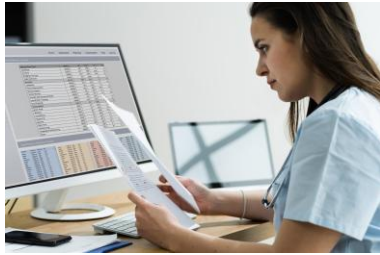




EOPG: Building a Community of Practice for Equity Officers

Advancing health equity is central to the Network's mission, and supporting the leaders driving this work is essential to improving community health. The Network recently launched the Equity Officer Peer Group for those working in equity to come together to learn and discuss successes, opportunities, and challenges in this work. We invite those doing equity work in state, Tribal, local, and territorial governments to join us in creating a supportive community for those working to advance health equity. [Read the full article.](#)

Law & Policy Insights



Syndromic Surveillance: An Early Threat Detection Tool for Public Health

A core function of public health is to monitor and respond to health trends and threats to the general population. One tool for this is syndromic surveillance, which allows public health officials to quickly access data on upticks in patient illnesses and symptoms even without a confirmed diagnosis or lab test—sometimes within 24 hours after it is reported. This is especially important as we head into flu and respiratory virus season.

Law & Policy Spotlight



Health Information and Data Sharing

The Network's recent webinar, [Counting Everyone, Counting Correctly](#), discussed data disaggregation and highlighted how inclusive practices can improve the visibility of health disparities and prevent the statistical erasure of small or historically marginalized groups, particularly American Indian and Alaska Native populations. The webinar was led by Network Senior Attorney Shannon Piccolo. If you have questions about utilizing data to advance your public health initiatives, contact [Shannon](#) for a consultation.

Resources



Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Announces Policy of Sharing Medicaid Data with Department of Homeland Security

On November 25, 2025, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services announced a policy of sharing CMS data with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for immigration enforcement purposes. This fact sheet provides an overview of the policy, the data at risk, and current legal challenges.



Advancing Health Equity: The Social Determinants of Health

The Network for Public Health Law has developed several resources over the years to help aid those working to improve the social determinants of health (SDOH) and create more equitable health outcomes. This collection provides a non-exhaustive overview of many of these resources and categorizes them by SDOH area to allow community-based organizations and public health practitioners more streamlined access.

Webinar



Rights and Protections for Harm Reduction Programs and Clients in an Increasingly Hostile Environment

December 18, 2025 | 1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. CT

In many areas of the country, harm reduction programs and clients face ongoing threats from law enforcement. Additionally, they increasingly fear action by federal immigration officers. This webinar will provide an overview of relevant laws, including the legal rights that apply to individuals and organizations, together with suggestions for maximizing the safety of harm reduction program clients, staff, and volunteers.

Worth Sharing

CityHealth: Earned Sick Leave Laws

This longitudinal dataset from the Center for Public Health Law Research (CPHLR) displays key features of state, county, and city laws regarding earned sick leave laws across the 75 largest cities in effect as of July 1, 2022, through June 1, 2024. The dataset is the result of an assessment of evidence-based policy solutions conducted by CPHLR for CityHealth, an initiative of the de Beaumont Foundation and Kaiser Permanente.

NACCHO360 Call for Abstracts Extended

The call for abstracts for the 2026 NACCHO360 Annual Conference, to be held July 14-17, 2026, in Louisville and virtually, is open and the deadline has been extended. This year's theme, "Racing Forward, Swinging Big: United for Public Health's Future," calls on the public health community to stay focused, swing with purpose, and race toward a future built on innovation, resilience, and access for all. **The abstract submission period is now open through December 31, 2025 (11:59 PM ET).**

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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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