609.612 EMPLOYMENT OF RUNNERS.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) As used in this section, the following terms have the meanings given.

- (b) "Public media" means telephone directories, professional directories, newspapers and other periodicals, radio and television, billboards, and mailed or electronically transmitted written communications that do not involve in-person contact with a specific prospective patient or client.
- (c) "Runner," "capper," or "steerer" means a person who for a pecuniary gain procures patients or clients at the direction of, or in cooperation with, a health care provider when the person knows or has reason to know that the provider's purpose is to fraudulently perform or obtain services or benefits under or relating to a contract of motor vehicle insurance. The term does not include a person who procures clients through public media.
- Subd. 2. **Act constituting.** Whoever employs, uses, or acts as a runner, capper, or steerer is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than three years or to a payment of a fine of not more than \$6,000, or both. Charges for any services rendered by a health care provider, who violated this section in regard to the person for whom such services were rendered, are noncompensable and unenforceable as a matter of law.

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