

**THE INSURANCE CODE OF 1956 (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 218 of 1956**

**500.3839 Renewal or continuation provision; effect of termination or replacement; elimination of outpatient prescription drug benefit.**

Sec. 3839.

(1) Each medicare supplement policy shall include a renewal or continuation provision. The provision shall be appropriately captioned, shall appear on the first page of the policy, and shall clearly state the term of coverage for which the policy is issued and for which it may be renewed. The provision shall include any reservation by the insurer of the right to change premiums and any automatic renewal premium increases based on the policyholder's age.

(2) If a medicare supplement policy is terminated by the group policyholder and is not replaced as provided under subsection (4), the issuer shall offer certificate holders an individual medicare supplement policy that at the option of the certificate holder provides for continuation of the benefits contained in the group policy or provides for such benefits as otherwise meet the requirements of section 3819 or 3819a.

(3) If an individual is a certificate holder in a group medicare supplement policy and the individual terminates membership in the group, the issuer shall offer the certificate holder the conversion opportunity described in subsection (2) or (4) or at the option of the group policyholder, offer the certificate holder continuation of coverage under the group policy.

(4) If a group medicare supplement policy is replaced by another group medicare supplement policy purchased by the same policyholder, the succeeding issuer shall offer coverage to all persons covered under the old group policy on its date of termination. Coverage under the new policy shall not result in any exclusion for preexisting conditions that would have been covered under the group policy being replaced.

(5) If a medicare supplement policy eliminates an outpatient prescription drug benefit as a result of requirements imposed by the medicare prescription drug, improvement, and modernization act of 2003, Public Law 108-173, the modified policy shall be considered to satisfy the guaranteed renewal requirements of this section.

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