



## HEALTH CARE LAW

Riker Danzig's Health Care Group is involved in all aspects of the legal system that affect the planning, financing and delivery of health care by organizations and individuals. Our health care lawyers serve as counsel to physicians, physician groups, and facilities including surgery centers, imaging centers, hospitals, urgent care centers, addiction centers, nursing homes, home health care agencies, hospices, pharmacies, pharmaceutical manufacturers, and other health care providers and suppliers. We handle legal and regulatory matters unique to the health care industry, specializing in mergers and acquisitions, federal and state tax matters, quality of care and biomedical ethical matters, physician contracting, medical staff credentialing and federal and state regulations governing hospitals and other health care facilities.

We represent hospitals and other providers in their applications for New Jersey Certificates of Need and subsequent changes in cost or scope of services for such certificates, as well as in licensing matters.

We provide counseling for corporate reorganizations, medical and professional staff issues, withholding of life support, refusal of treatment and informed consent issues, guardianship, medical records, corporate compliance plans, health care reimbursement matters, intellectual property and research and development issues, fraud and abuse and other Medicare issues, as well as for hospital construction, financing and bond matters. Our health care lawyers assist hospitals in business arrangements and joint ventures, mergers, consolidations, asset sales and acquisitions, with special attention given to ensure compliance with federal tax laws, "fraud and abuse" concerns, antitrust laws and financial covenants contained in bond indentures and other financing documents.

Our health care lawyers are engaged in on-going analyses of state and federal regulatory trends and proposed legislation. We are prepared to advise our clients on reviews for compliance with health planning, licensure, public health, government grant and contract requirements and financing techniques. We can provide advice regarding labor and employment, as well as real estate and employee benefit issues, and commercial contracting. We also serve as counsel in state and federal administrative appeals and civil court litigation.

The expertise of our health care lawyers, coupled with the firm's broad range of capabilities in related practice

areas, brings great depth of service to the individual concerns of our health care clients.

We have provided general and special counsel services to a variety of facilities in New Jersey. These include Wayne Surgical Center, Greenbrook Urgent Care Center, American Addiction Centers, The Valley Hospital, and Solaris Health System. Our attorneys have also served as special counsel at RWJ Barnabas Health System and Hackensack Meridian Health System.

Riker Danzig counsels health care facilities and physicians on the development of business ventures, including structuring the financial and tax aspects of partnership and shareholder agreements. Specific legal services are provided on the interpretation of federal tax laws and regulations, Medicare and Medicaid Fraud and Abuse laws, Medicare regulations and antitrust laws and regulations as they relate to specific hospital or physician practices or joint venture activities.

In today's diverse health care environment, Riker Danzig has provided a full range of legal services to such health-related ancillary organizations as home health care agencies, assisted living facilities, chronic hemo-dialysis facilities, free-standing ambulatory care facilities, ambulance companies, durable medical equipment suppliers, HMOs, PPOs and MSOs.

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