

# Healthcare Law

## Theme Introduction

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If you browse the news, healthcare topics are everywhere—Obamacare, the Zika virus, telemedicine, and HIPAA breaches are a few examples. Our healthcare laws have even become a hot-button political issue.

The increased spotlight on healthcare law and the growth of the healthcare sector has led to constantly evolving laws and regulations and, frankly, uncertainty. Healthcare attorneys must be diligent about staying abreast of those changes. And because the field is so broad, they must also be familiar with changes in employment law, business regulation, insurance law, constitutional law, tax law, and even criminal law.

It's with that backdrop in mind that the *Michigan Bar Journal* brings you the first healthcare law theme issue in six years. A lot has changed during that time, and more changes are likely right around the corner. It's impossible to cover all those topics in one issue, so we have selected a diverse range of content. The following articles provide insight on common issues faced by non-healthcare attorneys, communicable

disease and pandemic preparedness, lesser-known Affordable Care Act provisions, and the rapidly evolving area of telemedicine regulations.

We are fortunate to have a group of highly talented healthcare attorneys write these articles, and we thank them for their contributions to the State Bar of Michigan. We hope this issue provides insight into the panoply of issues in modern healthcare law practice. ■



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