CALIFORNIA DOI COMMENTS

The following are California’s comments:

1) The term “entity” is not defined in Section 2, Definitions. “Entity” is amended throughout the amended Unfair Trade Practices Act (Model #880) to state “person”; however, the amendment to subsection E in Section 2, adds “Health Insurance Lead Generator.” This definition includes the term “entity.” This term needs to be changed to “person”, which is defined in Section 2.

2) The previous grammatical errors of “an health insurance product” to “a health insurance product” in two places were corrected, but the new amendments in (E)(1) and (2) below show the same grammatical errors.

3) Finally, section 4(B) was deleted as shown below in the Unfair Trade Practices Act (Model #880). With this deletion, lead generators do not have to maintain their records for two years. The record retention requirement for lead generators is supposed give state regulators leverage over what these generators do. The removal of subsection (B) in Section 4 weakens the Unfair Trade Practices Act (Model #880).

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the above comments.

Thank you.

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