## HOUSE BILL NO. 465

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6	LAWS RELATING TO MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT INTURANCE; REVISING
7	MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT INSURANCE MINIMUM STANDARDS TO COMPLY
В	WITH THE OMNIBUS BUDGET RECONCILIATION ACT OF 1990, PUBLIC
9	LAW 101-508; AMENDING SECTIONS 33-22-902, 33-22-903,
10	33-22-904, 33-22-905, 33-22-906, 33-22-907, 33-22-908,
11	33-22-910, AND 33-22-911, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE
12	EFFECTIVE DATE."
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14	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
15	Section 1. Section 33-22-902, MCA, is amended to read:
16	"33-22-902. Purpose. The purpose of this part is to
17	establish minimum standards for medicare supplement
18	insurance policies and certificates and to establish a
19	regulatory program that meets the requirements of Public-haw
20	96-2657-the-Social-Security-Bisability-Amendmentsof19887
21	approved-June-97-1900 42 U.S.C. 1395ss(p)(1)(A)."
22	Section 2. Section 33-22-903, MCA, is amended to read:
23	*33-22-903. Definitions. As used in this part, the
24	following definitions apply:

(1) "Applicant" means:

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- (a) in the case of an individual medicare supplement policy or--subscriber--contract, the person who seeks to contract for insurance benefits; and
- (b) in the case of a group medicare supplement policy or-subscriber-contract, the proposed certificate holder.
- 6 (2) "Certificate" means a certificate delivered or
  7 issued for delivery in this state under a group medicare
  8 supplement policy or-subscriber-contract.
- 9 (3) "Certificate form" means the form on which the
  10 certificate is delivered or issued for delivery by the
  11 issuer.
- 12 (3)(4) "Entity" means an insurer as defined in 13 33-1-201, a health service corporation as defined in 14 33-30-101, and a health maintenance organization as defined 15 in 33-31-102.
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- 24 (6) "Issuer" includes insurance companies, fraternal
  25 benefit societies, health care service plans, health

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maintenance organizations, and any entity delivering or 1 issuing for delivery in this state medicare supplement policies or certificates. 3 +5+(7) "Medicare" means Health Insurance for the Aged, Title XVIII of the Social Security Amendments of 1965, as then constituted or later amended. t6+(8) "Medicare supplement policy" means a group or 7 individual policy of disability insurance or a subscriber contract of a health service corporation, other than a policy issued pursuant to a contract under 42 U.S.C. 13951 10 or 1395mm, or a policy issued under a demonstration project 11 authorized pursuant to amendments to the federal Social 12 Security Act, that is advertised, marketed, or designed 13 primarily as a supplement to reimbursements under medicare 14 for the hospital, medical, or surgical expenses of persons 15 eligible for medicare by-reason-of-age. The term does not 16 17 include: (a) a policy or contract of one or more employers or 18 labor organizations or of the trustees of a fund established 19 by one or more employers or labor organizations, or a 20 combination thereof of employers, organizations, and 21 trustees, for employees or former employees, or a 22 combination thereof of current and former employees, or for 23 members or former members, or  $\underline{a}$  combination thereof of 24 current and former members, of the labor organizations; or 25

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its-members;
<pre>(e)(b) individual policies or contracts issued pursuant</pre>
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group or individual insurance when the group or $-inc.vidual$
policy or contract includes provisions that are incommistent
with the requirements of this part or policies issued to
employees or members as additions to franchise plans in
existence on April 8, 1981.
(9) "Policy form" means the form on which the policy is
delivered or issued for delivery by the issuer."
Section 3. Section 33-22-904, MCA, is amended to read:
*33-22-904. Standards for policy provisions rules.

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certificate in force in this state may not contain benefits

(2) The commissioner shall adopt reasonable rules to

that duplicate benefits provided by medicare.

specific standards for policy provisions of establish 1 medicare supplement policies and certificates. A requirement 2 of this code relating to minimum required policy benefits, 3 other than the minimum standards contained in this part, may not apply to medicare supplement policies and certificates. 5 The standards are in addition to and in accordance with 6 applicable laws of this state, including the provisions of 7 Title 33, chapter 22, and may cover but are not limited to: 8

- (a) terms of renewability;
- 10 (b) initial and subsequent conditions of eligibility;
- 11 (c) nonduplication of coverage;
- 12 (d) probationary periods;

