
Introduction to the 2025-2026

New and important material in your 2025-2026 Edition includes:

- The June 2025 Supreme Court decision in *U.S. v. Skrametti* will have major implications for access to gender-affirming care. We discuss that case in § 10:19, its implications for adult patients (and grounds for limiting that reach) in § 10:20, its implications for Medicaid coverage in § 10:21, and the relationship to claims based on parental and professional rights in § 10:11.
- The U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments in *Chiles v. Salazar* on October 7, 2025, on the question presented of “[w]hether a law that censors certain conversations between counselors and their clients based on the viewpoints expressed regulates conduct or violates the free speech clause of the First Amendment,” with over one hundred amici curiae briefs on the docket. See § 12:18.
- Efforts to extend the reasoning of *Bostock* to Title IX via the U.S. Department of Education were stymied in the closing months of the Biden Administration and then reversed on Inauguration Day 2025. We discuss those developments in § 13:43.
- The Supreme Court turned away a broad assault on the legal obligation to provide insurance coverage for HIV prevention medications (such as PrEP) in *Kennedy v. Braidwood Mgmt.*, but that reprieve may be short-lived, as discussed in § 19:5.
- Plaintiffs arguing that they are entitled to access HIV medications through their pharmacy of choice as a reasonable accommodation required by the Affordable Care Act survived a motion to dismiss. See *Doe v. CVS Pharm., Inc.*, § 19:4.
- Additional HIV insurance issues are discussed throughout a substantially updated and reorganized Chapter 19.