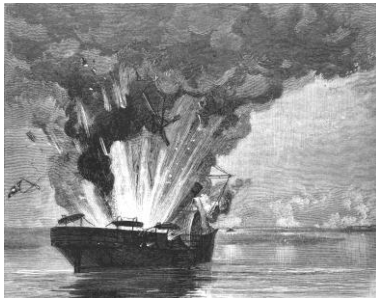




Reproductive Health Care Shield Laws: How a Legal Conflict Between New York and Texas Might Shape Access to Abortion, Miscarriage, and Pregnancy Care

The divide between states seeking to restrict abortion and states permitting it continues to widen, as the former pursue new, increasingly draconian, maneuvers to restrict abortion access and the latter bolster protections in response. The inter-state conflict incited by this divide is coming to a head in a legal struggle between Texas and New York. The lawsuit, *Texas v. Bruck*, challenges enforcement of a New York shield law and threatens the viability of such legal safeguards moving forward, with major consequences for reproductive health care access. [Read the full article.](#)

Law & Policy Insights



To Address Overdose, The U.S. Should Ramp Up Proven Interventions at Home, Not Performative Attacks Abroad

President Trump and members of his administration have justified recent deadly assaults on civilians abroad by claiming that the boats they were in were carrying illicit drugs and that the alleged drug smuggling “constitutes an armed attack on the United States.” We have effective prevention, treatment, and harm reduction interventions that reduce overdose and other harms. The U.S. should embrace and fund those initiatives at home, not engage in inhumane, unjust, and ineffective attacks abroad.

Resources



Legality of Expired Naloxone in Idaho

All 50 states and the District of Columbia have modified their laws to increase access to naloxone, the standard first-line treatment for opioid overdose. This fact sheet discusses whether Idaho laws forbid the prescription, dispensing, distribution, possession, or administration of expired naloxone and whether medical professionals and others who take such actions might be held liable.

Webinar



Reproductive Health Care: Anticipated Changes and Potential Impacts Under the New Administration

TODAY October 16, 2025 | 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. CT

Join us for an overview of changes in law and policy that impact access to reproductive health care directly or through indirect measures that deter pregnant people from seeking care, including changes to Title X and Medicaid funding and the elimination of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act Rule to Support Reproductive Health Care Privacy.

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The de Beaumont Foundation has announced its fourth class of 40 Under 40 in Public Health honorees—40 inspiring professionals who are tackling today's biggest health challenges with creativity, innovation, and a deep commitment to equity. Launched in 2019, the 40 Under 40 Program is the first of its kind to recognize and support rising leaders working to improve state and local public health. Honorees come from diverse backgrounds and disciplines but share a common goal: building healthier, more equitable communities.

APHA 2025 Annual Meeting & Expo

November 2-5, Washington, D.C.

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- Provide examples of and compare public health laws or policy strategies from other jurisdictions.
- Analyze the legal authority to implement a policy or law, or reforms.
- Apply equity tools to laws and policies.

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