

**21-5928. Unlawful acts relating to the medicaid program.** (a) No recipient of medicaid benefits, family member of such recipient, or provider of medicaid services shall intentionally:

(1) Solicit or receive any remuneration, including but not limited to any kickback, bribe or rebate, directly or indirectly, overtly or covertly, in cash or in kind:

(A) In return for referring or refraining from referring an individual to a person for the furnishing or arranging for the furnishing of any goods, service, item, facility or accommodation for which payment may be made, in whole or in part, under the medicaid program; or

(B) in return for purchasing, leasing, ordering or arranging for or recommending purchasing, leasing or ordering any goods, service, item, facility or accommodation for which payment may be made, in whole or in part, under the medicaid program;

(2) offer or pay any remuneration, including, but not limited to, any kickback, bribe or rebate, directly or indirectly, overtly or covertly, in cash or in kind to any person to induce such person:

(A) To refer or refrain from referring an individual to a person for the furnishing or arranging for the furnishing of any goods, service, item, facility or accommodation for which payment may be made, in whole or in part, under the medicaid program; or

(B) to purchase, lease, order, or arrange for or recommend purchasing, leasing, or ordering any goods, service, item, facility or accommodation for which payment may be made, in whole or in part, under the medicaid program; or

(3) divide or share any funds illegally obtained from the medicaid program.

(b) No medicaid recipient shall intentionally trade a medicaid number for money or other remuneration, sign for services that are not received by the medicaid recipient or sell or exchange for value goods purchased or provided under the medicaid program.

(c) A violation of this section is a severity level 7, nonperson felony.

(d) This section shall not apply to a refund, discount, copayment, deductible, incentive or other reduction obtained by a provider in the ordinary course of business, and appropriately reflected in the claims or reports submitted to the medicaid program, or its fiscal agent, nor shall it be construed to prohibit deductibles, copayments or any other cost or risk sharing arrangements which are a part of any program operated by or pursuant to contracts with the medicaid program.

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