

## CORRECTIONAL HEALTH CARE

Hall Booth Smith represents correctional facilities, healthcare providers, and insurers nationwide in all aspects of correctional healthcare law. Our attorneys defend and advise clients on matters involving inmate medical services, risk management, and regulatory compliance — helping them maintain high standards of care while protecting their organizations and communities.

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### Overview

At HBS, we understand the liability implications created by correctional health care regulations, mandates, and legal standards. Handling correctional health care cases requires a unique understanding of this particular area of law. Cases involving an inmate’s medical treatment are layered with little-known rules, procedures, requirements, and defenses that can only be identified by attorneys possessing the specialized knowledge and experience necessary to properly handle claims against correctional health care practitioners.

HBS attorneys have successfully settled and litigated numerous cases involving lawsuits brought by inmates and represented correctional health care companies on issues related to regulatory compliance. Our experience brings superior knowledge and skill to all correctional health care companies and practitioners.

Our dedicated team of professionals committed to the correctional health care industry is aware of changes, trends, and developments in the law as it specifically relates to correctional health care issues. We have a consistent track record for our clients to identify legal issues surrounding a claim immediately upon review which allows us to be proactive in the defense of our clients.

### Leadership



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Within the correctional health care community, we are currently engaged in:

- Litigation of lawsuits filed by or on behalf of inmates.
- Advice to clients regarding regulatory compliance with both Federal and State law.
- Risk management assessments related to policies and institutional operations.
- Representation of correctional health care companies and practitioners on issues related to licensure or certification.
- Presentation of seminars and continuing education programs specifically designed for correctional health care.

## Blog



The [Correctional Health Care Blog](#) provides updates and analyses on issues associated with the industry, including recent legal proceedings involving providers. HBS attorneys have successfully litigated numerous cases involving lawsuits brought by inmates and represented correctional health care companies on issues related to professional malpractice, regulatory compliance, contractual negotiations, and risk management. Our experience brings superior knowledge and skill to all correctional health care companies and practitioners.

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## Recent Updates

### **Proper Protocols in Correctional Health Care Help Reduce Liability Risk**

[July 1, 2021](#)

Written by: Beth Boone, Esq. Administrators, officers and health care providers who work in correctional facility settings should make sure they aren't giving plaintiffs' attorneys a commonly exploited opening for litigation: protocol lapses. Whether it's not following existing protocols or failing to update them regularly, a lax approach to protocols in a correctional health care

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### **Navigating Outside Provider Appointments in Correctional Health Care**

[June 9, 2021](#)

Written by: Beth Boone, Esq. Getting appointments with a health care provider can be challenging for anyone, and it can be much more complicated for individuals who are in custody — especially when the matter requires a specialist or diagnostic procedure performed with specialized equipment. The National Commission on Correctional Health Care, the National Institute of Corrections,

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### **Suicide Underscores Need for Mental Health Care in**

## **Correctional Facilities**

May 17, 2021

Written by: Beth Boone, Esq. Death by suicide behind bars is a serious challenge in correctional health care, and there is a greater focus on expanding mental health services and prevention programs to reduce fatalities. Corrections officers, facility administrators, community health care agencies and other stakeholders also play important roles in watching for suicide risk,

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## **COVID Vaccine Implications For Inmates & Corrections Officers**

April 29, 2021

Written by: Beth Boone, Esq. As COVID vaccines become more widely available and distributed across the United States, state and local corrections facilities are receiving vaccines according to their jurisdiction's vaccine plan. Sometimes that means varying prioritization based on facility size, geography, local logistics and the number of available medical staff. The U.S. Centers for

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