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Get up-to-the-minute information on federal and state regulatory changes, fraud and abuse developments, private equity and venture capital changes, antitrust issues, and more. In just one day, understand and apply the latest health care law developments you need to better serve your clients.

Don't miss practical advice from local and national experts. Get timely guidance on the critical changes facing health care law practitioners in 2026.

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Keep Pace with Rapid Change in Health Care Law

Evolving federal regulations, antitrust uncertainty, and private equity expansion—keeping up with the changing health care law landscape isn't easy. Now located at the Vistatech Center in Livonia, join us for a one-day deep dive into these critical issues, plus key updates on AI, privacy, and fraud and abuse. Get the latest information you need to protect your clients and practice with confidence.

Stay Current with Federal Regulations

Analyze the latest federal regulatory updates with Gerald M. Griffith and Ann T. Hollenbeck of Jones Day. Prepare your practice for new and amended laws. Familiarize yourself with the past year's critical judicial interpretations. Keep informed on how federal regulations impact antitrust developments.

Explore Evolving Investment Trends

Gain insight on the most recent venture capital (VC) and private equity (PE) trends influencing health care. Evaluate hospital consolidations and mergers. Michigan lawyers Reesa Benkoff, Timothy C. Gutwald, and Neil D. Williams share their insights on VC and PE investment strategies and their impact on hospitals, provider networks, and patients.

Analyze the Influence of AI in Health Care

Explore practical use cases for AI in your practice—Matthew Keuten and Sarah A. McCormick of Honigman LLP share opportunities for increasing efficiency. Navigate confidentiality, data security, bias, and compliance risks when using AI in health care law.

Protect Your Clients from Fraud and Abuse

Stay up to date with the latest government activities and precautions you must take to protect your clients. Delve into the intricacies of fraud and abuse prosecution with Adam B. Townshend of Warner Norcross + Judd LLP.

Moderators



Timothy C. Gutwald
Elevare Law,
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Eric S. Klein
Dykema,
Bloomfield Hills



Mark S. Kopson
Plunkett Cooney PC,
Bloomfield Hills



Sarah A. McCormick
Honigman LLP,
Detroit

Plenary Sessions

8:00am

Registration, Continental Breakfast, and Vendor Showcase

9:00am

Welcome and Health Care Law Section Update

Hear from the current chair of the Health Care Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan.

Eric S. Klein, Dykema, *Bloomfield Hills*

9:15am

Federal Regulatory Update

Don't miss this annual opportunity to stay current on federal law and regulations in health care. Take away keen analysis of the significance and implications of the past year's new and amended laws, regulations, and judicial interpretations.

Gerald M. Griffith, Jones Day, *Detroit*; Ann T. Hollenbeck, Jones Day, *Detroit*

10:30am

State Regulatory Update

Stay up to date on the latest regulatory changes in Michigan, including recent developments such as 2024 PA 252 requiring licensure of freestanding birth centers; proposed changes in administrative rules for adult foster care facilities and inpatient psychiatric hospitals and units; and a new facility, agency, and program licensing management information system to be released in 2026. Gain critical insight into how these changes will impact your health care clients.

Larry Horvath, Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, *Lansing*

12:35pm

Networking Lunch

3:25pm

Fraud and Abuse Update

Learn about the latest government activities and precautions you must take to protect your clients. Get an inside look at the complex landscape of fraud and abuse prosecution and get perspectives from both sides.

Adam B. Townshend, Warner Norcross + Judd LLP, *Grand Rapids*

4:15pm

Practicing Health Care Law in 2026

Focus on the evolving role of lawyers as strategic advisors beyond just providing legal counsel. Get perspectives from lawyers who have transitioned between different roles in the health care industry.

Amy J. Barkholz, Michigan Health & Hospital Association, *Okemos*; Susanne E. Crysler, Henry Ford Health, *Detroit*; Mark S. Kopson, Plunkett Cooney PC, *Bloomfield Hills*; Melissa D. Reitz, McCall Hamilton Law PLC, *Lansing*

5:05pm

Networking Reception

Relax and join faculty and fellow registrants for light hors d'oeuvres and cocktails.

