) shall do the following:

3 (1) Upon request by an individual receiving services under the
4 waiver or the individual's legal guardian, but not more than
5 once per calendar quarter, provide to the individual or the
6 individual's legal guardian the provider's accounting records
7 of service delivery for the recipient.

8 (2) Upon request, but not more than twice per calendar year,
9 provide to an individual receiving services under the waiver
10 an itemized statement of the services billed by the provider
11 for the recipient. The statement must be in plain language.

12 SECTION 3. IC 12-15-14-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.241-2023,
13 SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
14 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 8. (a) The office may implement an end of
15 therapy reclassification methodology in the RUG-IV, 48-Group model
16 or its successor for payment of nursing facility services.

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

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

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

25 SECTION 4. IC 12-15-34-14.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.217-2017,
26 SECTION 79, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
27 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 14.5. (a) This section is effective beginning July
28 1, 2017.

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

31 (c) 405 IAC 1-4.2-4(l) and any successor rule concerning reducing
32 home health services reimbursement are void and may not be renewed
33 or otherwise implemented.

34 **(d) This section expires June 30, 2027.**

35 SECTION 5. IC 12-15-34-14.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
36 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
37 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 14.6. (a) The office of the**
38 **secretary shall, in partnership and collaboration with a home**
39 **health services association and providers of home health services,**
40 **develop a new reimbursement methodology for home health**
41 **services and, not later than November 30, 2026, submit the new**
42 **reimbursement methodology for home health services to the**



1 **legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.**

2 **(b) This section expires December 31, 2027.**

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

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

15 (2) three (3) months after the court has revoked probate of a will,
16 in accordance with IC 29-1-7-21, if the claimant was named as a
17 beneficiary in that revoked will;

18 whichever is later.

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

21 (c) No claim shall be barred by the statute of limitations which was
22 not barred at the time of the decedent's death, if the claim shall be filed
23 within:

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

26 (2) three (3) months after the court has revoked probate of a will,
27 in accordance with IC 29-1-7-21, if the claimant was named as a
28 beneficiary in that revoked will;

29 whichever is later.

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

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

35 (f) Nothing in this section shall affect or prevent the enforcement of
36 a claim for injury to person or damage to property arising out of
37 negligence against the estate of a deceased tortfeasor within the period
38 of the statute of limitations provided for the tort action. A tort claim
39 against the estate of the tortfeasor may be opened or reopened and suit
40 filed against the special representative of the estate within the period
41 of the statute of limitations of the tort. Any recovery against the tort
42 feisor's estate shall not affect any interest in the assets of the estate



1 unless the suit was filed within the time allowed for filing claims
2 against the estate. The rules of pleading and procedure in such cases
3 shall be the same as apply in ordinary civil actions.
4 (g) A claim by the unit against a decedent's estate is forever barred
5 unless:
6 (1) the unit files a claim in the court in which the decedent's estate
7 is being administered; or
8 (2) the unit opens an estate for the decedent and files a claim
9 against the decedent in the estate;
10 not later than ~~one hundred twenty~~ **three hundred sixty-five**
11 **(365)** days after the date of death of the decedent.
12 **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

(+) 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.

 SENATE MOTION

Mr. President: I move that Senate Bill 275 be amended to read as follows:

Page 4, delete lines 32 through 40, 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)~~ **three hundred sixty-five (365)** days after the date of death of the decedent."

(Reference is to SB 275 as printed January 21, 2026.)

MISHLER

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred Senate Bill 275, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 15 through 17.

Delete page 2.

Page 3, delete lines 1 through 9, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 2. IC 12-15-11-11 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS** [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 11. A provider of services under a home and community based services waiver (as defined in IC 12-8-1.6-2) shall do the following:**

(1) Upon request by an individual receiving services under the waiver or the individual's legal guardian, but not more than once per calendar quarter, provide to the individual or the individual's legal guardian the provider's accounting records of service delivery for the recipient.

(2) Upon request, but not more than twice per calendar year, provide to an individual receiving services under the waiver an itemized statement of the services billed by the provider for the recipient. The statement must be in plain language."

Page 3, delete lines 23 through 30, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 4. IC 12-15-34-14.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.217-2017, SECTION 79, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 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 1-4.2-4(l) and any successor rule concerning reducing home health services reimbursement are void and may not be renewed or otherwise implemented.

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(d) This section expires June 30, 2027.

SECTION 5. IC 12-15-34-14.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 14.6. (a) The office of the secretary shall, in partnership and collaboration with a home health services association and providers of home health services, develop a new reimbursement methodology for home health services and, not later than November 30, 2026, submit the new reimbursement methodology for home health services to the legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.**

(b) This section expires December 31, 2027."

Re-number all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 275 as reprinted January 29, 2026.)

THOMPSON

Committee Vote: yeas 24, nays 0.