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- (e) benefit limitations, exceptions, and reductions;
- 14 (f) elimination periods;
- 15 (q) requirements for replacement;
- 16 (h) recurrent conditions; and
- 17 (i) definitions of terms.
- 18 (3) The commissioner may adopt reasonable rules that
  19 prohibit policy or certificate provisions not otherwise
  20 specifically authorized by statute that, in the opinion of
  21 the commissioner, are unjust, unfair, or unfairly
  22 discriminatory to any person insured or proposed for
  23 coverage under a medicare supplement policy or certificate.
  24 (4) Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law, a
- 24 (4) Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law, a
  25 medicare supplement policy or certificate may not deny—a

1 claim exclude or limit benefits for losses incurred more

2 than 6 months from the effective date of coverage for

3 because it involved a preexisting condition. The policy or

4 <u>certificate</u> may not define a preexisting condition more

5 restrictively than a condition for which medical advice was

6 given or treatment was recommended by or received from a 7 physician within 6 months before the effective date of

8 coverage.

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- 9 (5) The commissioner may adopt rules necessary to
- 10 conform medicare supplement policies and certificates to the
- 11 requirements of federal law and federal regulations,
- 12 including but not limited to rules:
- 13 (a) requiring refunds or credits if the policies or
- 14 certificates do not meet loss requirements;
- 15 (b) establishing a uniform methodology for calculating
- 16 and reporting loss ratios;
- 17 (c) ensuring public access to policies, premiums, and
- 18 loss ratio information of issuers of medicare supplement
- 19 insurance;
- 20 (d) establishing a process for approving or
- 21 disapproving policy forms and certificate forms and proposed
- 22 premium increases; and
- 23 (e) establishing a policy for holding public hearings
- 24 prior to approval of premium increases."
- Section 4. Section 33-22-905, MCA, is amended to read:

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"33-22-905. Minimum standards for benefits and payment of claims — rules. The commissioner shall adopt reasonable rules to establish minimum standards for benefits, and payment of claims, marketing practices, compensation arrangements, and reporting practices for medicare supplement policies and certificates."

7 Section 5. Section 33-22-906, MCA, is amended to read:

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"33-22-906. Loss ratio standards and filing requirements — limits on compensation. (+)-Every-entity providing-group-medicare-supplement-insurance-benefits-to-a resident-of--this--state--shall--file--a-copy-of-the-master policy-and-each-certificate-used--in--this--state--with--the commissioner--as--required--by--33-1-50tr-The-filing-must-be made-not-less-than-60-days-in-advance-of-the-delivery-of-any certificate-or-policy-to-a-resident-of-this-state-

are--expected-to must return to policies and certificates holders benefits that are reasonable in relation to the premium charged. The commissioner shall adopt reasonable rules to establish minimum standards for loss ratios of medicare supplement policies and certificates on the basis of incurred claims experience or incurred health care expenses, where coverage is provided by a health maintenance organization on a service rather than reimbursement basis, and earned premiums for the entire period for which rates

are computed to provide coverage and in accordance with

accepted actuarial principles and practices. For purposes of

rules adopted pursuant to this section, medicare supplement

policies and certificates issued as a result of

solicitations of individuals through the mail or mass media

advertising, including both print and broadcast advertising,

shall must be treated as individual group policies. Every

entity providing medicare supplement insurance benefits to a

resident of this state shall make premium adjustments:

- (a) necessary to produce an expected loss ratio under the policy or contract certificate that meets the minimum loss ratio standards for medicare supplement policies and certificates as established by rule; and
- (b) expected to result in a loss ratio at least as great as that originally anticipated by the entity when it established current premiums for the medicare supplement insurance policy or contract certificate.
- +3+(2) The commissioner shall by rule establish the timing and manner of the premium adjustments. Every entity providing medicare supplement policies or certificates in this state shall annually file with the commissioner its rates, rating schedule, and supporting documentation demonstrating that it is in compliance with the applicable loss ratio standards of this part. An entity transacting medicare supplement insurance in this state may not adjust

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- its rates more than twice a year and may not adjust its
  rates for the first year a policy is in force, except to
  allow for changes in federal laws or regulations relating to
  medicare. Each filing of rates and rating schedules must
  demonstrate that the actual and expected losses in relation
  to premiums complies with the requirements of this part.
- 7 (4)(3) An entity may not provide compensation to its
  8 insurance producers that is greater than the renewal
  9 compensation that would be paid on an existing policy or
  10 certificate if:

