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# S T A R K R K R I T Y

### **Compliance With The Stark Law and Regulations**

In-Depth Analysis and Practical Implications



Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill Washington, D.C.

Preconference Symposia Sunday, June 13, 1999

Conference

Monday - Tuesday

June 14 - 15, 1999

# Stark Reality—Compliance with the Stark Law and Regulations

The nation's system of health care finance and delivery continues to evolve in search of cost effectiveness and quality. Physicians and their IPA and medical group organizations remain the central engine driving America's health care system.

Physicians are attempting to build clinical teams and capitalize ancillary services and the infrastructure necessary to deliver care in the increasingly complex reimbursement environment. In this context, physicians and their organizations are often investing in or joint venturing with other health care professionals and institutions.

In 1989, Congress enacted the first Stark law. Known as Stark I, the legislation sought to regulate a physician's opportunity to profit from referrals of clinical laboratory services. In 1993, Congress passed Stark II expanding physician self-referral prohibition to include 11 different "designated health services." Stark II became effective on January 1, 1995. Final regulations under Stark I were promulgated in 1995. Proposed Stark II regulations were published in January of 1998, but have not been finalized.

Few health care regulatory initiatives have been as controversial as the Stark law. The seemingly clear policy initiative to prohibit payment for referrals has turned out to be exceedingly complex and confusing to implement. Yet the Stark law and regulations continue to fundamentally influence the structure of medical practice in the United States.

The Stark Reality Conference, through preconference symposia, 10 general sessions, 25 concurrent sessions and approximately 40 experts, convenes the nation's leading health care policy makers and practitioners to discuss in detail the technical ambiguities and strategic implications of the Stark law and regulations.

### SAVE THE DATES

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Health Care Compliance Association Managed Care Compliance Conference Marriott at Metro Center, Washington, D.C.

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Third Annual National Congress on Health Care Compliance Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D.C. **For information call 206-628-7405** 

#### Objectives of the Stark Reality Conference

- To provide an understandable overview of the Stark law and regulations to health care executives, compliance officers and physicians
- To educate beginning health care attorneys about the Stark law and regulations
- To provide a context for senior health care attorneys, consultants, compliance officers and executives to discuss technical and strategic issues in the construction of the Stark law and regulations
- To identify in detail the basic requirements of the Stark law and the technical scope of the exceptions to Stark prohibitions
- To describe the impact of the Stark law on the structure of various sectors of health care finance and delivery
- To outline creative ways of structuring health care transactions that increase the likelihood of compliance with the Stark law and regulations

#### Who Should Attend

Compliance Officers
Consultants
Health Care Attorneys
Health Care Executives
Health Care Researchers
Health System Board Members
Financial Advisors
In-House Counsel
Investment Bankers

IPA Executive Directors and Physicians
Medical Directors, Medical Group
Administrators and Physicians
Physicians and Other Health Professionals
Physician Practice Management
Executives and Physicians
Regulators
Risk Managers
Venture Capitalists

#### Discounts Available

Discounts are available for members of the American Health Lawyers Association, the Health Care Compliance Association, and the Healthcare Financial Management Association. Additional discounts are available for multiple registrants from single institutions.

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# PRECONFERENCE SYMPOSIA SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 1999

11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Early Registration Preconference Symposia (optional; space is limited)

1. Stark/Fraud and Abuse Compliance Primer for Attorneys

Carrie Valialent, Esq.
Partner, Epstein Becker & Green
and Author, *Legal Issues in Health Care Fraud and Abuse: Navigating the Uncertainties* (AHLA, 2nd Ed., 1998)
Washington, D.C.

2. The Basics of Structuring Business
Transactions with Physicians—A Primer for
Healthcare Executives, Physicians and Compliance
Officers

Lawrence B. Garcia, Esq. Director BDC Advisors LLC and Former Legal Counsel Catholic Healthcare West San Francisco, CA

Cynthia Haines Principal BDC Advisors LLC and Former Managing Director Shattuck Hammond Partners, Inc. San Francisco, CA

#### CONFERENCE MONDAY, JUNE 14, 1999

7:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m. *Introduction and Welcome* 

Brent Saunders, Esq.

Director, Healthcare Regulatory Group

PricewaterhouseCoopers

President, Health Care Compliance Association and Former Chief Compliance Officer, Thomas Jefferson University and Coventry Health Care

Washington, D.C.

