Health Practice Center

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Gain insight into complex health law issues and deliver value to clients.

The Health Practice Center on Bloomberg Law fully integrates analysis, commentary, practice tools, news, case law, and other primary and secondary sources to give you a comprehensive, nuanced understanding of critical issues in health law.

Enjoy unlimited access to deep regulatory materials, including Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Manuals and Transmittals; Office of Inspector General (OIG) Advisory Opinions; Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) Health Care Fraud Settlement Agreements; Food & Drug Administration (FDA) Safety Alerts and Warning Letters; trusted secondary sources, including Bloomberg BNA’s Health Care Daily Report™ and Health Law & Business Portfolio Series State Law Chart Builders; and step-by-step practical guidance for healthcare industry mergers and acquisitions and joint ventures, including expert-annotated forms from the American Health Lawyers Association, and much more. Bloomberg Law makes it easy to search case law and dockets, stay on top of the latest industry issues, and provide clients with optimal solutions.
Seamlessly integrated intelligence.

Practice pages
Navigate the nuances of health law. Bloomberg Law's Health Practice Center features seven practice pages: Business & Taxation, Fraud & Abuse, Health Information & Technology, Health Insurance & Benefits, Hospital & Provider Regulation, Medicare & Medicaid, and Pharmaceuticals & Life Sciences. These topically-organized pages allow you to easily find a complete set of content on a specific topic.

Practical guidance, portfolios & manuals
Access expert step-by-step transactional practical guidance for healthcare industry mergers and acquisitions (M&A) and joint ventures. Find American Health Lawyers Association (AHLA) forms, annotated by top practitioners, that provide drafting tips and essential guidance on transactional and compliance issues that arise at every stage of your M&A or joint venture transaction. Seamlessly locate additional in-depth analyses from AHLA program papers.

Additionally, get in-depth, topic-driven guidance designed to help you save research time and resolve complex issues with Bloomberg BNA Portfolios, written by leading expert practitioners especially for practitioners. The Portfolios, including those from the Health Law & Business Portfolio Series, provide access to detailed analysis, accompanied by precise citations and working papers that include relevant forms, documents and other research tools. Plus, gain thorough answers to core questions and information on the latest trends and best practices with manuals, such as the Health Care Program Compliance Guide and Health Care Reform Adviser™.

News & law reports

Our extensive network of analysts, correspondents and leading practitioners delivers timely commentary and practical perspectives on emerging trends for health law.

Updates for Law Reports are available through Email Notifications.

Our dedicated Health News page features relevant news from more than 50,000 sources, organized topically. Get easy access to Law Firm Research (such as client alerts and newsletters) and legal blogs such as the Bloomberg BNA Health Care Blog.

Laws & regulations
Easily find the details you need on important health laws and regulations, organized under the following categories: Affordable Care Act, Anti-Kickback Law, False Claims Act, Food, Drug, & Cosmetic Act, HIPAA, Medicaid, Medicare, and Stark Law; state health laws and regulations; and more. Plus, quickly access the latest health-related federal bills. Use Smart Code™ to find court opinions that interpret or discuss specific federal health statutes and rules.

Regulatory agencies
Get easy access to resources from key regulatory agencies, including materials from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), Office of Inspector General (OIG), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), and the Food & Drug Administration (FDA), as well as forms and guidance and interpretation for selected state health departments.

Books & treatises
Receive clear guidance on the issues affecting your health practice with a variety of titles on topics such as fraud and abuse, health insurance, life sciences and medical records and privacy from Bloomberg BNA the American Bar Association (ABA), the Practising Law Institute (PLI), the Getting the Deal Through series and more. Each book and treatise is an indispensable go-to resource for a variety of issues and scenarios involving health law.
State law resources
Get a handle on the many state health laws that affect your clients. The Health Practice Center features 22 interactive state law chart builders in five areas of health law which provide easy comparison of nuanced state law in multiple states. Build your own charts that will provide summaries of the laws and link to laws covering fraud and abuse, health IT, health insurance (both general and managed care), health privacy, and benefits. Quickly access additional state law surveys prepared by our expert editors to learn more about state health laws, or use our State Health Care Legislative or Regulatory Alerts to stay current on changes in state health laws and regulations.

