Understanding how policy decisions are made allows healthcare leaders to turn what once appeared to be limitations or obstacles into opportunities to facilitate better access to care, improve the quality of care, and more effectively manage costs. This revamped version of the classic textbook originally authored by Beaufort B. Longest, Jr., links policy concepts to practical applications and real healthcare outcomes.

New in this edition:
- A new chapter on federalism and the role of the states
- A thoroughly revised and updated chapter on how the courts shape health policy
- A rich array of new or updated examples drawn from actual policymaking events, in addition to new graphics and sidebars
- Updated appendices reorganized to provide easy access to examples germane to the topic at hand
- An epilogue highlighting federal and state policy challenges posed by the coronavirus pandemic of 2020

To learn more about updates to this new edition and request an exam copy, visit ache.org/HAP/Meacham7e