



AARP Testimony in Opposition to HF 2403
House of Representatives Commerce Finance and Policy Committee
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Chairs O'Driscoll, Vang Her, and Committee Members,

My name is Thomas Elness and I am the State Director of Advocacy for AARP Minnesota. On behalf of our more than 620,000 members statewide. I am writing today asking you to please oppose H.F. 2403 which mandates a 10% premium increase for Minnesotans who switch Medicare supplement policy plans as prescribed in state law.

This legislation seeks to add a flat 10% premium increase for anyone switching Medicare supplement policy plans (often known as Medigap) or enrolling in Medigap plan outside of the initial six-month window. This surcharge would apply in addition to regular annual premium increases. If enacted, insurers would be able to raise premiums for everyone in reaction to people having guaranteed issue rights and being able to switch plans and then charge people who do switch with an additional 10% increase.

Lastly, we would encourage the Legislature to consider Medicare Savings Programs (MSP), a joint federal/state program for people on Medicare who have limited income and resources, as an alternative way of helping Minnesotans with limited income and resources pay for some or all of their Medicare costs. For those who qualify, MSPs can help with out-of-pocket costs such as premiums, copays, coinsurance, and deductibles.

Given the lack of consumer benefit despite mandated increased costs, we respectfully ask you to oppose HF 2403. Thank you!

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