John Steiner, Esq. Chief Compliance Officer The Cleveland Clinic Foundation and Former Senior Counsel American Hospital Association

Cleveland, OH

(Conference Co-Chairs)

8:00 a.m. An Overview of the Stark Law and Regulations— A Lawyer's Perspective

Sandy Teplitzky, Esq.

Partner

Ober Kaler Grimes & Shriver

Baltimore, MD

8:30 a.m. Implementation of the Stark Law and Regulations—A Regulator's Perspective

Joanne E. Sinsheimer Coordinating Stark II Regulations Health Care Financing Administration Baltimore, MD

9:00 a.m. *Prosecution of Stark Law Violations— An Assistant U.S. Attorney's Perspective* 

> James Sheehan, Esq. Assistant U.S. Attorney Eastern District of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA

9:30 a.m. *Implications of the Stark Law and Regulations— A Compliance Officer's Perspective* 

Alan Yuspeh, Esq. Senior Vice President Ethics, Compliance and Corporate Responsibility Columbia/HCA Nashville, TN

10:00 a.m. Structuring Physician Transactions Under the Stark Law—A Consultant's Perspective

Lou Pavia Executive Vice President McManis Associates, Inc. and Director, MMI Washington, D.C.

10:30 a.m. *Break* 

#### 11:00 a.m. CONCURRENT SESSION I

1A The Basics of Stark: What Are Designated Health Services

Gadi Weinreich, Esq. Partner Shaw Pittman Potts & Trowbridge Washington, D.C.

1B Analysis of Stark Exceptions: Group Practice and In-Office Ancillary

> Brent V. Miller, M.S.P.A. Vice President Public Policy and Political Affairs American Medical Group Association Alexandria, VA

1C Application of Stark to Industry Sectors: Pharmaceutical Manufacturers

Helen Trilling, Esq. Partner Hogan & Hartson LLP Washington, D.C.

1D Application of Stark to Industry Sectors: Integrated Delivery Systems

> F. Lisa Murtha Managing Director KPMG Peat Marwick New York, NY

1E Compliance: Integrating Stark Into Institutional Compliance Plans

Roy Snell
Senior Manager
Deloitte & Touche, LLP
Editor, Journal of Health Care Compliance and Past President, Health Care Compliance Association New York, NY

12:00 noon *Lunch* 

Panel Discussion: Practical Implications of the Stark Law and Regulations

Morning Plenary Session Faculty

1:45 p.m. Analysis of the Stark II Regulations

Charles B. Oppenheim, Esq.

Partner

Foley & Lardner and

Author, Stark II Regulations: A Comprehensive Analysis

(AHLA, 1998) Los Angeles, CA

#### 2:30 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS II

2A The Basics of Stark: Definitions—Physician, Immediate Family Member, Referral and Financial Relationship

> Kevin R. Barry, Esq. Partner Reed Smith Shaw & McClay Washington, D.C.

2B Compliance: Incorporating Stark Analysis in Compliance Audits

> John Steiner, Esq. Chief Compliance Officer The Cleveland Clinic Foundation Cleveland, OH

2C Stark's Interaction with Other Laws: Fraud and Abuse

> Harvey A. Yampolsky, Esq. Partner Arent Fox Kintner Plotkin & Kahn, PLLC and Former Chief Counsel, Office of Inspector General, DHHS Washington, D.C.

2D Doing the Deal/Stark Compliance: Managed Care Payment Arrangements

Bruce Merlin Fried, J.D.

Partner

Shaw Pittman Potts & Trowbridge and Former Director, Center for Health Plans and Providers, HCFA Washington, D.C.

2E Doing the Deal/Stark Compliance: Gainsharing

Robert G. Homchick, Esq. Partner Davis Wright Tremaine LLP Seattle. WA

3:30 p.m. *Break* 

#### 4:00 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS III

3A The Basics of Stark: What Are the Penalties for Violation?

Gabriel L. Imperato, Esq.

Partner

Broad & Cassel Ft. Lauderdale, FL

3B Stark's Interaction with Other Laws: Reimbursement

Jennifer A. Stiller, Esq.

Partner

Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads, LLP Philadelphia, PA

3C Application of Stark to Industry Sectors: Group Practices and Physician Independent Contractors

Bill Sarraille, Esq.

Partner

Arent Fox Kintner Plotkin & Kahn, PLLC Washington, D.C.

