



June 2, 2026

The Honorable Susan R. Donovan
Chairperson, House Committee on Health and Human Services
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Letter of Support H8595 – AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE – MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT INSURANCE POLICIES

Dear Chairperson Donovan:

I write on behalf of the State of Rhode Island Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC) in support of [House Bill 8595](#). This bill would expand Medicare Supplement (Medigap) guaranteed issue rights to individuals who are 65 and older and choose to stay on their employer plan or maintain other credible coverage, rather than immediately enroll in Medicare Supplement or Medicare Advantage during their Medicare Initial Enrollment Period (IEP).

Guarantee issue ensures that individuals applying for Medicare Supplement insurance will not be denied coverage, be subject to waiting periods, or pay more for coverage due to pre-existing conditions. OHIC applauds the sponsor for introducing this legislation.

Thank you for your continued leadership and hard work on all matters related to the health of Rhode Islanders.

Sincerely,

Cory B. King
Health Insurance Commissioner

CC: Honorable Members of the House Committee on Health and Human Services
Honorable Michelle E. McGaw
Danica Dayian Iacoi, Esq., Chief of Staff and Special Legal Counsel to the Speaker of the House
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