



## Government Relations & Public Policy

### HEALTH CARE

Van Ness Feldman has worked on health and human services issues efforts on Capitol Hill and with the Executive Branch. These matters frequently entail large federal programs, ensuring adequate funding and, importantly, distribution to service providers. As one example, we were actively involved in the Hurricane Katrina relief packages, particularly working to craft the Gulf Opportunity Zone Act bond program to rebuild New Orleans and the Gulf states.

With regard to general health and human services issues, Van Ness Feldman has assisted a number of non-profit hospitals and health care services providers solicit federal funds through the annual appropriations process, as well as through federal grant opportunities. For example, we worked with a non-profit hospital in Kansas City to successfully garner funds to construct a chronic disease management center that focuses on providing preventive care to low income patients that suffer from conditions such as congestive heart failure and diabetes. The project's goal is to ensure improved patient outcomes and to use public and private health care dollars efficiently.

Van Ness Feldman also represents one of the world's largest pharmaceutical and medical-surgical supply distributors and health information technology providers, whose customers include large and small public and private health care organizations. We understand that health care issues repeatedly top the agenda of both Congress and the Executive Branch, whether it is Medicare or Medicaid funding, access to health coverage for the uninsured, or ensuring that the nation's drug supply is safe.

Finally, we have worked with members of Congress as they continue to debate the adoption of health information technology legislation, which would increase patient safety by reducing medical errors, facilitate communications between patients and their physicians through secure, web-based communications, and enable multiple health care providers within a community to coordinate on patient care.