

WAC 284-66-330 Standards for marketing. (1) Every issuer marketing medicare supplement insurance coverage in this state, directly or through its producers, must:

(a) Establish marketing procedures to assure that any comparison of policies or certificates by its insurance producers will be fair and accurate.

(b) Establish marketing procedures to assure excessive insurance is not sold or issued.

(c) Display prominently by type, stamp or other appropriate means, on the first page of the policy or certificate the following:

"NOTICE TO BUYER: THIS (POLICY, CONTRACT OR CERTIFICATE) MAY NOT COVER ALL OF YOUR MEDICAL EXPENSES."

(d) Inquire and otherwise make every reasonable effort to identify whether a prospective applicant or enrollee for medicare supplement insurance already has disability insurance and the types and amounts of any such insurance.

(e) Establish auditable procedures for verifying compliance with this section.

(2) In addition to the acts and practices prohibited in chapter 48.30 RCW, chapters 284-30 and 284-50 WAC, and this chapter, the commissioner has found and hereby defines the following to be unfair acts or practices and unfair methods of competition, and prohibited practices for any issuer, or their respective appointed insurance producers either directly or indirectly:

(a) Twisting. Making misrepresentations or misleading comparisons of any insurance policies or issuers for the purpose of inducing, or tending to induce, any person to lapse, forfeit, surrender, terminate, keep, or convert any insurance policy.

(b) High pressure tactics. Employing any method of marketing having the effect of or tending to induce the purchase of insurance through force, fright, threat whether explicit or implied, or otherwise applying undue pressure to coerce the purchase of, or recommend the purchase of, insurance.

(c) Cold lead advertising. Making use directly or indirectly of any method of marketing that fails to disclose in a conspicuous manner that a purpose of the method of marketing is solicitation of insurance and that contact will be made by an insurance producer or insurance company.

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