

**§ 58-63-70. Health care service discount practices by insurers and service corporations.**

(a) It is an unfair trade practice for any insurer or service corporation subject to this Chapter to make an intentional misrepresentation to a health care provider to the effect that the insurer or service corporation is entitled to a certain preferred provider or other discount off the fees charged for medical services, procedures, or supplies provided by the health care provider, when the insurer or service corporation is not entitled to any discount or is entitled to a lesser discount from the provider on those fees.

(b) It is an unfair trade practice for any person with knowledge that an insurer or service corporation intends to make the type of misrepresentation prohibited in subsection (a) of this section to provide substantial assistance to that insurer or service corporation in accomplishing that misrepresentation. (1997-519, s. 3.2.)