

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2013 and 2014 SB3301

Introduced 2/14/2014, by Sen. Dave Syverson

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

215 ILCS 121/40

Amends the Navigator Certification Act to provide that the education and certification requirements for certified application counselors shall be substantially similar to the certification requirements for navigators under the Act.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

Section 5. The Navigator Certification Act is amended by changing Section 40 as follows:

(215 ILCS 121/40)

- Sec. 40. Certified application counselor.
- (a) A certified application counselor may not:
- (1) sell, solicit, or negotiate, as these terms are defined in Section 500-10 of the Illinois Insurance Code, any of the classes of insurance enumerated in Section 4 of the Illinois Insurance Code;
 - (2) offer advice about which health plan is better or worse for a particular individual or employer;
 - (3) recommend or endorse a particular health plan or advise consumers about which plan to choose;
 - (4) provide any information or services related to health benefit plans or other insurance products not offered in the exchange, except for health care providers when furnishing information or services related to a patient's existing health benefit plan or other existing health insurance coverage; or
 - (5) accept any compensation or consideration, directly

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- or indirectly, from any issuer of accident and health insurance or stop-loss insurance that is dependent, in whole or in part, on whether a person enrolls in or purchases a particular health benefit plan.
 - (b) Items (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) of subsection (a) of this Section do not apply to certified application counselors when assisting individuals with the enrollment process in the State Medicaid program or other public programs.
- 9 (c) The Director shall develop education and certification
 10 requirements for certified application counselors by rule. The
 11 education and certification requirements shall be
 12 substantially similar to the certification requirements for
 13 navigators under this Act.
- 14 (Source: P.A. 98-524, eff. 8-23-13.)