Opinions & dockets
Keep track of health litigation with unlimited searching and alerting on opinions and dockets. Plus, topical searches — based on nature of suit codes, such as Contract – Medicare Act (151), False Claims Act (375), Personal Injury – Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury/Product Liability (367), and Social Security – Health Insurance (861) — enable you to quickly begin research using federal health-related dockets.

Transactional resources
Find transactional language that is relevant to your work from our proprietary database containing over one million example documents from actual transactions with the DealMaker Document and Clause Search. Start your research with links to searches for health-related Document Types, such as Asset Purchase Agreements, Joint Venture Agreements, M&A Transaction Documents, and Non-Competition and Confidentiality Agreements, and further target your search with Keywords and the Party, Law Firm or Attorney involved in the transaction. Also, easily access detailed clause and document descriptions and a dedicated EDGAR Search.

Streamline your drafting with Draft Analyzer. Find the right language for your agreement, then compare it, paragraph-by-paragraph, against language from EDGAR exhibits and DealMaker documents to build a market-based standardized version or template. The “red line” tool highlights where your language differs from market consensus.

Law reviews & journals
Stay on top of the latest issues, trends, news and analysis with law reviews and journals of particular interest to health practitioners, or search across the full library of law reviews and trade publications.
1 **Practice Pages**
Use our seven topical practice pages to easily find a complete set of content on a specific health law topic.

2 **Access expert-annotated AHLA Forms and Checklists**
for healthcare industry M&A and joint ventures, as well as related in-depth AHLA Program Papers for additional transactional guidance.

3 **Portfolios & Manuals**
Get expert perspectives and practical guidance to address complex health law matters from fraud and abuse to telehealth to managed care.

4 **News & Law Reports**
Stay current with timely commentary and analysis on today’s top legal issues, including Bloomberg BNA’s Health Care Daily Report™ and titles for industry segments and topics, such as Bloomberg BNA’s Health Care Fraud Report™.

5 **Key Laws & Regulations**
Quickly access key federal health statutes and regulations and with one click, find court opinions that interpret or discuss specific federal health statutes and rules.

6 **Regulatory Agencies**
Find the regulatory guidance you need from agencies such as the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), and the Food & Drug Administration (FDA).

7 **State Law Chart Builders**
Build your own charts that will provide summaries of state laws with links to laws covering 20 health law topics.

8 **Search Health Sources**
Run specific keyword searches and set up custom alerts on the information that matters to you most.
Use Smart Code™ to understand court interpretations of statutes and regulations.

View federal health laws and regulations from the Health Practice Center or the <GO> Bar located atop each page and get one-click access to court opinions that interpret or discuss the specific federal health statute or rule. Filter results by Keyword, Date, Court or Topic to identify relevant results quickly, and use the Strength of Discussion filter to focus on the most substantive judicial discussions. Plus, access relevant extracts from each opinion, making it easier to determine the impact of the decisions on the issue at hand.
Get proprietary deal data from Bloomberg, with access to monthly data on the distribution of transactions within the healthcare industry, so that you can effectively advise your clients and grow your practice based on the latest market intelligence.
Expert practical guidance for healthcare industry mergers & acquisitions.

Access step-by-step transactional practical guidance for healthcare M&A that is organized to meet your workflow and aligns with the key steps in the transaction:

- Initiating the deal-making process
- Conducting effective due diligence
- Drafting and negotiating the agreement
- Closing and implementing the deal

The guidance includes checklists, AHLA forms annotated by leading firms with drafting tips and advice, additional expertise from AHLA Program Papers, and examples of negotiated agreements from the market.

These essential transactional resources enable your healthcare transactional deal teams to get the best terms and tackle the challenging transactional and compliance issues that arise at every stage of your M&A deal.

Expert practical guidance for healthcare industry joint ventures and other strategic alliances.

Access step-by-step transactional practical guidance for healthcare JVs that is organized to meet your workflow and aligns with the key steps in the transaction:

- Initiating the deal-making process
- Conducting effective due diligence
- Drafting and negotiating the agreement
- Closing, implementing and unwinding the deal

The guidance includes checklists, AHLA forms annotated by top firms with drafting tips and advice, additional expertise from AHLA Program Papers, and examples of negotiated agreements from the market.

