
DIGEST

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Abstract: Classifies as an unfair trade practice taking adverse actions against a healthcare provider for certain activities by the provider.

Present law classifies certain practices of insurers or producers as unfair trade practices and authorizes the commissioner of insurance to investigate these practices and take certain actions when a he determines a violation has occurred.

Proposed law classifies as an unfair trade practice the taking of adverse action against a healthcare provider by an insurer or pharmacy benefit manager for the following:

- (1) Discussing any healthcare or healthcare cost issue with a patient or the public.
- (2) Disclosing a practice by the insurer or pharmacy benefit manager that is in violation of state law.
- (3) Providing information to or testifying before any public body conducting an investigation, hearing, or inquiry into any violation of law.
- (4) Objecting to or refusing to participate in a practice that is a violation of law or causes the provider financial loss.
- (5) Participating in the political process.

(Adds R.S. 22:1964(29))