

Highlights to the Second Edition of Health Care Financial Transac- tions Manual (HFT) 2025

This new Edition to the Health Care Financial Transactions Manual includes new and updated state and federal government materials consisting of new content in the following areas:

- Massachusetts enacts law expanding the scope of data collection and public review of health care and health care transactions by the Health Policy Commission and the Center for Health Analysis and Information, with the goal of increasing visibility and accountability for transactions involving private owners of health care resources. (see § 2:4);
- OIG issues Advisory Opinions about the application of certain fraud and abuse enforcement authorities to the requesting party's existing or proposed business arrangements. (see Appendix 4:82 to Appendix 4:88);
- OIG publishes summaries of several Enforcement Actions and Exclusions. (See Appendix 5:35);
- OIG issues Medicaid Fraud Control Units Annual Report: Fiscal Year 2024. (see § 7:29);
- FTC staff again urges the Indiana Department of Health to deny Union Hospital, Inc. and Terre Haute Regional Hospital, L.P.'s second application to merge. (see § 20:39);
- CMS and HHS issue statement rescinding Biden administration policies regarding EMTALA and abortion procedures. (see § 20:62);
- DEA announces civil settlements with health care providers over alleged Controlled Substances Act violations. (see § 20:81);
- FTC issues Topic and Yearly Indices of Health Care Antitrust Advisory Opinions by Commission and Staff. (see Appendix 20:55);
- New section addressing legislation and regulation preventing surprise medical bills. (see § 21:5.1).