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1 AN ACT concerning business.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 1. The Health Care Worker Self-Referral Act is 5 amended by adding Section 55 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 47/55 new)

7 Sec. 55. Application of the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. A violation of any of the provisions of 8 9 this Act constitutes an unlawful practice under the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. All remedies, 10 penalties, and authority granted to the Attorney General or 11 12 State's Attorney by the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act shall be available to him or her for the 13 14 enforcement of this Act.

Section 5. The Medical Practice Act of 1987 is amended by changing Section 22.2 as follows:

17 (225 ILCS 60/22.2)
18 (Section scheduled to be repealed on December 31, 2019)
19 Sec. 22.2. Prohibition against fee splitting.
20 (a) A licensee under this Act may not directly or
21 indirectly divide, share or split any professional fee or other

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1 form of compensation for professional services with anyone in 2 exchange for a referral or otherwise, other than as provided in 3 this Section 22.2.

(b) Nothing contained in this Section abrogates the right 4 5 of 2 or more licensed health care workers as defined in the Health Care Worker Self-referral Act to each receive adequate 6 compensation for concurrently rendering services to a patient 7 and to divide the fee for such service, provided that the 8 9 patient has full knowledge of the division and the division is 10 made in proportion to the actual services personally performed 11 and responsibility assumed by each licensee consistent with his 12 or her license, except as prohibited by law.

(c) Nothing contained in this Section prohibits a licensee under this Act from practicing medicine through or within any form of legal entity authorized to conduct business in this State or from pooling, sharing, dividing, or apportioning the professional fees and other revenues in accordance with the agreements and policies of the entity provided:

19 (1) each owner of the entity is licensed under this20 Act;

(2) the entity is organized under the Medical Corporation Act, the Professional Services Corporation Act, the Professional Association Act, or the Limited Liability Company Act;

(3) the entity is allowed by Illinois law to provide
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hospital or hospital affiliate or licensed ambulatory
 surgical treatment center owned in full or in part by
 Illinois-licensed physicians;

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4 (4) the entity is a combination or joint venture of the 5 entities authorized under this subsection (c); or

the entity is 6 (5) an Illinois not for profit 7 corporation that is recognized as exempt from the payment 8 of federal income taxes as an organization described in 9 Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and all of 10 its members are full-time faculty members of a medical 11 school that offers a M.D. degree program that is accredited 12 by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education and a program 13 of graduate medical education that is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. 14

15 (d) Nothing contained in this Section prohibits a licensee 16 under this Act from paying a fair market value fee to any 17 person or entity whose purpose is to perform billing, administrative preparation, or collection services based upon 18 19 a percentage of professional service fees billed or collected, 20 a flat fee, or any other arrangement that directly or indirectly divides professional fees, for the administrative 21 22 preparation of the licensee's claims or the collection of the 23 licensee's charges for professional services, provided that:

(i) the licensee or the licensee's practice under
subsection (c) of this Section at all times controls the
amount of fees charged and collected; and

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(ii) all charges collected are paid directly to the licensee or the licensee's practice or are deposited directly into an account in the name of and under the sole control of the licensee or the licensee's practice or deposited into a "Trust Account" by a licensed collection agency in accordance with the requirements of Section 8(c) of the Illinois Collection Agency Act.

8 Nothing contained in this Section prohibits the (e) 9 granting of a security interest in the accounts receivable or 10 fees of a licensee under this Act or the licensee's practice for bona fide advances made to the licensee or licensee's 11 12 practice provided the licensee retains control and 13 responsibility for the collection of the accounts receivable and fees. 14

15 (f) Excluding payments that may be made to the owners of or 16 licensees in the licensee's practice under subsection (c), a 17 licensee under this Act may not divide, share or split a professional service fee with, or otherwise directly or 18 19 indirectly pay a percentage of the licensee's professional service fees, revenues or profits to anyone for: (i) the 20 marketing or management of the licensee's practice, 21 (ii) 22 including the licensee or the licensee's practice on any 23 preferred provider list, (iii) allowing the licensee to 24 participate in any network of health care providers, (iv) 25 negotiating fees, charges or terms of service or payment on behalf of the licensee, or (v) including the licensee in a 26

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program whereby patients or beneficiaries are provided an incentive to use the services of the licensee.

3 (g) A violation of any of the provisions of this Section
4 constitutes an unlawful practice under the Consumer Fraud and
5 Deceptive Business Practices Act. All remedies, penalties, and
6 authority granted to the Attorney General by the Consumer Fraud
7 and Deceptive Business Practices Act shall be available to him
8 or her for the enforcement of this Section.

9 (Source: P.A. 96-608, eff. 8-24-09; 96-1126, eff. 7-20-10.)

Section 10. The Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business
 Practices Act is amended by adding Section 2VVV as follows:

12 (815 ILCS 505/2VVV new) Sec. 2VVV. Deceptive marketing, advertising, and sale of 13 14 mental health disorder and substance use disorder treatment. 15 (a) As used in this Section: "Facility" has the meaning ascribed to that term in Section 16 17 1-10 of the Alcoholism and Other Drug Abuse and Dependency Act. "Mental health disorder" has the same meaning as "mental 18 illness" under Section 1-129 of the Mental Health and 19 20 Developmental Disabilities Code. 21 "Program" has the meaning ascribed to that term in Section 22 1-10 of the Alcoholism and Other Drug Abuse and Dependency Act. 23 "Substance use disorder" has the same meaning as "substance abuse" under Section 1-10 of the Alcoholism and Other Drug 24

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1 Abuse and Dependency Act.

2	"Treatment" has the meaning ascribed to that term in
3	Section 1-10 of the Alcoholism and Other Drug Abuse and
4	Dependency Act.
5	(b) It is an unlawful practice for any person to engage in
6	misleading or false advertising or promotion that
7	misrepresents the need to seek mental health disorder or
8	substance use disorder treatment outside of the State of
9	<u>Illinois.</u>
10	(c) Any marketing, advertising, promotional, or sales
11	materials directed to Illinois residents concerning mental
12	health disorder or substance use disorder treatment must:
13	(1) prominently display or announce the full physical
14	address of the treatment program or facility;
15	(2) display whether the treatment program or facility
16	is licensed in the State of Illinois;
17	(3) display whether the treatment program or facility
18	has locations in Illinois;
19	(4) display whether the services provided by the
20	treatment program or facility are covered by an insurance
21	policy issued to an Illinois resident;
22	(5) display whether the treatment program or facility
23	is an in-network or out-of-network provider;
24	(6) include a link to the Internet website for the
25	Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health and
26	Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, or any

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1	successor State agency that provides information regarding
2	licensed providers of services; and
3	(7) disclose that mental health disorder and substance
4	use disorder treatment may be available at a reduced cost
5	or for free for Illinois residents within the State of
6	Illinois.
7	(d) It is an unlawful practice for any person to enter into
8	an arrangement under which a patient seeking mental health
9	disorder or substance use disorder treatment is referred to a
10	mental health disorder or substance use disorder treatment
11	program or facility in exchange for a fee, a percentage of the
12	treatment program's or facility's revenues that are related to
13	the patient, or any other remuneration that takes into account
14	the volume or value of the referrals to the treatment program
15	or facility. Such practice shall also be considered a violation
16	of the prohibition against fee splitting in Section 22.2 of the
17	Medical Practice Act of 1987 and a violation of the Health Care
18	Worker Self-Referral Act. This Section does not apply to health
19	insurance companies, health maintenance organizations, and
20	managed care plans or organizations licensed in Illinois.