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- (a) the existing policy or certificate were replaced by another policy or certificate with the same insurer and the new policy benefits are substantially similar to the benefits under the old policy or certificate; and
- (b) the old policy or certificate was issued by the same insurer or insurance group."
- Section 6. Section 33-22-907, MCA, is amended to read:
  - "33-22-907. Disclosure standards informational brochure rules. (1) In order to provide for full and fair disclosure in the sale of medicare supplement policies and certificates, a medicare supplement policy may not be delivered or issued for delivery in this state and a certificate may not be delivered pursuant to a group medicare supplement policy delivered or issued for delivery in this state unless an outline of coverage is delivered to

- the applicant at the time application is made. The outline
- 2 of coverage must be filed with the commissioner as required
- 3 by 33-1-501. The filing must be made at least 60 days in
- 4 advance of the date the outline of coverage is delivered to
- 5 any resident of this state.
- 6 (2) (a) The commissioner shall prescribe the format and 7 content of the outline of coverage required by subsection
- 8 (1).
- 9 (b) For purposes of this section, "format" means style,
- 10 arrangements, and overall appearance, including such items
- ll as the size, color, and prominence of type and the
- 12 arrangement of text and captions.
- 13 (c) The outline of coverage must include:
- (i) a description of the principal benefits and
   coverage provided in the policy or certificate;
- (ii) a statement of the exceptions, reductions, and limitations contained in the policy or certificate;
- 18 (iii) a statement of the renewal provisions including
- 19 any reservation by the insurer issuer of a right to change
- 20 premiums and disclosure of the existence of any automatic
- 21 renewal premium increases based on the policyholder's or
- 22 certificate holder's age;
- 23 (iv) a statement that the outline of coverage is a
- 24 summary of the policy or certificate issued or applied for
- 25 and that the policy or certificate should be consulted to

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1 determine governing contractual provisions.

- (3) The commissioner may prescribe by rule a standard form and the contents of an informational brochure for persons eligible for medicare by-reason-of-age, which is intended to improve the buyer's ability to select the most appropriate coverage and improve the buyer's understanding of medicare. Except in the case of direct response insurance policies, the commissioner may require by rule that the information brochure be provided to any prospective insureds eligible for medicare at the same time the outline of coverage is delivered. With respect to direct response insurance policies, the commissioner may require by rule that the prescribed brochure be provided upon request, but not later than the time of policy delivery, to any prospective insureds eligible for medicare by-reason-of-age.
- (4) The commissioner may adopt reasonable rules for captions or notice requirements, determined to be in the public interest and designed to inform prospective insureds that particular insurance coverages are not medicare supplement coverages, for all accident and sickness insurance policies sold to persons eligible for medicare by reason-of-age, other than:
  - (a) medicare supplement policies or certificates;
- 24 (b) disability income policies;
- 25 (c) basic, catastrophic, or major medical expense

policies;

- 2 (d) single premium, nonrenewable policies; or
- (e) other policies excepted in 33-22-903(6)(8).
- (5) The commissioner may further adopt reasonable rules to govern the full and fair disclosure of the information in connection with the replacement of accident and sickness policies,—subscriber-contracts, or certificates by persons eligible for medicare by-reason-of-age.
- (6) As soon as practicable, but no later than 30 days before the annual effective date of a medicare benefit change, every entity providing medicare supplement insurance or benefits to a resident of this state shall notify its policyholders,—contract—holders, and certificate holders, in a format that the commissioner prescribes by rule, of the changes it has made to the medicare supplement insurance policy or contract certificate."
- Section 7. Section 33-22-908, MCA, is amended to read:

  "33-22-908. Notice of free examination. Medicare supplement policies or and certificates must have a notice prominently printed on the first page of the policy or certificate or attached thereto to the policy or certificate stating in substance that the applicant has the right to return the policy or certificate within 30 days of its delivery and to have the premium refunded if, after examination of the policy or certificate, the applicant is

- not satisfied for any reason. The insurer issuer shall pay
  any refund made pursuant to this section directly to the
  applicant in a timely manner."
- 4 Section 8. Section 33-22-910, MCA, is amended to read:
- 5 \*33-22-910. Filing requirements for advertising. Every
  6 entity-providing issuer of medicare supplement insurance--or
  7 benefits policies or certificates in this state shall
  8 provide to the commissioner for his the commissioner's
  9 review or approval a copy of any medicare supplement
  10 advertising intended for use in this state, whether through
  11 written, radio, or television medium."
- Section 9. Section 33-22-911, MCA, is amended to read:

