



LOUISIANA BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION HEALTH LAW TOPICS

The following outline of subject matter knowledge required for certification in the Health Law specialty is as follows:

1. Contracting & Fraud & Abuse

- 1.1 General health care contract issues**
- 1.2 Louisiana and Federal anti-kickback prohibitions**
- 1.3 Federal and Louisiana restrictions on physicians' referrals to health care entities**
- 1.4 Federal and Louisiana ownership disclosure requirements**
- 1.5 Acquisition and sale of health care providers and physician practices**
- 1.6 Tax issues/tax exemptions**
- 1.7 Civil, administrative and criminal sanctions**
- 1.8 Compliance programs**
- 1.9 Exclusion and disbarment**
- 1.10 False Claims Act (Federal & State)**

2. Provider Regulation

- 2.1 Facility Need Review Approval**
- 2.2 Licensure**
- 2.3 Medicare and Medicaid Certification**
- 2.4 Accreditation**
- 2.5 Administrative law and procedure**

3. Institutional Operations & Patient Care

- 3.1 Informed consent**
- 3.2 Privacy and confidential information**
- 3.3 Medical Records**
- 3.4 Advance Directives**
- 3.5 Patient Rights**
- 3.6 Disciplinary actions and reporting requirements**
- 3.7 Risk management**
- 3.8 Credentialing and professional peer review**
- 3.9 Emergency hospital services requirements/ Anti-dumping prohibitions**
- 3.10 Medical Staff governance and bylaws**
- 3.11 Health information technology**
- 3.12 HIPAA**
- 3.13 HITECH Act**
- 3.14 Healthcare Quality Improvement Act (HCQIA)**

4. Integration & Reimbursement

- 4.1 Integration and structure of delivery systems**

- 4.2 Healthcare Antitrust**
- 4.3 Managed care entities and contracting**
- 4.4 Reimbursement and payment**
- 4.5 Louisiana Medicaid program**
- 4.6 Medicare program**
- 4.7 Audits and appeals**