



## Health Care

With one of the largest practice groups devoted to health care in the Midwest, Krieg DeVault serves a full range of health care providers and provider organizations. Our lawyers have an absolute understanding of providers' businesses and regulatory needs – often from their own experience as hospital administrators and directors, industry association leaders, government advisors, and health care practitioners – and have been instrumental in the development of public policies that benefit the health care sector. We ensure that hospitals, nursing facilities, group practices, and similar organizations follow best practices for governance, operations and compliance. Few law firms surpass our ability to resolve the regulatory and transactional issues involved with business combinations and market expansion, from risk assessment to staff relations to governmental approval. We don't just advise our clients on health care law; we use our industry knowledge to help them avoid problems, pursue opportunities, and better serve their patients.

### Services

- Compliance and Finance
  - Medicaid RAC audit counseling, defense, and appeals
  - Medicare PRRB (Provider Reimbursement Review Board) representation and appeals
  - Medicare/Medicaid and third-party payment, billing, and coding issues
  - Medicaid DSH (Disproportionate Share Hospital) counseling and legislation, multi-state practice
  - Behavioral health finance, management, and forensic services
  - Medicare geographic reclassification counseling
- Fraud and Abuse
  - Stark Law compliance
  - Anti-kickback compliance
  - False claims and billing matters
  - Health care trade association counseling
  - Human resources and employment counseling
  - Securities law issues
- Finance
  - Medicaid DSH (Disproportionate Share Hospital) counseling and legislation, multi-state practice
  - Medicare geographic reclassification counseling and compliance
  - Billing and payment compliance services
  - Payer audits, appeals
  - Executive Compensation
  - Retirement benefit planning
  - Behavioral health finance and management
- Business
  - Facilities financing, sales, and leasing
  - Licensure and certification

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- Peer review hearing, staff privileges, and state licensure issues
- General corporate counseling for physicians, hospitals, and other providers
- Physician practice formation
- Provider network formation
- Physician-hospital affiliation strategies, sales, acquisitions
- Unwinding physician practice management and employment arrangements
- Hospital general corporate and management counsel
- Hospital formation, licensing, and state and federal compliance issues
- Mergers and Acquisitions
  - Hospitals
  - Physician practices
  - Behavioral health and long term care companies
- Joint ventures
- IP protection, copyright, patent prosecution
- Management of health care records (HIPAA)
- Managed care contracting
- Disaster planning and recovery
- Senior living
  - Development, formation, expansion, sales and mergers of long term care facilities, senior living communities, assisted living communities and comprehensive community retirement centers
- Federal and state government relations
- Antitrust
  - Physician clinical integration
  - IPAs (Independent Practice Associations)
  - PHOs (Physician Hospital Associations)
  - MSOs (Management Service Organizations)
  - RPOs (Risk Purchasing Organizations)
  - GPOs (Group Purchasing Organizations)
- Tax
  - Executive compensation
  - Retirement benefit planning
  - Tax-exempt status counseling
  - Public finance
- Technology
  - Intellectual property issues for providers and inventors
  - Management of health care records (HIPAA)
  - EMR (Electronic medical records) issue, Health IT management and liability
  - Telemedicine and technology issues among providers with consumers
- Health Plans and payer agreements
  - Payer relations, audits, appeals

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- Provider network formation
- Risk retention group formation and representation
- Billing and coding, coverage issues
- Dispute Resolution
  - Litigation
  - Mediation
  - Arbitration
  - Qui Tam cases
  - Intellectual property disputes
  - Appellate representation
  - Medical malpractice defense
  - Peer review hearing, staff privileges, and state licensure issues
  - Behavioral health forensic services
- Pharmacy and Pharmaceuticals
- Benefits
  - Executive compensation
  - Retirement benefit planning
  - Welfare plans

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