27 NCAC 01E .0303  DEFINITION OF PREPAID PLAN

A prepaid legal services plan or a group legal services plan ("a plan") is any arrangement by which a person, firm or corporation, not otherwise authorized to engage in the practice of law, in exchange for any valuable consideration, offers to provide or arranges the provision of specified legal services that are paid for in advance of any immediate need for the specified legal services ("covered services"). In addition to covered services, a plan may provide specified legal services at fees that are less than what a non-member of the plan would normally pay. The North Carolina legal services offered by a plan must be provided by a North Carolina licensed lawyer who is not an employee, director, or owner of the plan. A prepaid legal services plan does not include the sale of an identified, limited legal service, such as drafting a will, for a fixed, one-time fee. [This definition is also found in Rule 7.3(d) of the Revised Rules of Professional Conduct.]

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