## **OPEN FOR COMMENT UNTIL MAY 28, 2024**

## **Standards of Professional Conduct for Mediators.**

## **Standard 7. Conflicts of Interest**

(h) A mediator shall not give any commission, rebate, or other monetary or nonmonetary form of consideration to a party, or representative of a party, in return for a referral or due to an expectation of a referral of clients for mediation services.

A mediator should neither give nor accept any gift, favor, loan, or other item of value that raises a question as to the mediator's impartiality. However, a mediator may give or receive de minimis offerings such as sodas, cookies, snacks, or lunches served to those attending a mediation conducted by the mediator, that are intended to further the mediation or show respect for cultural norms.