

**60A.9581 PROHIBITED PRACTICES AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.**

Subdivision 1. **Solicitations and sales to controlled person.** With respect to any viatical settlement contract or insurance policy, no viatical settlement broker knowingly shall solicit an offer from, effectuate a viatical settlement with, or make a sale to any viatical settlement provider, viatical settlement purchaser, viatical settlement investment agent, financing entity, or related provider trust that is controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the viatical settlement broker unless this relationship is disclosed to the viator.

Subd. 2. **Payment to controlled broker.** With respect to any viatical settlement contract or insurance policy, no viatical settlement provider knowingly may enter into a viatical settlement contract with a viator, if, in connection with a viatical settlement contract, anything of value will be paid to a viatical settlement broker that is controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the viatical settlement provider or the viatical settlement purchaser, viatical settlement investment agent, financing entity, or related provider trust that is involved in a viatical settlement contract unless this relationship is disclosed to the viator.

Subd. 3. **Fraudulent viatical settlement act.** A violation of subdivisions 1 and 2 is deemed a fraudulent viatical settlement act.

Subd. 4. **Advertising.** (a) No viatical settlement provider shall enter into a viatical settlement contract unless the viatical settlement promotional, advertising, and marketing materials, as may be prescribed by rule, have been filed with the commissioner. In no event shall any marketing materials expressly reference that the insurance is "free" for any period of time. The inclusion of any reference in the marketing materials that would cause a viator to reasonably believe that the insurance is free for any period of time shall be considered a violation of sections 60A.957 to 60A.9585.

(b) No life insurance producer, insurance company, viatical settlement broker, viatical settlement provider, or viatical settlement investment agent shall make any statement or representation to the applicant or policyholder in connection with the sale or financing of a life insurance policy to the effect that the insurance is free or without cost to the policyholder for any period of time unless provided in the policy.

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