STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 19, 2026

Introduced by Sen. MAYER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Insurance

AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to notifying an insured of a rate filing increase for long term care

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subparagraph (O) of paragraph 6 of subsection (b) of section 1117 of the insurance law, as added by chapter 655 of the laws of 2023, is amended and a new subparagraph (O-1) is added to read as follows:

(O) A statement that if the authorized insurer, corporation, health maintenance organization or fraternal benefit society seeks to increase the premium rate, the department will post notice of the rate filing on its website prior to any determination by the department; [~~and~~]

(O-1) A statement that if the authorized insurer, corporation, health maintenance organization or fraternal benefit society seeks to increase the premium rate, such authorized insurer, corporation, health maintenance organization or fraternal benefit society will send notification of the rate filing to the insured at the time of the rate filing with the department, together with clear instructions on how to submit comments on the rate filing or application regarding premium rates to the department, through the department's website, by mail, and/or by other means; and

§ 2. Subsection (i) of section 1117 of the insurance law, as added by chapter 655 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

(i) Whenever an authorized insurer, corporation, health maintenance organization or fraternal benefit society submits a rate filing or application to the superintendent to increase or decrease premium rates for any policy or certificate subject to this section, **such authorized insurer, corporation, health maintenance organization or fraternal benefit society shall also send notification of the rate filing or application to the policy holder together with clear instructions on how to submit comments on the rate filing or application regarding premium rates to the department, through the department's website, by mail,**

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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and/or by other means; and the superintendent shall post a public notice of the rate filing or application on the department's website within fourteen days. The superintendent shall provide for a process for the public to provide comments on such rate filing or application electronically or in writing for a period of thirty days after such public notice is posted on the department's website.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.