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Imagine a pandemic arriving on our shores from a distant country. Imagine a bioterrorist attack that produces an infectious disease. Imagine a country in chaos. Is the United States equipped to handle these scenarios? Our nation's federal, state, and local regulatory responses to terrorist attacks and recent natural disasters do not tend to bolster confidence in this prospective scenario.

This Symposium will focus on the question of whether the United States has the regulatory structures in place to deal with a pandemic or biological terror attack. In addressing this question, the participants will explore the tensions between federal, state, and local regulation of different components of the health care system. Questions of federalism seriously complicated the coordination of relief efforts in the recent Hurricane Katrina disaster and raise concerns about what problems could arise should the nation face a pandemic or biological terrorist attack.

The first panel will identify already existing weaknesses in the current health care system that an emergency situation could exacerbate, and the second panel will focus more specifically on issues of public health preparedness in emergency situations.

SPEAKERS AND PANEL TOPICS

12:30 Registration

1:00 Welcome and Introductions

Claudio M. Grossman, Dean, Washington College of Law Joshua Adrian, Editor in Chief, Administrative Law Review 1:10 – 1:45 **Keynote Speaker**

Alex Azar, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

1:45 – 3:15 The Current State of Health Care Regulation

The panelists will identify and discuss crucial weaknesses in different aspects of the financing and delivery of health care in the United States.

Speakers: Georges C. Benjamin, MD, FACP, Executive Director, American Public Health Association; Eleanor Kinney, Co-Director, Center for Law and Health, Indiana University School of Law, Chair, ABA Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice; Charles Luband, Partner, Powell Goldstein; Daniel O'Brien, Maryland Assistant Attorney General, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; Corrine Parver, Executive Director, the Health Law Project, Washington College of Law.

3:15 - 3:30 Break

3:30 – 5:00 Public Health Preparedness for Times of Crisis

The panelists will discuss the need for regulatory preparation to provide public health protection during a pandemic or a bioterrorist attack.

Speakers: Kim Elliott, Deputy Director, Trust for America's Health (TFAH); Michael Greenberger, Director, The Center for Health and Homeland Security, Professor of Law, University of Maryland; Lawrence Gostin, Professor of Law, Associate Dean, Director, Center for the Law and Public's Health, Georgetown University Law Center; James Hodge, Associate Professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Adjunct Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center, Executive Director of the Center for Law and the Public's Health at Georgetown and Johns Hopkins Universities; Christa-Marie Singleton, MD, MPH, Chief Medical Director, Office of Public

Health Preparedness and Response, Baltimore City Health Department.

5:00 – 6:00 Reception

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