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## **Biography**

Jordan Johnson is a Partner in the Atlanta office of Hall Booth Smith, specializing in aging services and health care matters. His practice features a wide range of regulatory, administrative, and litigation matters, including the full spectrum of issues health care providers face such as reimbursement, regulatory compliance, and administrative hearings and appeals.

Jordan received a Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, from Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law. During law school, he was a member of the Brainerd Currie Honor Society and Health Care Law Society. He also received a Certificate in Advanced Legal Writing, Research, and Drafting. He graduated *cum laude* from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Arts in History.

#### **Services**

Aging Services
Health Care

### **Experience**

Jordan has experience representing health care providers in a variety of regulatory and reimbursement issues, including seeking

reimbursement for or defending against the denial of claims submitted to various payors, including Medicaid, Medicare, Medicare Advantage Organizations, and private insurance companies. Jordan also has experience assisting long-term care providers navigate the complex regulatory environment, including appealing adverse survey findings and alleged deficiencies.

Aging Services fordan's experiences include representing long-term care and skilled nursing facilities in regards to involuntary discharges, record request responses, guardianship/conservatorships, reimbursement issues, and general regulatory compliance.

Health Care Jordan represents providers regarding regulatory, contractual, and reimbursement issues, including payment denials, alleged overpayments, and defending against recoupments.

#### **Credentials**

#### **Admitted**

State Courts:

Georgia, 2017

#### **Education**

- J.D., magna cum laude, Mercer University
- B.A., cum laude, History, University of Georgia

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### **Memberships**

- American Health Lawyers Association
- Brainerd Currie Honor Society

#### **Presentations**

 Pressing Forward - The State of Medicaid Eligibility and Reimbursement

Georgia Health Care Association, Winter Convention & Expo; January 18, 2024

- Involuntary Discharges & Residents' Rights
   Georgia Health Care Association, Winter Convention & Expo;
   January 16, 2024
- The 'Emergency' is Over: Now What? Legal Updates Associated with Medicare, including the End of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

National Association of Benefits and Insurance Professionals-Georgia, Medicare Summit, March 2023

 Georgia Medicaid Eligibility: Business as Usual Georgia Health Care Association, Winter Convention & Expo, February 2023

#### More +

- Medicaid Eligibility and Reimbursement Updates:
   Developing Key Financial Relationships
   Georgia Health Care Association, Summer Convention, June 2022
- Are We Out of the Woods Yet? Legal Updates
   Associated with Medicare in Light of COVID-19's Ever
   Changing Effects on Payment

Georgia Associations of Health Underwriters, Medicare Summit, September 2021

 Reimbursement Matters: Connecting the Dots Between Admission and Appeals

Tennessee Health Care Association, Convention, August 2021

• Medicaid: Seasons of Change

Georgia Health Care Association, Summer Convention, June 2021

Medicaid Waivers and Avoiding Denials
 Georgia Health Care Association, Winter Convention,
 February 2021

 Surveys and the Implications on Personal Injury Litigation - COVID-19

Georgia Health Care Association Winter Convention, February 2021

 Rising to the Top: It's the Little Things - Controlling the Narrative in Crisis Communication and Expectation Management

Georgia Health Care Association Bi-Annual Convention, January 2018

 Reducing Readmissions: Where are we, where are we going, and how do we get there?
 Seminar in the South, November 2017

 Establishing a Firm Foundation: What Recent Trends Tell Us About Getting Back to the Basics Georgia Health Care Association Bi-annual Convention, June 2017

What's Old is New: Back to the Basics
 Georgia Health Care Association Bi-annual Convention,
 January 2017

#### **Publications**

• CMS Finalizes Rule Increasing Minimum Staffing Standards in Nursing Homes

HBS Health Care Highlights Blog; April 26, 2024

• New Rule Requires Increased Transparency in Nursing Home Ownership

HBS Health Care Highlights Blog; December 13, 2023

- Recent OIG Report Could Result in a Revamp & Refocus of Georgia's Nursing facility Survey Process
   HBS Health Care Highlights Blog; September 19, 2023
- Executive Order 14070: Implications on Skilled
   Nursing Facilities & the Impending Staffing Mandate
   HBS Health Care Highlights Blog; April 27 2023

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 Biden-Harris Administration's Plans to Crack Down on Nursing Homes Indicate Upcoming Uptick in Survey Activity

