

## **ASPR TRACIE: Crisis Standards of Care and Civil Rights Laws Relating to COVID-19**

### **Summary of key points**

Civil Rights Laws and Norms: Federal civil rights laws and regulations apply, and have not been suspended, during the COVID-19 national health emergency. Federal fund recipients must comply with those requirements. Every human being has fundamental and inherent dignity, equality, and worth, and has a right to be treated equally and fairly in the provision of health care services under federal civil rights laws. Treatment decisions, including denials of care under CSCs, must be made after nondiscriminatory consideration of each person, free from stereotypes and biases based on disability or age—including generalizations and judgments about the quality of life, or relative value to society, concerning disabilities or age. This individualized consideration should be based on current objective medical evidence and the views of the patients themselves as opposed to unfounded assumptions.