

Webinar on

# Undercover Investigations And The Use Of Deception By Law Enforcement Attorneys

#### **Areas Covered**

- Legal standards for undercover investigations as applied to the government
  - Due process rights and procedures of the individual under investigation
- Government remedies carrying out the objectives of a secret investigation in health care
- Defenses to the civil investigative process to resist government inquiry
- Select case law review of applicable undercover fraud and licensure cases where deception has been used, and
- Ethical obligations of the attorney advising the client in carrying out or responding to an undercover investigation



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**On-Demand Webinar** 

**Duration: 60 Minutes** 

Price: \$200



## **Webinar Description**

Learn the general steps a state government agency undertakes to conduct investigations into misconduct in health care practice with a focus on undercover investigations of various health care practitioners. Cover the differences between civil and criminal investigations with the differing goals of each, and understand how criminal rights span both kinds of investigations.

Investigations either exonerate or implicate licensed health care practitioners for potential violations of law for which their license to practice is at stake. Investigations may include undercover exposes — know the limits and boundaries of what the government may do in an undercover investigation. Is the government allowed to lie? To uncover the truth? This program offers an objective, thorough review of undercover investigations conducted by the government against a licensed health care practitioner. Review the different standards and rights of the accused under investigation by the state against an individual health care practitioner. Recognize the basic difference in civil and criminal investigations — where both may be carried out by the same agency using undercover, secret operatives often posing as a patient.



### Who Should Attend?

Health care law attorneys; licensed health care practitioners in private practice; medical directors of health facilities; office managers and medical directors of private medical offices; health care managers and executives; corporate counsel in health care; health care administrators; university faculty in health care; allied health professionals in graduate-level medical education across the many health care professions; corporate compliance officers; Individual health care practitioners; health care attorneys; government investigators; state and federal health care agencies; teachers and educators in graduate-level medical and legal education across the many health care professions; corporate counsel in health care; Attorneys at Law; Hospital Administrators; Health Care Facility Managers; Government employees; Physician and Medical Office Managers



# Why Should You Attend?

This webinar focuses on how state government agencies tasked with investigating alleged misconduct in health care generally follows prescribed steps in investigating the misconduct, except when acting undercover. This investigation can include agencies with authority over individually licensed health care practitioners (doctors, nurses, dentists) or with authority over the administration of government health care programs (Medicaid/Medicare) – whose budgets are in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

When the government goes about gathering (and even seizing) evidence and interviewing witnesses — such as former employees (and even current employees) — this is a little-known process to the health care practitioner. Civil investigations obtain documents and records easily with nothing more than a piece of paper — an administrative subpoena.



On the other hand, criminal investigations more often use a search warrant authorized by a judge in court – and are sometimes carried out with a fork-lift and a moving van as the agency hauls away original documents, records, computer equipment, and other evidence. This webinar identifies the one thing in common with all these investigative techniques is their openness and transparency. What does the government do when it undertakes a secret, covert, and undercover investigation? What patient may actually be an undercover government agent recording your every conversation?.This informative webinar dispels the uncertainty about how investigations are conducted by a state government agency and focus most on the individual health care practitioner in a licensure investigation when undercover sleuthing is done. Health care practitioners who are fully informed about these procedures may better defend their actions and work successfully through the investigative process knowing their patient may be an undercover plant.





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