HBS Health Care Highlights Blog, March 2022

• Texas Court Vacates Provisions of the No Surprises
Act Interim Final Rule

HBS Health Care Highlights Blog, March 2022

- New Georgia Law Imposes Extensive New Requirements for Georgia Long-Term Care Facilities
   HBS Health Care Highlights Blog, May 2021
- Creative Solutions to Medicaid Reimbursement Concerns: What to Do and When Within LTC?
   Annals of Long-Term Care; April 29, 2021
- Georgia Department of Public Health Updates its
   Administrative Order to Permit Additional Visitation
   in Long-Term Care Facilities
   HBS Health Care Highlights Blog, March 2021
- Georgia Governor Kemp Clarifies Quarantine
   Requirements for 'Fully Vaccinated' Long-Term Care
   Facility Staff and Residents
   HBS Health Care Highlights Blog, March 2021
- Major EHR Vendor Settles False Claims Act Allegations

HBS Health Care Highlights Blog, February 2021

- HHS proposes major changes to HIPAA's Privacy Rule HBS Health Care Highlights Blog, December 2020
- New Changes to Stark Law and Anti-Kickback
  Statutes

HBS Health Care Highlights Blog, November 2020

• Texas District Court Rules That Providers Must Exhaust Patient's Administrative Remedies to Preserve ERISA Standing

HBS Health Care Highlights Blog, November 2020

 Major Health Insurer Forced to Amend Claim Processing Guidelines Due to Violation of Fiduciary Duties Under ERISA

HBS Health Care Highlights Blog, November 2020

• <u>Georgia DPH Revises Guidance To Long-Term Care</u> <u>Facilities</u>

HBS Coronavirus Litigation Blog, September 2020

- The Georgia Department Of Public Health Issues
   Reopening Guidance To Long-Term Care Facilities
   HBS Coronavirus Litigation Blog, September 2020
- Georgia's Senior Care Reform Bill Adds COVID-19
   Requirements To New Legislation For Assisted Living Communities

HBS Coronavirus Litigation Blog, July 2020

• Litigation Financing — The Ethical Quandary For The Defense, January 2018

#### In the Press

CMS Finalizes
Rule
Increasing
Minimum
Staffing
Standards in
Nursing
Homes

April 26, 2024

On April 22, 2024, The Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services released a final rule that implements new minimum nurse staffing requirements in nursing homes...

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New Rule
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Increased
Transparency
in Nursing
Home
Ownership

December 13, 2023

On November 15, 2023, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) finalized a rule requiring increased transparency in nursing home ownership...

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Recent OIG
Report Could
Result in a
Revamp &
Refocus of
Georgia's
Nursing
Facility Survey
Process

September 19, 2023

On September 7, 2023, the U.S. Department of Health

and Human Services, Office of Inspector General (OIG) issued a report expressing concerns about life safety, emergency preparedness, and infection control compliance in Georgia nursing facilities...

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# Hall Booth Smith Promotes Six Partners

August 14, 2023

Hall Booth Smith celebrates as it has named six new partners, all of which have shown incredible commitment, insight, and dedication to serving their clients' needs. With their expertise spanning a multitude of practice areas, the addition of these six partners further solidifies Hall Booth Smith's position in delivering top-tier legal services and reinforces its

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## Executive Order 14070:

Implications
on Skilled
Nursing
Facilities &
the Impending
Staffing
Mandate

April 27, 2023

Written by: Jordan Johnson, Esq. & Anamayan Narendran, Esq. Background On April 18, 2023, President Biden signed Executive Order 14070 that included several directives purportedly aimed at bolstering Americans' access to long-term care and increasing job stability for medical professionals working in long-term care facilities. The Executive Order directs the Department of Health and Human

#### Read Full Article

Medicaid
Unwinding: 4
Steps Nursing
Facilities
Should Take

## as the Public <u>Health</u> <u>Emergency</u> <u>Ends</u>

April 14, 2023

At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress passed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), allowing the federal government to take on a greater share of Medicaid costs and expanding protections for consumers...

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Biden-Harris
Administratio
n's Plans to
Crack Down
on Nursing
Homes
Indicate
Upcoming
Uptick in
Survey Activity

March 9, 2022

On March 1, 2022, President Joe Biden delivered his first

State of the Union address—announcing plans "to set higher standards for nursing homes" and to "crack down on the 'Wall Street firms'" allegedly taking over nursing homes...