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- "33-22-911. Penalties. In addition to any other penalties for violations of the insurance code, the commissioner may after hearing require entities issuers violating any provision of or rule adopted under Title 33, chapter 16, or this part to cease marketing a medicare supplement policy or certificate in this state that is related directly or indirectly to the violation or take such action as that is necessary to comply with the provisions of Title 33, chapter 16, or this part or the rules adopted under Title 33, chapter 16, or this part, or both."
- NEW SECTION. Section 10. Severability. If a part of [this act] is invalid, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid part remain in effect. If a part of [this]

- act] is invalid in one or more of its applications, the part
- 2 remains in effect in all valid applications that are
- 3 severable from the invalid applications.
- 4 NEW SECTION. Section 11. Effective date. [This act] is
- effective on passage and approval.

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## APPROVED BY COMM. ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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"33-22-902. Purpose. The purpose of this part is to establish minimum standards for medicare supplement insurance policies and certificates and to establish a regulatory program that meets the requirements of Public-baw 96-2657-the-Social-Security-Disability-Amendments--of--19807 approved-June-97-1980 42 U.S.C. 1395ss(p)(1)(A)."

Section 2. Section 33-22-903, MCA, is amended to read:

23 "33-22-903. Definitions. As used in this part, the

24 following definitions apply:

(1) "Applicant" means:



- (a) in the case of an individual medicare supplement policy or-subscriber--contract, the person who seeks to contract for insurance benefits; and
- (b) in the case of a group medicare supplement policy or-subscriber-contract, the proposed certificate holder.
- (2) "Certificate" means a certificate delivered or issued for delivery in this state under a group medicare supplement policy or-subscriber-contract.
- 9 (3) "Certificate form" means the form on which the
  10 certificate is delivered or issued for delivery by the
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- 12 t3+(4) "Entity" means an insurer as defined in 13 33-1-201, a health service corporation as defined in 14 33-30-101, and a health maintenance organization as defined 15 in 33-31-102.

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- (a) a policy or contract of one or more employers or labor organizations or of the trustees of a fund established by one or more employers or labor organizations, or a combination thereof of employers, organizations, and trustees, for employees or former employees, or a combination thereof of current and former employees, or for members or former members, or a combination thereof of current and former members, or the labor organizations; or

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  7 other-than-obtaining-insurance;-and
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  - ter(b) individual policies or contracts issued pursuant to a conversion privilege under a policy or contract of group or individual insurance when the group or individual policy or contract includes provisions that are inconsistent with the requirements of this part or policies issued to employees or members as additions to franchise plans in existence on April 8, 1981.
- (9) "Policy form" means the form on which the policy is
   delivered or issued for delivery by the issuer."
- Section 3. Section 33-22-904, MCA, is amended to read:
- 21 \*33-22-904. Standards for policy provisions -- rules.
- 22 (1) A medicare supplement insurance policy,--contract, or 23 certificate in force in this state may not contain benefits 24 that duplicate benefits provided by medicare.
- 25 (2) The commissioner shall adopt reasonable rules to

- establish specific standards for policy provisions of ı medicare supplement policies and certificates. A requirement 2 of this code relating to minimum required policy benefits, 3 other than the minimum standards contained in this part, may 4 not apply to medicare supplement policies and certificates. 5 The standards are in addition to and in accordance with applicable laws of this state, including the provisions of 7 Title 33, chapter 22, and may cover but are not limited to: 8
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- (4) Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law, a 24 medicare supplement policy or certificate may not deny--a 25

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Section 5. Section 33-22-906, MCA, is amended to read:

"33-22-906. Loss ratio standards and filing requirements — limits on compensation. (†)-Every-entity providing-group-medicare-supplement-insurance-benefits-to-a resident--of--this--state--shall--file--a-copy-of-the-master policy-and-each-certificate-used--in--this--state--with--the commissioner--as--required--by--33-1-501;-The-filing-must-be made-not-less-than-60-days-in-advance-of-the-delivery-of-any certificate-or-policy-to-a-resident-of-this-state;

