

# HEALTH CARE FRAUD LAWS

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## Fraudulent Application By Provider

### NCGS § 108A-63 Medical Assistance Provider Fraud

A person guilty of this offense is a provider of medical assistance under the state Medical Assistance (Medicaid) Program and **willfully and knowingly** makes or cause to be made a false statement or a false representation of a **material** fact:

- in an application for payment or use in determining entitlement to such payment, or
- with respect to the conditions or operation of a provider or facility so that the provider or facility may qualify or remain qualified to provide assistance under the program.

**Violators are guilty of a Class I felony**

**“This individual defrauded state’s medicaid program out of millions of dollars. Those resources were intended for north carolinians’ health care. My office will not tolerate health care fraud that waste taxpayer money.”**

**-Attorney General  
Josh Stein**

<https://ncdoj.gov/attorney-general-josh-stein-announces-conviction-in-6-1-million-medicaid-fraud-scheme/>

## What do those words mean?

**Willfully and knowingly:** A crime that is carried out intentionally and with a full awareness.

**Material:** If a fact is material, It will likely impact the outcome of the case in court.