Potpourri Track

11:05am

Career Visioning, Planning, and Acting for Young Lawyers

Get practical tips to successfully navigate your early career from experienced in-house and law firm health care law lawyers. Delve into the importance of, and the differences between, creating a vision for your practice or career and using strategic planning to achieve that vision.

Mark R. Adams, Hall Render Killian Heath & Lyman PC, *Troy*; Kelly M. Bondy, Ascension Michigan, *Saint Louis, MO*; GinaMarie Ferrara Geheb, Henry Ford Health, *Detroit*

11:55am

Private Equity and Venture Capital Trends

An overview of recent trends involving venture capital (VC), private equity (PE), and health care. Evaluate where money is being invested and discuss what VC and PE firms are looking for in new investment opportunities. Review new and proposed state laws and their impact on PE- and VC-backed health care providers.

Reesa Benkoff, Benkoff Health Law PLLC, *Bloomfield Hills*; Timothy C. Gutwald, Elevare Law, *Grand Rapids*; Neil D. Williams, Miller Johnson, *Grand Rapids*

Compliance Track

11:05am

Health Care Privacy: Emerging Risks and Regulatory Trends

Explore legal and industry developments reshaping the privacy and security compliance landscape beyond HIPAA.

Analyze implications of emerging technologies like AI and DOJ's new prohibition on international transfers of data. Also, examine changes to the Part 2 substance use disorder rules, the risks of offshoring health data, and the evolving expectations of regulators and enforcement agencies. Get key takeaways for guiding clients on these developments to mitigate risks and stay in compliance.

Allyson T. Bremer, Miller Johnson, *Grand Rapids*; Elizabeth Callahan, Hall Render Killian Heath & Lyman PC, *Troy*; Wedad Suleiman, Radiology Partners, *Northville*

11:55am

Mitigate Licensing, Patient Complaints, and Grievances

Gain insight on the current licensing environment and ways for health care practitioners to mitigate administrative actions. Establish effective communications to ward off official complaints to regulatory bodies. Navigate the licensing process when a complaint is filed. Mitigate collateral consequences of a licensing action, including professional association actions, debarment, and civil actions. Pick up best practices to manage risks and uphold professional standards.

Debra A. Geroux, Butzel Long PC, *Ann Arbor*; Robert S. Iwrey, The Health Law Partners PC, *Farmington Hills*; Alan T. Rogalski, Warner Norcross + Judd LLP, *Detroit*

AI Track

1:40pm

AI in Health Care Law: Transforming Legal Practice

Explore AI integration into health care law practice, highlighting practical use cases, opportunities for efficiency, and the risks lawyers must carefully navigate. Address confidentiality, data security, bias, and compliance with professional responsibility obligations when using AI tools.

Matthew Keuten, Honigman LLP, *Detroit*; Sarah A. McCormick, Honigman LLP, *Detroit*

2:30pm

Integration of AI Technology in Health Care Settings

Delve into the transformative role of AI in health care settings from clinical and payor perspectives. Examine real-world examples of AI applications in diagnostics, treatment planning, and patient monitoring. Highlight AI integration in health insurance processes, including claims management, fraud detection, and personalized health plans. Consider negotiating and contracting issues with IT vendors, ensuring partnerships that support innovation and compliance.

Liza R. Brooks, Dykema, *Bloomfield Hills*; Lauren E. Willens, Henry Ford Health, *Detroit*

Hot Topics Track

1:40pm

Debunking Health Plan Myths

Get myth-busting insights into key health law topics through the perspectives of health plan lawyers. Gain practical knowledge, dispel common misconceptions, and deepen your understanding of how health plans approach critical legal challenges in today's evolving health care landscape and how best to work with health plan counsel to resolve disputes.

Mercedes Varasteh Dordeski, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, *Detroit*; Matthew Ehrlich, McLaren Health Plan, *Flint*; David Weader, Priority Health

2:30pm

Antitrust in Health Care Law

Review antitrust impacts and influences in various health care contexts, including consolidations and provider networks.

Herbert F. Allen, Honigman LLP, *Washington, DC*

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