

**WAC 296-17B-720 Prohibited conduct.** (1) Employers and group sponsors must not engage in claims suppression as defined in RCW 51.28.010(4).

(2) Employers and group sponsors must not pay medical service providers for medical services related to an industrial injury or occupational disease. Payment of monthly direct fees made on behalf of employees to qualifying direct primary care service providers as permitted by RCW 48.150.050 does not disqualify an employer or group sponsor from participation in the retrospective rating program.

(3) Unless disclosed to the member at the time of enrollment, group sponsors must not require members to pay dues, fees, or continue membership in the retrospective rating program beyond the last date of the coverage year in order to receive their share of refunds, if any.

If we determine that you have violated any of these provisions, we will remove you from retrospective rating effective the date we notify you, and permanently bar you from further participation in the retrospective rating program. You will remain liable for any additional premium assessments related to your participation prior to your removal, but you will forfeit any right to refunds for adjustments calculated after your removal.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 51.18.010 and 51.04.020(1). WSR 12-21-054, § 296-17B-720, filed 10/15/12, effective 12/14/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 51.16.035, 51.16.100, 51.04.020(1), and 51.18.010. WSR 10-21-086, § 296-17B-720, filed 10/19/10, effective 11/19/10.]