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- (a) the existing policy <u>or certificate</u> were replaced by another policy <u>or certificate</u> with the same insurer and the new <u>policy</u> benefits are substantially similar to the benefits under the old policy or certificate; and
- 15 (b) the old policy or certificate was issued by the 16 same insurer or insurance group."
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- "33-22-907. Disclosure standards -- informational 18 19 brochure -- rules. (1) In order to provide for full and fair 20 disclosure in the sale of medicare supplement policies and certificates, a medicare supplement policy may not be 21 22 delivered or issued for delivery in this state and a certificate may not be delivered pursuant to a group 23 24 medicare supplement policy delivered or issued for delivery 25 in this state unless an outline of coverage is delivered to

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  premiums and disclosure of the existence of any automatic
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- 23 (iv) a statement that the outline of coverage is a
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- (b) disability income policies;
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- (e) other policies excepted in 33-22-903(6)(8).
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5	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING THE
6	LAWS RELATING TO MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT INSURANCE; REVISING
7	MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT INSURANCE MINIMUM STANDARDS TO COMPLY
8	WITH THE OMNIBUS BUDGET RECONCILIATION ACT OF 1990, PUBLIC
9	LAW 101-508; AMENDING SECTIONS 33-22-902, 33-22-903,
10	33-22-904, 33-22-905, 33-22-906, 33-22-907, 33-22-908,
11	33-22-910, AND 33-22-911, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE
12	EPPECTIVE DATE."
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14	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
15	Section 1. Section 33-22-902, MCA, is amended to read:
16	"33-22-902. Purpose. The purpose of this part is to

THERE ARE NO CHANGES IN THIS BILL AND WILL NOT BE REPRINTED. PLEASE

Section 2. Section 33-22-903, MCA, is amended to read: \*33-22-903. Definitions. As used in this part, the following definitions apply:

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insurance policies and certificates and to establish a

regulatory program that meets the requirements of Public-baw

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- (a) in the case of an individual medicare supplement policy or-subscriber-contract, the person who seeks to contract for insurance benefits; and
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- (2) "Certificate" means a certificate delivered or issued for delivery in this state under a group medicare supplement policy or-subscriber-contract.
- 9 (3) "Certificate form" means the form on which the 10 certificate is delivered or issued for delivery by the 11 issuer.
- 12 (3)(4) "Entity" means an insurer as defined 13 a health service corporation as defined in 14 33-30-101, and a health maintenance organization as defined 15 in 33-31-102.
  - †4†(5) "Health care expenses":
- 17 (a) means expenses of a health maintenance organization 18 associated with the delivery of health care services that

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2	INTRODUCED BY RYAN, FRANKLIN, T. NELSON, BARNHART,
3	SQUIRES, WILSON, JACOBSON, BRUSKIE-MAUS, STANG,
4	COBB, WELDON, DRISCOLL, YELLOWTAIL, ECK, BIRD,
5	RYE, WANZENRIED, EWER, SCHYE, TOWE, BOHARSKI
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- 20 (a) means expenses of a health maintenance organization
  21 associated with the delivery of health care services that
  22 are analogous to incurred losses of an insurer:
- (b) does not include home office and overhead costs,
   advertising costs, commissions and other acquisition costs,
- 25 taxes, capital costs, administrative costs, or claims

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1 processing costs. (6) "Issuer" includes insurance companies, fraternal 2 benefit societies, health care service plans, health 3 maintenance organizations, and any entity delivering or 5 issuing for delivery in this state medicare supplement 6 policies or certificates. 7 (7) "Medicare" means Health Insurance for the Aged, 8 Title XVIII of the Social Security Amendments of 1965, as 9 then constituted or later amended. 10 (6)(8) "Medicare supplement policy" means a group or 11 individual policy of disability insurance or a subscriber 12 contract of a health service corporation, other than a 13 policy issued pursuant to a contract under 42 U.S.C. 13951

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10	other-than-obtaining-insurance;-and
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terible individual policies or contracts issued pursuant to a conversion privilege under a policy or contract of group or individual insurance when the group or individual policy or contract includes provisions that are inconsistent with the requirements of this part or policies issued to employees or members as additions to franchise plans in existence on April 8, 1981.

