

# HEALTH CARE FRAUD LAWS

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## Identity Theft\* NCGS § 14-113.20

A person who **knowingly** obtains, possesses, or uses **identifying information** of another person, living or dead, with the intent to fraudulently make financial or credit transactions in the other person's name, to obtain anything of value, benefit, or advantage, or for the purpose of avoiding legal consequences.

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

*\* this law is not specific to health care, but is often prosecuted in conjunction with health care fraud (i.e. False Claims, Medical Assistance Provider Fraud)*

**“This doctor caused immense harm to patients struggling to combat opioid addiction, and in the process, cheated medicaid and wasted taxpayer money.”**

**-Attorney General  
Josh Stein**

## What do those words mean?

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

**Identifying information:** Social Security Number, Drivers License/ID, Bank Account Info, Credit Cards, Passwords, Digital Signature, Fingerprints, ETC.