

Health Care Coverage: Underwriting Practices

This Act prohibits the compensation of a person or entity employed by, or contracted with, a health care service plan or disability insurer from being based on, or related to, the number of health care service plan or health insurance contracts, policies, or certificates that the person has caused or recommended to be rescinded, canceled, or limited, or the resulting cost savings to the plan or insurer.

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Status: Enacted into law in 2008.

Suggested State Legislation

(Title, enacting clause, etc.)

1 Section 1. [*Short Title.*] This Act shall be cited as “An Act to Prohibit Certain
2 Underwriting Practices for Health Care Service Plans and Disability Insurers.”

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4 Section 2. [*Prohibitions for Compensating a Person or Entity Employed by, or*
5 *Contracted With, a Health Care Service Plan or Disability Insurer.*]

6 (A) Compensation of a person or entity employed by, or contracted with, a health care
7 service plan shall not be based on, or related in any way to, the number of contracts that the
8 person or entity has caused or recommended to be rescinded, canceled, or limited, or the
9 resulting cost savings to the health plan.

10 (B) A health care service plan shall not set performance goals or quotas, or provide
11 compensation to any person or entity employed by, or contracted with, the health care service
12 plan, based on the number of people whose coverage is rescinded or any financial savings to the
13 health care service plan associated with rescission of coverage.

14 (C) Compensation of a person or entity employed by, or contracted with, a disability
15 insurer shall not be based on, or related in any way to, the number of policies or certificates for
16 health insurance that the person or entity has caused or recommended to be rescinded, canceled,
17 or limited, or the resulting cost savings to the insurer.

18 (D) A disability insurer shall not set performance goals or quotas, or provide
19 compensation to any person or entity employed by, or contracted with, the insurer, based on the
20 number of people whose health insurance coverage is rescinded or any financial savings to the
21 insurer associated with rescission of coverage.

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23 Section 3. [*Severability.*] [Insert severability clause.]

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25 Section 4. [*Repealer.*] [Insert repealer clause.]

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27 Section 5. [*Effective Date.*] [Insert effective date.]