

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 235

BY REPRESENTATIVE MOORE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

INSURANCE/HEALTH: Provides relative to the guaranteed issue of Medicare supplement policies

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1112(A)(1), relative to the guaranteed issue of Medicare
3 supplement policies; to authorize an individual to purchase a Medicare supplement
4 policy offered through an affiliate of a health insurance issuer; and to provide for
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 22:1112(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §1112. Medicare supplement guaranteed issue; open enrollment periods; prohibited
9 conditioning of coverage; notice to policyholders

10 A.(1) If, at the time of an individual's birthday each year, that individual has
11 an existing Medicare supplement policy, the individual shall have an annual open
12 enrollment period commencing with the individual's birthday and lasting for a period
13 of sixty-three calendar days, during which the individual may purchase any Medicare
14 supplement policy offered ~~in this state~~ by the same ~~insurer~~ issuer or any affiliate
15 authorized to transact business in this state.

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DIGEST

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HB 235 Engrossed

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Abstract: Authorizes an individual to purchase a Medicare supplement policy offered through an affiliate of a health insurance issuer.

Present law requires an annual open enrollment period to begin on the birthday of an individual who has an existing Medicare supplement policy. Requires the annual open enrollment period to last for 63 calendar days, during which time the individual may purchase any Medicare supplement policy offered in this state by the same issuer.

Proposed law adds that an individual may purchase a Medicare supplement policy offered by an issuer's affiliate authorized to transact business in this state. Otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 22:1112(A)(1))