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2019 SENATE BILL 615

December 6, 2019 - Introduced by Senator SMITH, cosponsored by Representatives VRUWINK, CROWLEY, ANDERSON, SINICKI and STUBBS. Referred to Committee on Insurance, Financial Services, Government Oversight and Courts.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 632.823 of the statutes; **relating to:** changing medicare
2 supplement policies.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill provides that a person who has an individual medicare supplement insurance policy may cancel that policy and purchase a new policy at any time. Under the bill, if a person cancels his or her individual medicare supplement policy, then the provider of that policy must allow the insured to continue coverage until the first day of the second month following the month in which the policy is cancelled. An insurer may not deny coverage under, condition the issuance of, or discriminate in the price of the replacement policy based on the health status, claims experience, receipt of health care, or medical condition of the insured.

This proposal may contain a health insurance mandate requiring a social and financial impact report under s. 601.423, stats.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 632.823 of the statutes is created to read:
4 **632.823 Replacement medicare supplement policies.** (1) Each
5 policyholder of an individual medicare supplement policy may, at any time, cancel

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1 the policyholder's medicare supplement policy and purchase another individual
2 medicare supplement policy with the same or lesser benefits.

3 (2) If a policyholder elects to purchase a replacement policy under sub. (1), the
4 insurer whose medicare supplement policy is to be canceled shall allow the insured
5 to maintain coverage under that medicare supplement policy until the first day of the
6 2nd month following the month in which the policy is canceled.

7 (3) An insurer providing medicare supplement policies may not deny coverage
8 under, condition the issuance of, or discriminate in the price of the replacement policy
9 on the basis of health status, claims experience, receipt of health care, or medical
10 condition of an insured who elects to purchase a replacement policy under sub. (1).

11 **SECTION 2. Effective date.**

12 (1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 4th month beginning after
13 publication.

14 (END)