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LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

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This issue features two innovative articles on the subjects of the physician-hospital relationship and Medicaid provider agreements. The first, authored by Victoria Hamscho, discusses the historical development of the physician-hospital relationship and argues that the Second Circuit's framework in *Salamon v. Our Lady of Victory Hospital* is the best approach for determining the worker classification of physicians. The second, authored by Morgan Handley, discusses Texas's efforts to remove Planned Parenthood from its Medicaid operations and argues Texas's request to expand family planning benefits with the provider ban in place should be denied.

We would like to thank our authors for their hard work and cooperation in writing, researching, and editing their articles. We would also like to thank HLPB's article editors and staff members who worked diligently on this issue. They are greatly appreciated and should be proud of their work.

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