"IT IS A CRIME TO KNOWINGLY PROVIDE, OR TO KNOWINGLY ASSIST, ABET, OR CONSPIRE WITH ANOTHER TO PROVIDE FALSE, INCOMPLETE, OR MISLEADING INFORMATION TO AN INSURANCE COMPANY WITH INTENT TO INJURE, DEFRAUD, OR DECEIVE THE COMPANY OR ANY OTHER PERSON. PENALTIES INCLUDE IMPRISONMENT, FINES, AND DENIAL OF INSURANCE BENEFITS."

"ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY PRESENTS A FALSE OR FRAUDULENT CLAIM FOR PAYMENT OF A LOSS OR BENEFIT OR WHO KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY PRESENTS FALSE INFORMATION IN AN APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE IS GUILTY OF A CRIME AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO FINES AND CONFINEMENT IN PRISON."

- (2) THE LACK OF THE STATEMENT REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A DEFENSE IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING.
- $\frac{\text{(B)}(C)}{\text{SUBSECTION}(A)(1)}(B)(1)$ OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:
 - (1) REINSURANCE APPLICATIONS OR CLAIM FORMS; OR
- (2) THE UNIFORM CLAIMS FORM FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF HOSPITAL SERVICES OR THE UNIFORM CLAIMS FORM FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS SERVICES ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSIONER UNDER § 15–1003 OF THIS ARTICLE.
- (B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, ALL PAYMENTS, IN WHATEVER FORM MADE PURSUANT TO A CLAIM, SHALL CONTAIN A STATEMENT, PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO THE INSTRUMENT AT OR NEAR THE AREA PROVIDED FOR PAYEE ENDORSEMENT, THAT CLEARLY STATES IN SUBSTANCE THE FOLLOWING:

"BY ENDORSEMENT OF THIS CHECK, THE PAYEE, UNDER PENALTY OF FINE OR IMPRISONMENT, OR BOTH, CERTIFIES (1) ENTITLEMENT TO THIS PAYMENT FOR BENEFITS OR SERVICES, AND (2) THAT NO FALSE STATEMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE IN SUPPORT OF THE CLAIM FOR PAYMENT. FALSE REPRESENTATIONS COULD RESULT IN CRIMINAL PENALTIES."

(c) The warning required under subsection (b) of this section is not required on forms relating to reinsurance.