

Preface

This Cumulative Supplement is current through April 1, 2018, with certain additional developments noted through July 2018.

Everyone doing business in the health care industry needs to be aware of new developments and trends in the area, and their lawyers need to stay informed in order to best advise them. Staying current on the government's evolving priorities and tools related to health care fraud enforcement remain especially relevant, particularly in light of the very substantial penalties for failure to comply. In light of the numerous ambiguities in these laws, few cases are litigated. However, even settlements can lead to millions of dollars in penalties, and government enforcement efforts now often focus on individuals as well as organizations. Recent memoranda issued by the Department of Justice, intended to ease the regulatory burden on providers, have further complicated the analysis. The chapters in this 2018 Cumulative Supplement to Health Care Fraud and Abuse: Practical Perspectives have been updated with these issues in mind.

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On behalf of the authors and publishers, we hope that the 2018 Cumulative Supplement will help readers understand, and help their clients successfully deal with, these important legal issues.

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