



## ROOPA CHAKKAPPAN

Partner

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### General Experience

Roopa concentrates her practice on health law, administrative law, regulatory compliance, and administrative enforcement defense. She counsels both public and private health care entities including hospitals, licensed home care services agencies, and private medial practices, on a wide range of matters, including compliance with the New York Public Health Statute and federal and state Medicaid and Medicare statutes and implementing regulations.

Roopa has extensive experience with home health care entities and advises these clients on legal developments, regulatory compliance, licensure issues, and managed care contracts and provider agreements. She also represents clients in compliance program audits and Medicaid disallowances and has a significant level of experience dealing with Medicaid reimbursement regulations.

In addition, Roopa advises on regulatory matters including compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), and fraud and abuse laws such as the Stark and Anti-Kick Back Statutes. She also has experience advising FDA establishments on FDA regulatory compliance matters and the Physician Payments Sunshine Act.

### Government Experience

Prior to joining Hodgson Russ, Roopa worked at the District of Columbia's Medicaid Oversight Agency, the Department of Health Care Finance. At the Department, she served as a senior policy analyst and special projects officer. In these roles, she drafted multiple regulations, including the District's pharmacy, hospice, and home-care regulations including 1915 (c) home and community-based waiver program regulations for the elderly and disabled. In addition, Roopa frequently conducted compliance trainings for Medicaid service providers and advised senior Department Directors on various Medicaid regulatory issues.

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### **Practices & Industries**

Administrative & Regulatory  
Corporate & Business  
Cybersecurity & Privacy  
Healthcare  
Home Care

### **Bar Associations**

American Bar Association  
American Health Lawyers  
Association

### **Admissions**

New York

### **Education**

University of Illinois at Chicago,  
B.A.

Boston University, MPH (Master of  
Public Health)

University at Buffalo School of Law,  
J.D.

American Institute of Healthcare  
Compliance, Inc., Officer of  
Healthcare Compliance

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### Certifications

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In October 2019, Roopa received Certification as an Officer of Healthcare Compliance (OHCC) by the American Institute of Healthcare Compliance, Inc. Individuals who have received a OHCC designation by the Compliance Certification Board have obtained a significant level of knowledge relating to healthcare industry regulations and compliance processes including the development of Medicaid compliance programs.

### **Honors**

- University at Buffalo Law School Maurice Frey Award, 2009

### **Experience**

A health care client came to the firm after learning that its Medicare billing privileges had been permanently suspended for a five-month period for technical reporting errors unrelated to patient care quality. As a result, the client faced losing hundreds of thousands of dollars in reimbursements for health care services that it had already provided to patients. A team of Hodgson Russ attorneys, including Josh Feinstein, Roopa Chakkappan, and Kate Tiskus (and with guidance from Jane Bello Burke), rolled up their sleeves and dove into the highly technical and arcane rules governing Medicare reimbursement. Ultimately, they persuaded the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services that its regulations were being misapplied. The agency therefore reconsidered the determination and ordered the client's billing privileges to be reinstated in full - resulting in one very relieved client.

### **Press Releases**

Hodgson Russ LLP Honored for “Tipping the Scales” Toward Gender Equity in New Partner Classes  
November 3, 2023

Hodgson Russ LLP Announces New Partners  
December 21, 2022

New Attorneys Join Hodgson Russ  
*Press Release*, December 18, 2018



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## **Publications**

The Final New York State Budget is Approved: Here are the Major Impacts for Hospitals, Nursing Facilities, and other Health Care Providers

*Hodgson Russ Healthcare Alert* , May 14, 2024

The Final New York State Budget is Approved and Imposes Significant Disruptions for New York Home Care Providers

*Hodgson Russ Home Care Alert*, May 6, 2024

New York State Department of Health Adopts Health Equity Impact Assessment Regulation Applicable To Facilities Including Clinics, Hospitals, and Skilled Nursing Facilities Submitting Applications through the State's Certificate of Need (CON) Process

*Hodgson Russ Healthcare Alert* , September 7, 2023

Final New York State Budget Imposes New Requirements for New York Home Care Providers and Significant Financial Investments for the Health Care Industry

*Hodgson Russ Home Care and Healthcare Alert*, May 16, 2023

Medicaid Increases, CDPAP Premium Assistance Fund and Capital Projects for Hospitals and Other Providers Take Priority in Kathy Hochul's FY 2024 Executive Budget Proposals for Healthcare Investments

February 7, 2023

New Year, New Home Care Laws: Medicaid-Funded Home Health Care Services Must Implement EVV by January 1, 2023

*Hodgson Russ Home Care Alert*, December 20, 2022

The Wait is Over: New York State Department of Health Releases the Licensed Home Care Services Agency Licensure Application

*Hodgson Russ Home Care Alert*, August 19, 2022

Does Your Website Comply With U.S. Law and The Implications if it Does Not

*Hodgson Russ Canada-U.S. Cross-Border and Cybersecurity & Privacy Alert*, July 7, 2022

Heads-Up Home Care: DOH Extends Deadline for Wage Parity and Annual Compliance Certifications

*Hodgson Russ Home Care Alert*, May 5, 2022

OSHA Targets Healthcare Industry and Reopens Comment Period for COVID-19 Regulatory Standard

*Hodgson Russ OSHA and Healthcare Alert*, March 28, 2022

## **Presentations & Events**

HCP Management Conference & Exhibition

HCP - NYS Association of Health Care Providers, Long Island Marriott, October 26, 2023

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Hodgson Russ Hosts WNY HCP Annual Chapter Legislative Breakfast  
Hodgson Russ, 140 Pearl Street, Buffalo, NY 14202, September 22, 2023

Closing a Medical Practice: Relevant Issues  
Erie County Medical Society, November 11, 2022

Licensed Home Care Services Agency Application  
NYS Association of Healthcare Providers, September 8, 2022

Hodgson Russ Webinar - Coronavirus: What Employers Need to Know Now  
March 20, 2020

COVID-19 and Home Care: Labor and Employment Guidance  
Community Health Care Services Foundation, Inc. in Partnership with Hodgson Russ LLP, March 17, 2020

### **Blog Posts**

- DOJ's \$678 Million Novartis Settlement for False Claims Act and Anti-Kickback Statute Violations—Changing Big Pharma's Expectations for Compliance Programs

*The Whistleblower Blog*, September 18, 2020

### **Professional Affiliations**

- Secretary, NYS Association of Health Care Providers for the Western New York Chapter