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Texas Court
Vacates
Provisions of
the No
Surprises Act
Interim Final
Rule

March 2, 2022

On February 23, 2022, United States District Judge Jeremy D. Kernodle of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Tyler Division, entered his Memorandum Opinion and Order in Texas Medical Association and Adam Corley v. United States Department of Health and Human Services, et al...

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New Georgia
Law Imposes
Extensive New
Requirements
for Georgia
Long-Term
Care Facilities

May 7, 2021

On June 30, 2020, House Bill 987 was signed into law addressing many of the concerns presented by Atlanta Journal Constitution's "Unprotected" investigative series regarding Georgia's Long Term Care industry...

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Annals of
Long-Term
Care: Brittany
Cone & Jordan
Johnson
Discuss
Common
Nursing
Facility

## Medicaid Issues, Possible Solutions

April 29, 2021

In an article published in Annals of Long-Term Care on April 29, 2021, Partner Brittany Cone and Associate Jordan Johnson discuss common Medicaid issues and possible solutions for nursing facilities.

#### Read Full Article

Georgia
Department of
Public Health
Updates its
Administrative
Order to
Permit
Additional
Visitation in
Long-Term
Care Facilities

March 23, 2021

The Georgia Department of

Public Health updated its original Administrative Order providing reopening guidance to long-term care facilities to allow additional visitation....

#### Read Full Article

Georgia
Governor
Kemp Clarifies
Quarantine
Requirements
for "Fully
Vaccinated"
Long-Term
Care Facility
Staff and
Residents

March 3, 2021

Georgia Governor Brian Kemp has extended the state Public Health State of Emergency (Executive Order 02.26.21.01) due to COVID-19 through April 6, 2021...

#### Read Full Article

Major EHR Vendor Settles

## False Claims Act Allegations

February 5, 2021

Health IT company
Athenahealth, a major
developer and vendor of
electronic health record (EHR)
services, agreed to pay over
\$18 million to settle federal
False Claims Act allegations
related to purported
kickbacks from 2014 to
2020...

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# HHS proposes major changes to HIPAA's Privacy Rule

December 16, 2020

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently published proposed modifications to the HIPAA privacy rule, which, if finalized, would significantly impact Covered Entities' responses to records requests.

#### Read Full Article

# New Changes to Stark Law and AntiKickback Statutes

November 25, 2020

Written by: Jordan Johnson, Esq. and Leanne Livingston, Esq. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Inspector General (OIG) recently revised the federal self-referral Stark Law and safe harbors under the Anti-Kickback Statute (AKS). Before these changes, providers were faced with strict regulations

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Texas District
Court Rules
That Providers
Must Exhaust
Patient's
Administrative
Remedies to

## Preserve ERISA Standing

November 18, 2020

In Mission Toxicology, LLC v. UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company, the Western District of Texas ruled against several lab companies seeking enforcement of the right to payment under ERISA for lab services provided at certain Texas hospitals...

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Major Health
Insurer Forced
to Amend
Claim
Processing
Guidelines
Due to
Violation of
Fiduciary
Duties Under
ERISA

November 11, 2020

The Northern District of California recently handed

down remedies against United Behavioral Health ("UBH"), a subsidiary of UnitedHealth Group, related to violations of its fiduciary duties owed to its insureds...

#### Read Full Article

The Georgia
Department of
Community
Health
Extends
Deadline for
Fingerprint
Background
Checks for
Existing Staff

October 2, 2020

In May 2018, Georgia passed the Georgia Long-term Care Background Check Program, which required fingerprint criminal background checks of applicants for employment and direct access employees...

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#### The Georgia

Department of Public Health Issues Reopening Guidance to Long-Term Care Facilities

September 17, 2020

On September 15, 2020, Georgia Governor Brian Kemp issued another COVID-19 related Executive Order with significant impact on Long-Term Care Facilities, including nursing facilities and assisted living communities...

#### Read Full Article

Georgia's
Senior Care
Reform Bill
Adds
COVID-19
Requirements
to New
Legislation for
Assisted

## **Living Communities**

July 3, 2020

On June 30, 2020, Governor Kemp signed House Bill 987, known as the Senior Care Reform Bill, into law. This legislation covers numerous topics related to Assisted Living Communities that go into effect on July 1, 2021, including...

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# Georgia's New Long-Term Care Background Check Program

October 22, 2019

On May 7, 2018, then Governor Nathan Deal signed Georgia's new Long-term Care Background Check Program into law with the purpose of promoting public safety and providing for comprehensive criminal background checks...

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