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Elizabeth (Ellie) Tucker is dedicated to providing effective, efficient and innovative legal health care solutions. Her prior training and work experience as a social worker informs her practice and effective advocacy for clients when representing them and advising them on regulatory and operational issues. Ellie is known by both clients and colleagues alike for figuring out solutions.

Ellie focuses her practice on operational and regulatory health care law. She represents an array of health care provider types, including most commonly senior housing, assisted living, skilled nursing, home care, home health, hospice and other post-acute care providers. Ellie also has experience advising many other health care provider types such as hospitals, ambulance services, pharmacies, behavioral health providers and physician practices.

For any type of health care client, Ellie has the experience and insight to advising on day-to-day operational matters as well as representing them in litigation matters or at state and federal levels against regulatory agencies in the administrative appeal settings. In particular, with her work in the post-acute care space, Ellie has significant experience appealing certification surveys for health care providers, taking them from informal dispute resolution through hearing and appeal. Her experience straddling operational matters and advocating for clients in regulatory enforcement and litigation matters provides a unique insight into how to structure operational matters and advise on potential enforcement risks by state and federal enforcement agencies—or private plaintiffs.

Some of the legal matters Ellie regularly advises clients on include, but are not limited to:

- State Health Care Facility Licensure
- Medicare and Medicaid enrollment and certification
- Scope of practice rules for practitioners, including supervision arrangements for mid-level practitioners
- Contract drafting, negotiation and disputes
- Fair Housing Act
- Billing and reimbursement
- Anti-kickback and Stark Laws compliance

Capabilities

- Health Care
- Senior Housing & Long Term Care
- Home Health, Home Care & Hospice
- Licensure, Enrollment & Certification
- Health Care Litigation
- Post Chevron Educational Resources & Updates
- Health Care Reimbursement

Education

- Saint Louis University School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2017)
 - Health Law, Dean's list; Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit Honor Society; Managing Editor of Journal of Health Law and Policy
- Washington University in St. Louis (M.S.W., 2013)
 - Healthcare and Management
- Washington University in St. Louis (B.A., 2009)
 - Dean's List; Lambda Alpha Honor Society; Danforth Scholar

Bar Admissions

- Missouri, 2017
- Illinois, 2018
- California, 2022

Recognition

- Named one of *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* in Health Care Law, 2026
- Academic Excellence Awards in Legal Writing II, Client Counseling, Legal Profession, FDA Law and Policy, and Evidence
- Best Student Comment Award, 2016
- Excellence in Journals Award, 2017

Publications

May 26, 2026

CMS Myth vs. Fact: What Hospice and Home Health Providers Need to Know about the New Medicare Enrollment Moratoria

April 30, 2026

CMS Issues a Proposed Rule Impacting Quality Reporting, Care Compare and MDS Requirements for Skilled Nursing Facilities

January 20, 2026

2026 Health Care Reimbursement Newsletter

December 16, 2025

CMS Indefinitely Suspends SNF Ownership Disclosure Deadline

November 12, 2025

CMS Expands Consequences of Medicare Revocation: What You Need to Know

October 23, 2025

CMS Suspends Most Medicare Certification Activity During Government Shutdown

June 25, 2025

CMS Issues Request for Public Input on Hospital Pricing Transparency

April 22, 2025

CMS Extends Revalidation Deadline for Skilled Nursing Facilities to August 1, 2025

February 2025

2025 Health Care Reimbursement Newsletter

November 6, 2024

**Calling All SNFs... and All of Your Operational Associates – Get Ready Now:
Sweeping New Disclosure Requirements Under The Updated 855A**

June 12, 2024

**New CMS Staffing Rules for Long Term Care Providers – What You Need to Know
Now**

January 4, 2024

Reimbursement End-of-Year Highlights

November 21, 2023

**Ownership Transparency Continues for Skilled Nursing Facilities with Additional
Required Disclosures**

March 1, 2023

Health Care Reimbursement and Payor Dispute Update

April 24, 2020

HHS Makes Funds Available to SNFs to Care for Uninsured COVID-19 Patients

Co-Author, COVID-19 Blog