

## **EMTALA**

Providing emergency medical care is stressful. Since the enactment of the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA) of 1986, it has become even more challenging.

A federal law requiring hospital emergency departments to medically screen, stabilize or transfer every patient who seeks emergency care, regardless of health insurance status or ability to pay, EMTALA presents ERs with additional liability.

We have conducted many internal investigations of potential Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA) cases and have successfully negotiated with governmental officials.

We advise both hospitals and physicians on EMTALA issues. One of our partners created the first national presentation on defending EMTALA cases, which is still used, with updating modifications, as a model checklist by hospitals and law firms. We routinely make presentations to and host seminars for medical, nursing, and administrative staffs regarding EMTALA obligations.

