Benefits of Belonging to the Health Care Reform Educational Task Force

Are you a member of one of these Practice Groups (PGs)?

❖ Academic Medical Centers and Teaching Hospitals
❖ Health Care Liability and Litigation
❖ Hospitals and Health Systems
❖ In-House Counsel
❖ Life Sciences
❖ Medical Staff, Credentialing, and Peer Review
❖ Payers, Plans, and Managed Care
❖ Physician Organizations
❖ Regulation, Accreditation, and Payment

If you answered yes, you are automatically enrolled in the Health Care Reform Educational Task Force (HCRE TF) as a free benefit of your PG membership.

Task Forces produce collaborative, substantive resources for health law topics that cross over several PGs. This TF has many sponsoring PGs because so many different legal issues intersect in the area of health care reform, which continues to remain a dynamic area of law.

The HCRE TF serves as a single key point-of-contact for the Association membership for institutional resources and programming regarding comprehensive health care reform initiatives at the state and federal levels. Such health care reform initiatives have the goal of increasing health care coverage, regulating or deregulating the markets for health coverage, incentivizing high value and high quality care, and/or moderating public and private health care spending. Similarly these initiatives potentially impact various stakeholders in the health care industry including health plans, insurers and other payers; physicians, hospitals, and other providers; and pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers and suppliers.

The HCRE TF has a lot to offer. HCRE TF works to educate AHLA members on proposed health care reform initiatives as well as report on ongoing experiences with recently enacted reform initiatives. It is important to note that HCRE TF does not advocate for any specific health care reform initiative and makes every effort not to offer presentations that imply support for one particular approach over another; rather, HCRE TF is simply an information and educational resource regarding such initiatives for the AHLA membership.

Here are some of the benefits you receive as a HCRE TF member:

❖ Substantial savings on webinars sponsored, co-sponsored, or supported by HCRE TF. Topics that have or will be addressed in webinars and roundtables include payment and delivery system reform for Medicare and Medicaid, as well as policy discussions on the different ways health care reform can be implemented and its impacts on providers and payers.

❖ Email Alerts: HCRE TF has a health care reform weekly update that highlights topics and areas of interests that may affect your practice as it pertains to health care reform. In addition, HCRE TF sends out emails summarizing and discussing new laws and policies that involve health care reform.

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Executive Summaries are prepared by members of the sponsoring PGs or the TF, and are a useful practice tool to facilitate your understanding of the most recent health care reform issues as they develop.

Member Briefings are produced on a regular basis on topics of interest to those providing legal advice to health care providers in the area of health care reform.

Luncheons: Members receive discounted attendance at TF luncheons at AHLA meetings. The luncheons include presentations on timely topics of interest to TF members and provide good networking opportunities.

Additional Opportunities to Network: The TF offers many opportunities to share your expertise with other members of AHLA members across all of the sponsoring PGs for our TF. You can help us to shape the TF’s future.

Get Involved Today

Visit the HCRE TF’s webpage by going to www.healthlawyers.org/PGs and reach out to anyone on the leadership team to learn more about our programming. Volunteer to write an article, present a topic at one of our webinars, or suggest a speaker for an upcoming luncheon. Follow our TF on Twitter (@AHLA_HCR) and offer comments and retweets to generate interest in the topics we discuss. Sign up for our online community at www.healthlawyers.org/communities and respond to inquiries made there or to get involved as a volunteer.

The First Step is to Join

Not a member of one of the sponsoring PGs? To join a PG, please call (202) 833-1100, prompt #2, or visit www.healthlawyers.org/PracticeGroups.

Join the conversation and follow the latest news in health law with AHLA on twitter @healthlawyers and @AHLA_TaskForce.

See what your colleagues are saying about health law issues in the AHLA Communities and join by visiting http://communities.healthlawyers.org