3D Doing the Deal/Stark Compliance: Ambulatory Surgery Centers

> Keith M. Korenchuk, J.D. Partner Davis Wright Tremaine LLP Charlotte, NC

5:00 p.m. *Adjournment* 

#### CONFERENCE TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 1999

7:00 a.m. *Continental Breakfast* 

8:00 a.m. Welcome

8:00 a.m. *Incorporating Stark Concerns in Health Care Transactions* 

Douglas A. Hastings, Esq.

Partner

Epstein Becker & Green PC Washington, D.C.

8:45 a.m. Interpreting Stark—Advanced Problems and Solutions, Including Use of the Stark Advisory Opinion Process

Guy Collier, Esq.

Partner

McDermott Will & Emery

Washington, D.C.

Gabriel L. Imperato, Esq.

Partner

Broad & Cassel Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Edward Kornreich, Esq.

Partner

Proskauer Rose LLP New York, NY

10:15 a.m. *Break* 

#### 10:45 a.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS IV

4A Stark's Interaction with Other Laws: Tax Exempt Status

> T. J. Sullivan, Esq. Partner, Gardner Carton & Douglas and Former Special Assistant (Health Care) to the IRS Assistant Commissioner (Exempt Orgs.) Washington, D.C.

4B Analysis of Stark Exceptions: Prepaid Plan, Fraud and Abuse Substantial Financial Risk, and Physician Incentive Plan Regulations

> Mark S. Joffe, Esq. Law Offices of Mark S. Joffe Washington, D.C.

4C Stark's Interaction with Other Laws: Qui Tam Actions

> Greg Miller, Esq. Partner, Miller Alfano & Raspanti and Former Assistant U.S. Attorney and Chief, Criminal Division, Eastern District of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA

4D Application of Stark to Industry Sectors: Skilled Nursing Facilities and Long Term Care

> Jody A. Noon, R.N., J.D. Partner, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP Portland, OR

#### 11:45 a.m. *Lunch*

Panel Discussion: The Stark Law—Ten Years Later

Mary R. Grealy, Esq. Chief Washington Counsel American Hospital Association Washington, D.C.

Richard P. Kusserow President, Strategic Management Systems and Former Inspector General, DHHS Washington, D.C.

Brent V. Miller, M.S.P.A. Vice President, Public Policy and Political Affairs American Medical Group Association Alexandria, VA

Thomas A. Scully, Esq. President and CEO Federation of American Health Systems Washington, D.C.

Katie Tenoever, Esq. Washington Counsel American Medical Association Washington, D.C.

Harvey A. Yampolsky, Esq. Partner, Arent Fox Kintner Plotkin & Kahn. PLLC and Former Chief Counsel, Office of Inspector General, DHHS Washington, D.C.

John K. Iglehart (Moderator) Founding Editor, *Health Affairs Journal* Project Hope Bethesda, MD

#### 2:00 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS V

5A Analysis of Stark Exceptions: Personal Services and Equipment and Office Leases

Howard Bruce Klein, Esq. Law Offices of Howard Bruce Klein and Former Assistant U.S. Attorney Eastern District of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA

5B Analysis of Stark Exceptions: Hospital, Rural Provider and Public Company Ownership

Stuart S. Kurlander, Esq. Partner Latham & Watkins Washington, D.C.

50 Application of Stark to Industry Sectors: Physician Practice Management

Kevin Outterson, Esq. Partner Baker Donelson Bearmen & Caldwell Nashville, TN

5D Doing the Deal/Stark Compliance: Physician/ Hospital Joint Ventures

> Dennis M. Barry, Esq. Partner Vinson & Elkins LLP Washington, D.C.

3:00 pm. *Break* 

#### 3:15 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS VI

6A Analysis of Stark Exceptions: Physician Recruitment

Dan Mulholland, Esq. Partner Horty Springer & Mattern Pittsburgh, PA

6B Legal Opinions: What is the Appropriate Scope of a Stark Opinion?

Guy Collier, Esq. Partner McDermott Will & Emery Washington, D.C.

6C Application of Stark to Industry Sectors: Dialysis, Lithotripsy and Radiology

Paul E. Cooney, Esq. Partner Foley & Lardner Washington, D.C.

6D Doing the Deal/Stark Compliance: Medical Staff Relations, Medical Director Agreements and MOB Development

> Gregory Luce, Esq. Partner Jones Day Reavis & Pogue Washington, D.C.

4:15 p.m. *Adjournment* 

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