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What’s New in this Update:

This release features updates to the Issues in Focus legal memoranda in Appendix IF.

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Highlights:

Important issue discussed include:

- What standard is used to assess a parent's duty to provide necessities to a child in the context of medical care?
- What is the *mens rea* for the offence of kidnapping at subsection 279(1) of the *Criminal Code*?
- What is the state of the law in relation to the testimonial aids available for child witnesses, specifically for witness screens, CCTV, and support persons?
- How has the doctrine of entrapment been raised in the context of child luring offences?
- In what circumstances will a defendant be granted leave under s. 276 of the *Criminal Code* to question a complainant with regards to her prior sexual history?
- How have courts applied the recently enacted s. 162.1 of the *Criminal Code* (anti-cyber-bullying law)?