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AI and Digital Innovation are Reshaping Credit Protection Insurance, New CAFII-Deloitte Research Reveals

More than 70% of insurers cite legacy systems as the biggest hurdle to modernizing digital experiences and AI-driven underwriting

TORONTO, [Date] – New research from the Canadian Association of Financial Institutions in Insurance (CAFII) and Deloitte reveals that artificial intelligence (AI), advanced analytics, and digital-first experiences are poised to transform the Credit Protection Insurance (CPI) industry in Canada. The study, *Exploring Emerging Technology & Gen AI Trends in CPI* [[LINK](#)], outlines how insurers are modernizing underwriting, streamlining claims, and meeting rising consumer expectations for digital engagement—while also facing key barriers to adoption.

“This research underscores the urgent need for the insurance industry to modernize and harness new technologies that deliver faster, more accessible, and more tailored protection for Canadian consumers,” said Keith Martin, Executive Director of CAFII. “While AI and automation are improving efficiencies, legacy systems and regulatory complexities remain hurdles. The time is now for strategic investments that put consumer experience and digital accessibility at the forefront.”

Key Findings: A Snapshot of the Future of CPI in Canada

- **AI-Powered Underwriting is Closing Protection Gaps**
AI-driven models are reducing approval times, improving risk assessment, and making insurance more inclusive. More than 60% of insurers say AI will have a high impact on underwriting and claims processing over the next 3-5 years. Manulife has already deployed AI-powered underwriting tools that cut processing time while leveraging decades of underwriting data.
- **Consumers Demand Digital-First, Self-Service Insurance**
With more than half of CPI insurers prioritizing investments in digital customer engagement, the industry is shifting toward mobile-first experiences, real-time policy access, and digital education tools. 33% of insurers cite enhancing customer experience

as a top priority for tech investment, showing a shift toward more consumer-friendly insurance solutions.

- **Cloud-Based Technology is Driving Agility and Security**

Insurers are embracing cloud computing to enhance security compliance, improve operational efficiencies, and integrate AI-driven insights at scale. 70% of insurers identify cloud-based platforms as a key enabler of future-ready CPI services.

- **Regulatory Barriers & Legacy Systems Are Slowing Adoption**

Despite these advancements, outdated infrastructure and fragmented regulatory policies are delaying modernization efforts across the industry. CPI remains heavily reliant on the broader lending ecosystem, creating complexities in technology adoption. Over 70% of insurers cite legacy technology as the biggest challenge in delivering digital-first solutions.

The Path Forward: Building a Future-Ready Insurance Industry

CAFII's research calls for greater collaboration between insurers, fintechs, and regulators to accelerate innovation, investment in AI, and adoption of cloud-based platforms.

By embracing ecosystem partnerships and modernizing digital engagement, Canada's CPI industry has a unique opportunity to lead in financial protection innovation—ensuring Canadians have more seamless, secure, and customized insurance solutions in an evolving financial landscape.

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