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- 21 (9) "Policy form" means the form on which the policy is
  22 delivered or issued for delivery by the issuer."
- Section 3. Section 33-22-904, MCA, is amended to read:
- 24 \*33-22-904. Standards for policy provisions -- rules.
  - (1) A medicare supplement insurance policy; -- contract; or

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certificate in force in this state may not contain benefits 1 that duplicate benefits provided by medicare. 2

(2) The commissioner shall adopt reasonable rules to 3 establish specific standards for policy provisions of medicare supplement policies and certificates. A requirement 5 of this code relating to minimum required policy benefits, 6 other than the minimum standards contained in this part, may 7 not apply to medicare supplement policies and certificates. 8 The standards are in addition to and in accordance with 9

applicable laws of this state, including the provisions of

Title 33, chapter 22, and may cover but are not limited to:

(a) terms of renewability; 12

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- (b) initial and subsequent conditions of eligibility; 1.3
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- (d) probationary periods; 15
- benefit limitations, exceptions, and reductions; 16
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- recurrent conditions; and 19 (h)
- (i) definitions of terms. 20
- (3) The commissioner may adopt reasonable rules that 21 prohibit policy or certificate provisions not otherwise 22 specifically authorized by statute that, in the opinion of 23 commissioner, are unjust, unfair, or unfairly 24 discriminatory to any person insured or proposed for

- coverage under a medicare supplement policy or certificate.
- 2 (4) Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law, a medicare supplement policy or certificate may not deny--a 3 claim exclude or limit benefits for losses incurred more than 6 months from the effective date of coverage for 6 because it involved a preexisting condition. The policy or certificate may not define a preexisting condition more 8 restrictively than a condition for which medical advice was 9 given or treatment was recommended by or received from a physician within 6 months before the effective date of 10
- 12 (5) The commissioner may adopt rules necessary to conform medicare supplement policies and certificates to the 13 14 requirements of federal law and federal regulations, 15 including but not limited to rules:
- 16 (a) requiring refunds or credits if the policies or
- 17 certificates do not meet loss requirements;
- (b) establishing a uniform methodology for calculating 18 19 and reporting loss ratios;
- 20 (c) ensuring public access to policies, premiums, and 21 loss ratio information of issuers of medicare supplement
- 22 insurance;

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- 23 (d) establishing a process for approving or 24 disapproving policy forms and certificate forms and proposed
- 25 premium increases; and

- 1 (e) establishing a policy for holding public hearings
  2 prior to approval of premium increases."
- 3 Section 4. Section 33-22-905, MCA, is amended to read:
- "33-22-905. Minimum standards for benefits and payment
- of claims -- rules. The commissioner shall adopt reasonable
- 6 rules to establish minimum standards for benefits, and
- 7 payment of claims, marketing practices, compensation
  - arrangements, and reporting practices for medicare
- 9 supplement policies and certificates."
- Section 5. Section 33-22-906, MCA, is amended to read:
- 11 \*33-22-906. Loss ratio standards and filing
- 12 requirements -- limits on compensation. (1)-Every-entity
- 13 providing-group-medicare-supplement-insurance-benefits-to--a
- 14 resident--of--this--state--shall--file--a-copy-of-the-master
- 15 policy-and-each-certificate-used--in--this--state--with--the
- 16 commissioner--as--required--by--33-1-5017-The-filing-must-be
- 17 made-not-less-than-60-days-in-advance-of-the-delivery-of-any
- 18 certificate-or-policy-to-a-resident-of-this-state:

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- 20 are--expected-to must return to policyholders or certificate
- 22 premium charged. The commissioner shall adopt reasonable
- 23 rules to establish minimum standards for loss ratios of
- 24 medicare supplement policies and certificates on the basis
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- expenses, where coverage is provided by a health maintenance
- 2 organization on a service rather than reimbursement basis,
- 3 and earned premiums for the entire period for which rates
- 4 are computed to provide coverage and in accordance with
- 5 accepted actuarial principles and practices. For purposes of
- 6 rules adopted pursuant to this section, medicare supplement
- 7 policies and certificates issued as a result of
- 8 solicitations of individuals through the mail or mass media
- 9 advertising, including both print and broadcast advertising,
- 10 shall must be treated as individual group policies. Every
  - entity providing medicare supplement insurance benefits to a
- 12 resident of this state shall make premium adjustments:
- 13 (a) necessary to produce an expected loss ratio under
- 14 the policy or contract certificate that meets the minimum
- 15 loss ratio standards for medicare supplement policies and
- 16 certificates as established by rule; and

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- 17 (b) expected to result in a loss ratio at least as
- 18 great as that originally anticipated by the entity when it
- 19 established current premiums for the medicare supplement
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- 24 this state shall annually file with the commissioner its
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