



Executive Order Watch: Early Research Shows Nonprofits Bearing the Burden

Organizations that provide critical services are reeling from the impact of many of the Executive Orders issued in 2025, especially those whose work is guided by the values of diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility. Preliminary research on the impact on nonprofits in the Southeast paints a stark picture, with nearly half of the nonprofits participating in the study reporting that they were forced to reduce staff and almost nine in ten reporting new administrative burdens eating into their capacity. [Read the full article.](#)

Law & Policy Insights



Key Takeaways on AI 2026 from the OCR–NIST HIPAA Security Conference

Artificial intelligence occupied a large portion of the agenda at the recent annual "Safeguarding Health Information: Building Assurance through HIPAA Security" conference. This article highlights key AI related themes at the conference and summarizes specific content shared at each of the AI specific sessions.

Resources



The Positive Impact of Doula Care and State Regulation of Doulas and Doula Care

Research shows that increasing access to safe and effective doula care could decrease the high maternal morbidity and mortality rate in the U.S, particularly for pregnant people of color. Yet, fewer than 10 percent of births in the United States involve a doula. This issue brief examines the role of doulas, state regulation of doulas, and how to expand doula care access and coverage through policy.

Webinar Recording



The Public Health Impacts of the 2025 Executive Orders: An Overview of the Network's Executive Order Tracker

This webinar, held in March, provided an overview of the Network's new resource, [*Executive Order Watch: Public Health Impact of the 2025 Federal Executive Orders*](#), which tracks the 2025 executive orders and related actions in areas including equity, reproductive health, the Federal MAHA initiative, immigration, and voting. View the video recording [here](#).

Worth Sharing

Good Health is Good Governance: Partnerships between Elected Officials and Public Health Leaders

Wednesday, October 19, 3:00 - 4:00 pm EST

The de Beaumont Foundation's 'Good Health is Good Governance' toolkit, released this summer, equips elected officials and local public health leaders with practical, nonpartisan tips and sample

messaging to strengthen collaboration. This session will introduce participants to the toolkit and explore how elected officials and public health leaders can work together to advance community health. Through a facilitated panel discussion, participants will hear directly from a public health leader and a local official about how to effectively build strong partnerships, drawing on their own experiences. [Learn more and register.](#)

What's that Sound?

Tuesday, October 20, 12:00 - 1:00 pm

The Environmental Law Section of the Santa Clara County Bar Association is hosting this in-person and virtual discussion of the the growing health and legal implications of noise pollution. [Learn more and register.](#)

Call for Papers: National Conference on Tobacco or Health

The National Conference on Tobacco or Health (NCTOH) is one of the largest, long-standing gatherings for top United States commercial tobacco control and prevention professionals. The convening attracts public health professionals committed to best practices and policies to reduce commercial tobacco use—the leading preventable cause of disease, disability, and death in the United States. Abstracts are currently being accepted for the Conference, which will be held June 29 – July 1, 2027 in San Diego, California. **The deadline for submission is September 18, 2026.**

NALBOH 2026 Annual Conference

October 12-14, 2026, San Antonio, Texas

Boards of health play a vital role in protecting and improving community health. The National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) conference is designed to inspire and support both current and future board members by providing practical governance strategies, leadership development, and real-world examples that strengthen board effectiveness. Attendees will include new and experienced board members, community leaders interested in board service, and public health professionals who support boards of health. Sessions will aim to build governance capacity, foster meaningful board engagement, and provide actionable insights that participants can bring back to their communities.

APHA 2026 Annual Meeting & Expo

November 1- 4, 2026, San Antonio, Texas

As the largest public health gathering of the year, APHA's Annual Meeting and Expo convenes approximately 11,000 public health professionals and partners across a variety of disciplines. Advance registration discounts end September 15.

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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!

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