13743 - Ruling on discount cards

the question

Some companies and hospitals issue discount cards. This is a card which is given to whoever wants one in return for a sum of money paid annually, and the carrier of the card can get some discounts or free examinations during the year. If after one year he has not used the card, he does not have the right to ask for the money that he paid to be returned.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Shaykh Ibn Baaz (may Allaah have mercy on him) was asked about the ruling on issuing these cards and dealing in them.

He replied:

This is not permissible, because it involves ambiguity, gambling and a great deal of risk, so we should avoid it. And Allaah is the source of strength,