These essential transactional resources enable your healthcare transactional deal teams to get the best terms and tackle the challenging transactional and compliance issues that arise at every stage of your joint venture transaction.
Save research time.

Discover extensive regulatory resources.
Take advantage of deep regulatory materials from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) such as Office of Inspector General (OIG) Advisory Opinions, Corporate Integrity Agreements, and Health Care Fraud Settlement Agreements. Resources also include Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Manuals, the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) Orange Book and Warning Letters. Plus, search any combination of regulatory materials you want at once through the practice-area search interface.

Take advantage of trusted insights.
Gain valuable perspectives for your health practice from a wide range of legal publications, books and treatises. Get scenario-specific guidance from Portfolios, including titles within the Health Law & Business Portfolio Series. Obtain thorough answers to core questions with manuals, such as Health Care Reform Adviser, and acquire even more insight with books from Bloomberg BNA (such as Health Care Fraud and Abuse: Practical Perspectives), the Practising Law Institute (PLI) and more.
Stay informed.

Stay current with law reports.
Law Reports deliver essential and reliable commentary and analysis on legislative, regulatory and judicial developments affecting the health care industry. Get a broad overview through Bloomberg BNA’s Health Law Reporter™ and Bloomberg BNA’s Health Care Daily Report™, and learn more about specific areas of health law with Bloomberg BNA’s Health Care Fraud Report™.

Navigate state laws.
Uncover state health laws that affect your clients. With 20 interactive state law chart builders, key in on health law topics such as fraud and abuse, health information and technology, health insurance, health privacy, and benefits. Build your own charts that will provide summaries of the laws with links to the laws and provide easy comparison of nuanced state law in multiple states.
Content overview.
Healthcare enforcement and litigation • Life sciences • Pharmaceutical antitrust

Federal and state opinions, statutes, and regulations; and federal bills

Key statutes and regulations, such as:
• Anti-Kickback Law
• Anti-Kickback Safe Harbor Regulation
• False Claims Act
• Food, Drug & Cosmetic Act
• Food & Drug Administration Regulations
• Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act
• Federal Medicare & Medicaid Laws & Regulations
• Stark Law
• Stark Law (Self-Referral) Regulations
• Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

Federal dockets and selected state and international dockets
• Quickly search federal health law dockets, including using nature of suit codes, such as Contract – Medicare Act (151)
• False Claims Act (375)
• Personal Injury – Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury/Product Liability (367), Personal Injury – Medical Malpractice (362)
• Social Security – Health Insurance (861)
• Access and download docket entries, set alerts on searches, and track dockets through the Dockets portion of the Litigation & Dockets menu in the orange banner atop each page. International coverage of dockets in general includes courts in the U.K., the Cayman Islands, Dubai, the EU, and Hong Kong.

Regulatory agencies and organizations
• Department Appeal Board (DAB) ALJ and Appellate Division Decisions
• U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) materials, including:
  - Corporate Integrity Agreements
  - Health Care Fraud Settlement Agreements
  - Office of Inspector General (OIG) Advisory Opinions
• Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) resources, such as:
  - Manuals, decisions, rulings, and forms
• Food & Drug Administration (FDA) materials, including:
  - Safety alerts, warning letters, recalls and withdrawals, enforcement reports, and guidance documents
  - The Orange Book

State law Chart Builders
State Law Charts, such as:
• False and Fraudulent Claims
• Provider Self-Referral
• Insurance Coverage of Telehealth Services
• The Practice of Telemedicine
• Accountable Care Organizations
• Gag Clauses
• Disclosure of Physician Financial Incentives
• Any Willing Provider/Patient Choice
• Medical Record Access, Retention and Disposal
• Breach Notification
• Health Benefit Mandates: Services/Supplies
• Health Benefit Mandates: Specific Treatments
• Health Benefit Mandates: Providers/Specialists

