

2025

**PUBLIC HEALTH LAW
CONFERENCE**

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**Connection, Collaboration, Community
—and Courage**
**Lessons from the 2025 Public Health
Law Conference**

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The recently held 2025 Public Health Law Conference convened at a time when the stakes for our field have rarely been higher. The conversations and sessions we shared reflected not only the complexity of today’s public health challenges, but also the resolve of a community determined to meet them. From the very first session, the conference underscored a central truth: public health law sits at the crossroads of science, equity, and democracy. [Read the full message.](#)

Law & Policy Insights



Reproductive Health Data Privacy: What Now?

The recent court ruling vacating the Biden-era HIPAA Privacy Rule to Support Reproductive Health Care Privacy removes a layer of protection around reproductive health data, and in its wake, the onus will be on states and localities to implement protections. Currently, state-level safeguards for reproductive health data remain a patchwork of legal protections in some parts of the country, and not in others.



Paying People to Refrain from Drug Use Works. Recent Policy Changes Have Eased the Legal Barriers to Utilizing This Harm Reduction Practice.

Contingency management (CM) is an evidence-based public health intervention that can be effective in the treatment of some substance use disorders. It boils down to a simple idea: give people money to refrain from drug use. Despite the evidence and publicity, CM has largely not been implemented at-scale, largely

due to perceived legal barriers. In recent years, however, the tide has turned and there is now better guidance on crafting effective and lawful CM programs.

Law & Policy Spotlight



Reproductive Health Care Equity and Access

The Network's upcoming webinar, [Reproductive Health Care: Anticipated Changes and Potential Impacts Under the New Administration](#) highlights the ongoing challenges and concerns surrounding the state of women's health in the U.S. The webinar will be led by Kathleen Hoke, J.D., director of the Network's Eastern Region. If you have questions about the impact of recent changes at the federal level, or other actions impacting women's health in your community, contact [Kathleen](#) for a consultation.

Resources



Restrictions on the Right to Travel for Out-of-State Abortion Care

Measures intended to restrict the ability of patients to travel to another jurisdiction to obtain abortion care have been introduced in legislative bodies across the country. These efforts generally fall into two categories: travel bans and abortion trafficking laws. Additionally, other actors, particularly state Attorneys General, have weaponized existing laws to impede patients' access to out-of-state abortions. This resource outlines and explains the proposed and passed provisions designed to deter interstate travel for abortion care.



School Nursing Scope of Practice: 50-State Survey

Registered professional school nurses are uniquely positioned at the intersection of student health and education; they are trained to understand the complexity of the relationship between physical and mental wellbeing and academic achievement. This survey details the services, by state, that school nurses are permitted to provide.

Webinar



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

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.

Worth Sharing

Public Health Legal Authority for Good: Examples and Evidence

This new resource from ChangeLab Solutions is an actionable, research-informed roadmap that collects laws and policies from a range of U.S. jurisdictions, all related to establishing and exercising local and state public health authority effectively and fairly. It includes links to research supporting the use of these legal strategies to improve public health.

APHA 2025 Annual Meeting & Expo

November 2-5, Washington, D.C.

Each year, APHA's Annual Meeting and Expo convenes about 12,000 public health professionals and partners from around the world to engage, collaborate and grow. The Annual Meeting brings together a broad spectrum of professionals across a variety of disciplines.

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ASSISTANCE

Network attorneys can provide consultation and guidance to:

- Identify the ways in which laws and policies may or may not impact a particular project or community; or the potential impact on different populations within a community.
- 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.

Thank you!

Your interest in the work of the Network is important. Together, we can advance law as

a tool to improve public health. **Please forward the Network Report and encourage others to [join the Network](#)!**

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