

**148F.185 PUBLIC STATEMENTS.**

Subdivision 1. **Prohibition against false or misleading information.** Public statements by providers must not include false or misleading information. Providers shall not solicit or use testimonials by quotation or implication from current clients or former clients who are vulnerable to undue influence. The provider shall make reasonable efforts to ensure that public statements by others on behalf of the provider are truthful and shall make reasonable remedial efforts to bring a public statement into compliance with sections 148F.12 to 148F.205 when the provider becomes aware of a violation.

Subd. 2. **Misrepresentation.** The provider shall not misrepresent, directly or by implication, professional qualifications including education, training, experience, competence, credentials, or areas of specialization. The provider shall not misrepresent, directly or by implication, professional affiliations or the purposes and characteristics of institutions and organizations with which the provider is professionally associated.

Subd. 3. **Use of specialty board designation.** Providers may represent themselves as having an area of specialization from a specialty board, such as a designation as a diplomate or fellow, if the specialty board used, at a minimum, the following criteria to award such a designation:

- (1) specified educational requirements defined by the specialty board;
- (2) specified experience requirements defined by the specialty board;
- (3) a work product evaluated by other specialty board members; and
- (4) a face-to-face examination by a committee of specialty board members or a comprehensive written examination in the area of specialization.

**History:** 2012 c 197 art 2 s 38