



Healthcare Law Basics

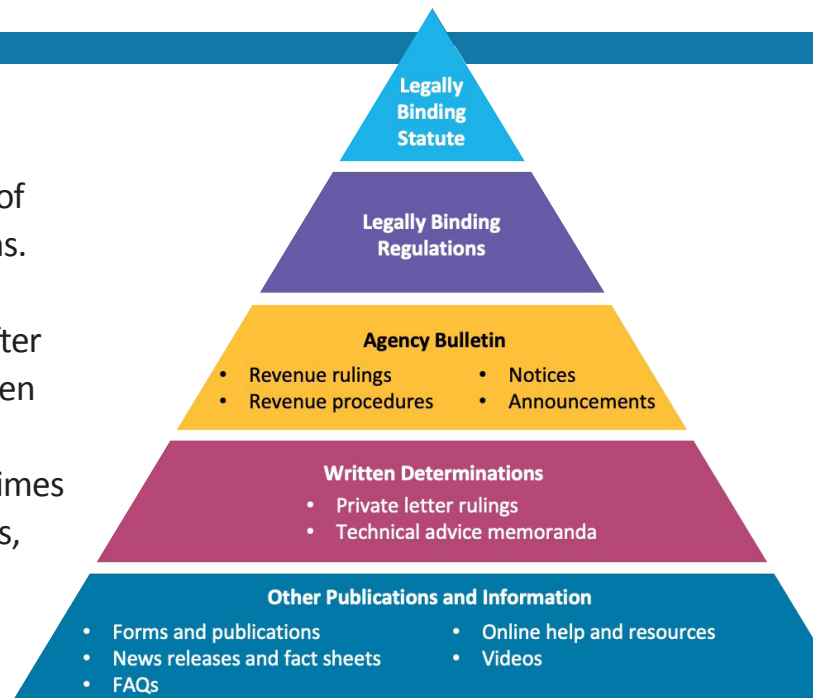
We always hear about various new healthcare “laws” and sometimes its hard to know exactly what this means.



Both Federal and State Legislative Bodies deliberate on “bills” or “acts” which are called “statutes” when final. These are generally broad in language and relate to policy objectives. Sometimes the federal and state sources conflict and require preemption analysis.



The Executive Branch consists of agencies that create regulations. These are often published in a proposed form and finalized after public comment. These are often more detailed and give clearer direction than statutes. Sometimes the agencies also have manuals, memos, or other guidance documents.



The Judicial Branch hears disputes about how laws and regulations apply to specific parties. These are helpful for guidance but technically only binding on those parties.

Health Insurance Rules are Complicated

Rules differ depending on what type of insurance you have. Different agencies and rules apply for self-insurance, private insurance, and Medicare/Medicaid

