Updates posted on June 30, 2026

The Committee changed the text of two instructions:

Inst. 10.05 Health Care Fraud (18 U.S.C. § 1347)
In paragraph (2)(D), the definition of "willfully" was corrected to require knowledge of the law based on United States v. Singh, 147 F.4th 652 (6th Cir. 2025).

Inst. 15.04 Aggravated Identity Theft (18 U.S.C. § 1028A(a)(1))
In paragraph (2)(E), the definition of "during and in relation to" was adjusted in view of United States v. King, 126 F.4th 440 (6th Cir. 2025).

The Committee updated the use notes and/or commentaries of existing instructions:

Inst. 1.03 Presumption of Innocence, Burden of Proof, Reasonable Doubt

Inst. 2.01 Introduction

Inst. 2.10 Actual and Constructive Possession

Inst. 2.10A Actual Possession

Inst. 2.11 Joint Possession

Inst. 4.01 Aiding and Abetting

Inst. 10.05 Health Care Fraud (18 U.S.C. § 1347)

Inst. 14.02B Dispensing or Distribution of a Controlled Substance by a Practitioner (21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1)

Inst. 14.05 Conspiracy (21 U.S.C. § 846)

Inst. 15.04 Aggravated Identity Theft (18 U.S.C. § 1028A(a)(1))

Inst. 16.01 Sexual Exploitation of Children: Using a Minor to Engage in Sexually Explicit Conduct to Produce a Visual Depiction (Production, 18 U.S.C. § 2251(a))

Inst. 16.05 Material Involving the Sexual Exploitation of Minors: Receiving, Distributing,
or Reproducing for Distribution a Visual Depiction (18 U.S.C. § 2252(a)(2))

Inst. 16.09 Coercion and Enticement: Persuading a Minor to Engage in Prostitution or Unlawful Sexual Activity (18 U.S.C. § 2422(b))

Inst. 17.02 Hobbs Act – Extortion under Color of Official Right (18 U.S.C. § 1951(a))

Inst. 18.01 Transmission of a Threat to Kidnap or Injure (18 U.S.C. § 875(c))

The Committee deleted the material on the Standard of Appellate Review.

Updates posted on October 28, 2026

The Committee added Chapter 19 to pattern jury instructions: