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How to file a FEMA claim for spring flooding damage

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Residents in 27 counties across Michigan may be eligible for assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for damage caused by extreme April weather.

Many areas were impacted by rainfall and intense flooding conditions. The flooding caused a variety of infrastructure concerns in the region, including road washouts and extended closures on M-119, rising water levels

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The Crooked River floods park areas, sidewalks and buildings along its banks near the swing bridge in Alanson on April 16. JILLIAN FELLOWS/NEWS-REVIEW

ACA insurance costs set to increase again in 2027



With changes to marketplace rules, fewer people are enrolling in ACA plans, leaving those remaining with higher premiums. WILLIAM BRETZGER/DELAWARE NEWS JOURNAL FILE

'Smaller and sicker pool' of enrollees contribute to rise

Ken Alltucker
USA TODAY

Millions of Americans paying higher Affordable Care Act insurance bills in 2026 will once again face double-digit rate hikes next year, marking another cost increase for health insurance that has become prohibitively expensive for some.

Health insurance companies are seeking a median rate hike of 14% for 2027 ACA plans, according to a preliminary analysis by KFF, a health policy nonprofit.

KFF analyzed filings from 77 insurance plans in 16 states and Washington, DC. Nearly half of insurers are seeking 2027 increases of 10% to 15% over their 2026 rates. Companies mar-

keting 20 insurance plans are asking for rate hikes of 20% or more.

The final amount could change because health insurers have until July 15 to submit paperwork on ACA insurance premium requests for 2027. Federal and state insurance regulators review plans before finalizing rate

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5 fun things to do this weekend in Northern MI

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It's a blissful, thundering, dribbling, musical weekend in Northern Michigan, with many popular events on the schedule.

Here's what we recommend:

Chase your bliss

Blissfest, the annual folk and roots music festival, is taking place July 10-12 at the 200-acre Festival Farm near Cross Village.

Along with a huge lineup of musicians, the festival features workshops, dancing, camping, food and drinks, art vendors and much more.

Wristbands for access are selling fast. Find out more at blissfest.org/

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