Secondary sources

Bloomberg BNA Portfolios:
Among the Portfolios is the Health Law & Business Portfolio Series, including individual Portfolios such as:
• Federal Anti-Kickback Law
• Federal Self-Referral Law
• Health Care Fraud & Abuse: Enforcement and Compliance
• Health Care Mergers and Acquisitions: The Transactional Perspective
• Health Care Mergers and Acquisitions: The Antitrust Perspective
• Health Care Networks and Managed Care: Antitrust Aspects of Integration and Exclusion
• Managed Care Contracting: Advising the Managed Care Organizations
• The Regulation and Management of Clinical Research

Bloomberg BNA Manuals, such as:
• Health Care Program Compliance Guide
• Health Care Reform Adviser
• Heath Law Checklists and Forms

American Bar Association (ABA) treatises, including:
• Biotechnology and the Law

Bloomberg BNA Books, such as:
• E-Health, Privacy, and Security Law
• False Claims Act: Whistleblower Litigation
• Health Care Fraud and Abuse: Practical Perspectives
• Managed Care Litigation
• Pharmaceutical Law: Regulation of Research, Development, and Marketing
• Prosecuting and Defending Health Care Fraud Cases

Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) titles, including:
• Massachusetts Health and Hospital Law Manual
• Obtaining and Using Medical Records in Massachusetts

Oregon State Bar (OSB) titles, including:
• Health Law in Oregon

Practising Law Institute (PLI) treatises, such as:
• Healthcare Mergers and Acquisitions Answer Book
• Insurance Regulation Answer Book
• Medical Devices Law and Regulation Answer Book

Getting the Deal Through series:
International law treatises on various topics, including:
• Healthcare Enforcement and Litigation
• Life Sciences
• Pharmaceutical Antitrust

Bloomberg BNA Law Reports:
The following Law Reports are available on the Health Practice Center, as well as through Email Notifications:
• Federal Health Care Regulatory Alert™
• BNA’s Health Care Daily Report
• BNA’s Health Care Fraud Report
• Health IT Law & Industry Report™
• BNA’s Health Law Reporter
• Life Sciences Law & Industry Report™
• Medical Devices Law & Industry Report
• BNA’s Medicare Report
• Pharmaceutical Law & Industry Report
• State Health Care Legislative Alert™
• State Health Care Regulatory Alert™

Law Reviews & Journals:
• Coverage includes legal and industry resources.

Law Firm Research:
• Research analysis on health law developments from a network of leading national law firms.
Legal blogs:
• View a collection of health law blogs, including the Bloomberg BNA Health Care Blog, integrated with the news alert functionality of Bloomberg Law.

Bloomberg News
• On the Health Practice Center, find up-to-the-minute health news stories from Bloomberg News, along with easy access to searches of thousands of sources by topic, such as biologics, clinical trials, the Food & Drug Administration, and pharmaceutical legal settlements.
• The Health News Page features relevant news from Bloomberg News covering health issues broadly, and from thousands of additional sources organized by topic, such as Health Care Policy, Department of Health & Human Services, Medical Devices, Medical Research, and Pharmaceuticals.

• Find and search both breaking and some historical health news from more than 50,000 sources, including Bloomberg Businessweek, searchable through the News Search under the Legal Analysis & News menu in the orange banner atop each page.

Transactional resources
• Quickly search for precedent asset purchase agreements, joint venture agreements, and non-competition agreements across a proprietary database of over 800,000 attorney-selected example documents from real transactions in the health industry. The DealMaker Document Search enables you to customize your search with fields such as Document Type, Governing Law, Keywords, Party, Law Firm, and Attorney. Click over to the DealMaker Clause Search to zero in on clause language and even compare two clauses in side-by-side and redlined views.

• Use Draft Analyzer to find the right language for your agreement, then compare it, paragraph-by-paragraph, against language from EDGAR exhibits and DealMaker documents to build a market-based standardized version or template. The “red line” tool highlights where your language differs from market consensus.

• Get up to speed quickly on new assignments with document and clause descriptions written by experienced transactional attorneys.

• Take advantage of a comprehensive EDGAR Search enabling you to conduct targeted, precise searches as well as more broad-based searches across SEC filings.

• Access Deal News, Expert Commentary, Practice Notes, and Legal Treatises through the Transactional Law menu in the orange banner atop each page.