

**THE MEDICAID FALSE CLAIM ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 72 of 1977**

**400.612 Civil penalty for receiving benefit by reason of fraud, making fraudulent statement, knowingly concealing material fact, or engaging in prohibited conduct; criminal action not required.**

Sec. 12.

(1) A person who receives a benefit that the person is not entitled to receive by reason of fraud or making a fraudulent statement or knowingly concealing a material fact, or who engages in any conduct prohibited by this statute, shall forfeit and pay to the state the full amount received, and for each claim a civil penalty of not less than \$5,000.00 or more than \$10,000.00 plus triple the amount of damages suffered by the state as a result of the conduct by the person.

(2) A criminal action need not be brought against the person for that person to be civilly liable under this section.

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