



HEALTH LAW

HEALTH LAW CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION SPECIFICATIONS



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1. Purpose of Examination

The Health Law Certification Examination consists of a combination of essay and multiple choice questions. The exam is intended to test whether an applicant possesses the knowledge, skills, abilities, ethics, and judgments that are common to specialists in Health law and is also intended to be a valid and reliable measurement to justify the representation of special competence and professionalism that distinguishes a “Florida Bar Board Certified Lawyer.”

2. Examination Content

Topics that may be covered on the Health law examination include:

1. Fraud & Abuse

- 1.1 General health care contract issues
- 1.2 Florida restrictions on anti-kickback, fee splitting and patient brokering
- 1.3 Federal anti-kickback prohibitions
- 1.4 Federal and Florida restrictions on physicians' referrals to health care entities
- 1.5 Acquisition and sale of institutions and physician practices
- 1.6 Tax issues
- 1.7 Civil, administrative and criminal sanctions
- 1.8 Compliance programs
- 1.9 Exclusion and disbarment
- 1.10 False Claims Act (Federal & State)
- 1.11 Foreign Corrupt Practices Act
- 1.12 Applicable ethics

2. Provider Regulation

- 2.1 Certificate of Need
- 2.2 Licensure
- 2.3 Certification and accreditation
- 2.4 Disciplinary actions and reporting requirements
- 2.5 Administrative law and procedure

- 2.6 Credentialing and professional peer review
- 2.7 Emergency hospital services requirements/ Anti-dumping prohibitions
- 2.8 Applicable ethics

3. Institutional Operations & Patient Care

- 3.1 Informed consent
- 3.2 Privacy and confidential information
- 3.3 Medical records
- 3.4 Bioethics
- 3.5 Advance Directives
- 3.6 Patient rights
- 3.7 Disciplinary actions and reporting requirements
- 3.8 Risk management
- 3.9 Credentialing and professional peer review
- 3.10 Emergency hospital services requirements/ Anti-dumping prohibitions
- 3.11 Medical Staff governance and bylaws
- 3.12 HIPAA
- 3.13 Applicable ethics

4. Integration & Reimbursement

- 4.1 Certificate of Need
- 4.2 Integration and structure of delivery systems
- 4.3 Antitrust
- 4.4 Acquisition and sale of institutions and physician practices
- 4.5 Tax issues
- 4.6 Managed care entities and contracting
- 4.7 Reimbursement and payment
- 4.8 Florida Medicaid program
- 4.9 Medicare
- 4.8 Applicable ethics

For examination purposes, topics that are not considered to be a part of Health law include:

- Personal injury
- Medical malpractice

Examinees will be tested over law that was in effect prior to February 1 of the year the exam is administered.