

Health Law from the Courts: Review of 2020 Connecticut Case Law

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Our annual survey of health law cases for 2020 (click here to view) may be a bit shorter this year due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, but Connecticut courts still produced some noteworthy decisions affecting the practice of medicine and the payment for health care services. These include an Appellate Court case which held, as a matter of first impression, that the plaintiff in a medical malpractice action cannot cure a defect in the statutorily-required opinion letter of a similar health care provider with a supplemental affidavit. This year's summary also reports on the Connecticut District Court's decision in the decade-long class

action regarding the appeal rights of Medicare patients who challenged their placement on observation status.

The 2020 regular session of the Connecticut General Assembly was suspended due to the pandemic, but a special legislative session convened during the summer resulted in two significant statutes related to health care which we have also covered in this report.

Read on for important legal developments that may affect your organization or practice and for more information, please contact one of our Health Care Law attorneys.

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