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SENATE BILL No. 275

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DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Home health agency payment for services. Prohibits an Indiana insurance plan from denying payment for services provided by a home health agency that is: (1) certified as a Medicare provider by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and (2) audited by the state.

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:

18 (1) who is:
19 (A) at least sixty-five (65) years of age; or

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1 (B) disabled, as determined by the Supplemental Security
2 Income program; and

(2) whose income and resources do not exceed those levels established by the Supplemental Security Income program; is eligible to receive Medicaid assistance, if the individual's family income does not exceed one hundred percent (100%) of the federal income poverty level for the same size family, using income counting standards and criteria established by the federal Social Security Administration;

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

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

18 (2) January 1, 2014.

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

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

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

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

28 (1) A qualified Medicare beneficiary whose:

(1) A qualified Medicare beneficiary wife:

- (A) income does not exceed one hundred fifty percent (~~150%~~) (**100%**) of the federal income poverty level; and
- (B) resources do not exceed the resource limits established by the office;

33 is eligible for Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B premiums,
34 coinsurance, and deductibles.

35 (2) A specified low-income Medicare beneficiary whose:
36 (A) income does not exceed one hundred **seventy twenty**
37 **170%** **120%** of the federal income poverty
38 level; and

38 level, and
39 (B) resources do not exceed the resource limits set by the
40 office;

is eligible for coverage of Medicare Part B premiums

41 is eligible for coverage of Medical
42 (3) A qualifying individual whose:

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(A) income does not exceed one hundred ~~eighty-five~~ ~~thirty-five~~ percent (~~185%~~) (~~135%~~) of the federal income poverty level; and

(B) resources do not exceed the resource limits set by the office;

is eligible for coverage of Medicare Part B premiums.

(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]. 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 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 12-15-34-16 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 16. Notwithstanding any other law, an Indiana insurance plan may not deny payment for services provided by a home health agency that is:

(1) certified as a Medicare provider by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and

(2) audited by the state.

1 SECTION ~~4~~⁷ 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



1 subdivision of the state, whether due or to become due, absolute or
 2 contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, founded on contract or
 3 otherwise, shall be forever barred against the estate, the personal
 4 representative, the heirs, devisees, and legatees of the decedent, unless
 5 filed with the court in which such estate is being administered within:

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

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

11 whichever is later.

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

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

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

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

22 whichever is later.

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

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

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

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

41 (1) the unit files a claim in the court in which the decedent's
 42 estate is being administered; or



1 (2) the unit opens an estate for the decedent and files a claim
2 against the decedent in the estate;
3 not later than one hundred twenty (120) days after the date of death of
4 the decedent.

5 SECTION ~~7~~⁸8. An emergency is declared for this act.1

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