

Blood Shield Laws

- Forty-nine states have enacted statutes that grant Blood Banks immunity from strict liability
- Blood is a medical service not subject to commerce and trade laws, excluding the principle of implied warranty.

Starr D. Blood: An Epic History of Medicine and Commerce.
AA Knopf, NY, 1998, p.194.

CIRCULAR OF INFORMATION

FOR THE USE OF HUMAN BLOOD AND BLOOD COMPONENTS

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Federal law prohibits dispensing the blood and blood components described in this circular without a prescription.

AABB, American Blood Centers, and American Red Cross Joint Statement

- “Red-cell-containing components should not be used to treat anemias that can be corrected with specific medications such as iron, vitamin B₁₂, folic acid, or erythropoietin”