

Michigan No-Fault Auto Insurance Reform

Beginning July 1, 2020, individuals will no longer be required to purchase unlimited personal injury protection, or PIP, as part of their Michigan auto insurance coverage. This is part of the new auto insurance reform laws taking effect this year. Starting July 1, 2020, under certain circumstances outlined in the new law, individuals may select different levels of PIP coverage as follows:

- Opt out (\$0)
- \$50,000
- \$250,000
- \$500,000
- Unlimited

In order to opt out or select a level other than unlimited, drivers must have qualified health coverage, or Medicare Parts A & B.

While the BCBS plan offered by the Michigan Conference pays primary in auto accidents and is considered qualified health coverage, it is important to know that it will not cover all costs associated with an auto injury. For example, BCBS will not cover the cost for attendant care, vehicle or housing modifications and lost wages.

It is also our understanding that having Medicare Parts A & B will satisfy the qualified health coverage requirement. However, again, it is important to consider what services may not be covered by Medicare when obtaining your auto insurance.

It is our recommendation that you speak with your auto insurer to discuss the details as well as the options you have. You can also learn more by going to the webpage the State of Michigan has created for drivers at <https://www.michigan.gov/autoinsurance/>.

If your auto insurer requires a letter providing proof of your qualified health coverage, please request a copy of the information by contacting BenePro at (248) 543-8181, Option 2 or by sending an email to support@benepro.com.

Please keep in mind this is an auto insurance change, not a health insurance change. We are only able to advise on the health plan we provide our members. We are not providing advice on auto insurance. For the most accurate information, please reach out to your auto insurer.