

**11 NCAC 12 .0519            ACCIDENT AND HEALTH ADVERTISING: FORM AND CONTENT**

The format and content of an advertisement of an accident or sickness insurance policy shall be sufficiently complete and clear to avoid deception or the capacity or tendency to mislead or deceive. Whether an advertisement has a capacity or tendency to mislead or deceive shall be determined by the commissioner, from the overall impression that the advertisement may be reasonably expected to create upon a person of average education or intelligence, within the segment of the public to which it is directed.

Advertisements shall be truthful and not misleading in fact or in implication. Words or phrases, the meaning of which is clear only by implication or by familiarity with insurance terminology, shall not be used.

*History Note:*     *Authority G.S. 58-2-40(1); 58-63-15;*  
                      *Eff. February 1, 1976;*  
                      *Readopted Eff. September 26, 1978;*  
                      *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. May 1,*  
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