

WAC 284-95-080 Unfair or deceptive acts or practices. It is an unfair or deceptive act or practice, pursuant to RCW 48.30.010, for any transferring company to:

(1) Be a party to a transfer of insurance contracts which is in violation of the provisions of this regulation; or

(2) Represent to policyowners, either verbally or in writing, that the commissioner has approved a transfer of insurance contracts. It shall be a false representation in advertising, in the sense of RCW 48.44.110, for a health care service contractor to represent to policyowners, either verbally or in writing, that the commissioner has approved any transfer of insurance contracts. It shall be a false or misleading practice in advertising, in the sense of RCW 48.46.400, and a deceptive, misleading, or unfair practice in advertising, in the sense of RCW 48.46.130 (1)(e), for a health maintenance organization to represent to policyowners, either verbally or in writing, that the commissioner has approved any transfer of insurance contracts; or

(3) Unfairly discriminate against policyowners who do not consent to the proposed transfer of insurance contracts.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 48.02.060 (3)(a), 48.01.030 and 48.30.010. WSR 91-23-064 (Order R 91-9), § 284-95-080, filed 11/18/91, effective 12/19/91.]