

Alliance Agreement

This Agreement is between the American Health Lawyers Association (AHLA) and XYZ _____ (state health law organization).

AHLA and XYZ _____ hereby form an Alliance to provide their respective members with information, educational services and networking opportunities relating to the practice of health law. Both parties agree that the purpose of this alliance is to increase the value of membership in each organization, and to provide a foundation for future initiatives to share resources, reduce costs and enhance services, without increasing risks or costs of either organization.

AHLA and XYZ _____ will work together to achieve the following educational goals:

1) Create a State Health Law Page on the AHLA Site: AHLA agrees to develop a specific page on its website dedicated to providing state-specific health law information for the state of _____. XYZ _____ will be listed on the page as an organization partnering with AHLA in the creation of this resource. The state web page will follow a model developed by AHLA and include content relating to healthcare reform, case law, statutes, practice tools and other websites of interest.

The webpage may also include links to content developed by XYZ _____ or links to XYZ's _____ site as appropriate. XYZ _____ agrees to add a link from its website to the state page on the AHLA site and regularly promote the page to its members and in its informational materials. XYZ _____ will encourage its members to submit content to AHLA for posting on the site, and as appropriate, upload materials to the page as needed to maintain the currency of the page. Both AHLA and XYZ _____ share responsibility for monitoring the page and ensuring that the content is accurate and current.

AHLA will also create a discussion list on the webpage for health lawyers practicing in the state of _____. XYZ _____ will encourage its members to participate in the discussion list. AHLA reserves the right to retire the discussion list if the activity level as measured by the number of postings is insufficient.

2) Facilitate Networking at the AHLA Annual Meeting. AHLA will facilitate networking among members of the State organization who are in attendance at the AHLA Annual Meeting. AHLA will provide the State organization with content about the Annual Meeting and requests that the organization post information about the Annual Meeting on the State's website and that it send out an announcement of its support for the AHLA Annual Meeting (with a link to the AHLA online registration form) to its membership.

AHLA agrees to facilitate networking among and the participation of State leaders at the AHLA Annual Meeting by (a) including a listing for the State organization in the virtual tradeshow online; (b) providing a 25% registration fee discount to the incumbent

President or President-elect of the State organization; and (c) acknowledging in its Annual Meeting materials the participation and sponsorship of the State organization.

Upon request, should the State organization desire an opportunity to network and discuss state health law developments and state implications of other health law developments during the AHLA Annual Meeting, it may request AHLA to make available meeting space for the State organization to use. AHLA will make every effort to accommodate the request. If the request can be accommodated, space will be scheduled at times when other educational sessions are not offered, and priority will be given to State organizations with the largest number of members registered for the AHLA Annual Meeting.

Nature of Alliance. Alliances under this agreement are not exclusive. AHLA reserves the right to partner with more than one health law organization in a specific state. In addition, the relationship described above will not be deemed to be a joint venture relationship. Each party will be an independent contractor under the terms of this Agreement. Neither party will have the right to act or undertake any commitment on behalf of the other, or to purport to speak on behalf of the other. The consideration for this Agreement will be the mutual promises and undertakings of each party, including the costs and staff time required for compliance, and no financial obligations of any kind are created by this Agreement. Future initiatives recommended by the Boards of AHLA and the State organization, if any, will be reflected in a written amendment to this Agreement or a new agreement, as mutually agreed by the parties. This Agreement does not constitute a commitment to enter into any future agreement or amendment.

Term of Agreement. This Affiliation Agreement is for a one (1) year term beginning on the date below. This Agreement may be terminated by either Association upon thirty (30) days' written notice and will be automatically renewed at the anniversary date for another year unless previously terminated.

Entered into this ____ day of _____, _____.

AMERICAN HEALTH LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (AHLA)

By: _____
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(State/Regional/Local Organization)

By: _____

Please forward this signed agreement to Allison E. Beard, American Health Lawyers Association, 1620 Eye Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20006-4010. abeard@healthlawyers.org or (202) 833-0779